

Helis Given U.S. Copters In Drive on Narcotics

BANGKOK, Thailand, Oct. 31 (AP)—
The United States has given Thailand five
helicopters for use in this country's cam-
paign against narcotics, a spokesman for
the United States Embassy said today.

The Bell helicopters, unarmed civilian
versions of the "Huey" craft used exten-
sively in the Vietnam War, will probably
be used to track down opium caravans
and locate crops and heroin factories in
the inaccessible area called the Golden
Triangle, where the borders of Thailand,
Laos and Burma coverage. That area is
considered the source of about two-thirds
of the world's opium.

The embassy spokesman said the heli-
copters were now being assembled in
Thailand for the Thai police. "Although
Thailand isn't the worst opium-producing
country, we are a main trading center
for narcotics," said Prime Minister Tanin
Kraivichien. "We are trying to tackle this
problem with full force."

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Vietnam Officials Begin Visit to France

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PARIS, Nov. 1 (UPI)—Two high-ranking Vietnamese officials arrived in Paris today for the first official visit by representatives of a unified Vietnam since it proclaimed independence from France in 1946.

During their four-day visit, Deputy Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach and the Foreign Ministry's European department chief, Mai Van Bo, will confer with Foreign Minister Louis de Guiringaud and other officials. The Vietnamese Embassy said during the weekend that the diplomats planned to have no contact with American diplomats.

French diplomats said the Hanoi representatives will discuss increased economic and technical cooperation.