

**U.S. ASSERTS HANOI  
HAS CAMBODIA ROLE**

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WASHINGTON, April 23—  
The State Department said today that North Vietnamese forces were training and supplying anti-Government insurgents in Cambodia and manning heavy weapons there.

The statement by Charles W. Bray 3d, the department spokesman, was made in reply to questions prompted by weekend reports from Phnom Penh, the Cambodian capital, that quoted American Embassy sources as saying North Vietnamese forces were not engaged in combat with the Government troops.

Mr. Bray sought to leave the impression that there was no disagreement between the embassy and the State Department over the level of North Vietnamese involvement in Cambodia.

In the past Administration officials have generally acknowledged that the actual fighting in Cambodia mainly involved Cambodians, but have insisted that North Vietnam's help was crucial to the insurgents.

As he did last Friday, Mr. Bray said that the United States would welcome steps from Hanoi indicating a reduction in its aid to the insurgents, and moves toward a cease-fire.