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## U.S. MILITARY STILL USING THAI BASE FOR REFUELING

BANGKOK, Thailand, Oct. 20—The United States military continues to use a former American military base in Thailand as a refueling stop for its reconnaissance planes, American officials said today.

Five to ten American technicians in civilian clothes are based at Takhli Royal Thai Air Force Base about 90 miles north of Bangkok as part of a refueling operation that services one or two planes a week. The agreement on using the base was part of an arrangement worked out July 16 for a continued, low-level American military presence in Thailand after the formal withdrawal of American military forces here.

A maximum of 270 American military advisers are permitted in Thailand under the agreement, but an embassy spokesman said today that as of Oct. 12 only 117 were there. Officials said there has been no change in the number of personnel or in arrangements since the Oct. 6 military coup.

The flights of P-3 Orion high-level reconnaissance aircraft and cargo planes being shuttled between bases in the Western Pacific and the Indian Ocean island of Diego Garcia that use Takhli as a refueling agreement, American officials said.