

Secrecy Shrouds Laos Air War

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A Pentagon spokesman said yesterday new Defense Secretary Elliot L. Richardson is still trying to find out why the air war in Laos should be kept so secret.

Spokesman Jerry W. Friedheim said policy on the air war in Laos transcends this building," indicating that the State Department and the White House are involved in the matter.

Friedheim said B-52 bombers and tactical aircraft have continued their strikes in Laos every day since the Vietnam cease-fire Jan. 27. Day by day, announcements of the strike are all that the Pentagon will make public.