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**Envoy Giving
 Advice to
 Cambodia**

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John G. Dean, the U.S. ambassador in Cambodia, regularly gives military advice to President Lon Nol and other Cambodian officials, despite congressional injunctions, according to a report issued Saturday by the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

The report, which covered all of Indochina, noted that five separate acts of Congress prohibited the U.S. "from acting in a military advisory capacity in Cambodia."

But the study, prepared by two committee consultants, said that Dean, "by his own admission, does not hesitate to give strategic military advice to Lon Nol or tactical advice to subordinate military commanders."

"It is his interpretation of existing laws that Congress did not mean to preclude 'advising' at the level at which he performs," the report said. It was prepared by John J. Brady and John H. Sullivan, who visited the area from April 15 to May 10.

The report said that contrary to some press reports that American military personnel were actively advising Cambodian military units, "the staff survey team could find no evidence that Americans are acting as combat unit advisers."

Members of the defense attache's office regularly go into the field to gather information, the report continued, and while there their actions "or even their questions may have some impact on the actions of Cambodian field commanders."

"There is no indication, however, that this practice has been systematized or is being used by defense attache office personnel with the intent of violating the law," it added.

"It is clear, however, that American officials have not hesitated to give the Cambodians advice on military matters ranging from command structure and training to management and logistics," it said.

"In order to insure proper end use of equipment, the United States has found it necessary to help the Cambodians to develop ports to receive the equipment, repair roads and bridges on

which to move it, train personnel to operate it, build housing for trainees, establish supply systems for efficient distribution and re-order, create facilities for maintenance and repair, and educate them to run the logistics and other systems.

"This has resulted in constant, wide-ranging communication between Americans and Cambodians, with the Americans telling Cambodians what to do."

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