

## Godley Leaves Laos Post

For State Department Job

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VIENTIANE, Laos, April 23 (Agence France-Presse) — G. McMurtrie Godley, who has been United States Ambassador to Laos since July 24, 1969, left Vientiane today for the United States and a new position.

President Nixon has nominated him to be Assistant Secretary of State for East Asia and the Pacific Affairs, replacing Marshall Green.

Mr. Godley has been a firm supporter of the Laotian Government and a determined advocate of heavy bombing of Communist-controlled areas in Laos, particularly the Ho Chi Minh Trail network.

Charles S. Whitehouse, who has been deputy ambassador in South Vietnam, is to replace Mr. Godley in Vientiane.