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Probe Asked Of U.S. Role In Cambodia

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Senator Alan Cranston demanded yesterday that the Senate Armed Services Committee Investigate reports that U.S. military officers are illegally advising the Cambodian army.

"Apparently, there is a gross violation of at least three laws occurring at the present time in Southeast Asia," the California Democrat told the Senate.

Twenty other senators immediately endorsed the proposal.

The demand was prompted by a story in yesterday's Washington Post from Kampot, Cambodia, by Elizabeth Becker, which said that U.S. Major Lawrence W. Ondecker was advising Cambodian forces.

The law banning U.S. military advisers in Cambodia was passed in late 1970 and it was strengthened last year.

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