

Aide in Cambodia Denies He Served As Combat Adviser

WASHINGTON, March 15 (Reuters) — A United States military attache in Cambodia has denied acting illegally as a combat advisor to Government troops, the State Department said yesterday, but Congressional demands for an investigation of his activity increased.

The State Department spokesman, George S. Vest, said the United States Embassy in Phnom Penh had termed unjustified a report in The Washington Post saying Maj. Lawrence Ondecker had advised Government troops at Kampot in violation of United States laws barring military advisers from Indochina.

Mr. Vest did not say the article was inaccurate. The Post's foreign editor, Lee Les-

caze, has said the newspaper was standing by the report.

On Capitol Hill Senator Frank Church, Democrat of Idaho, the co-author of the 1971 action barring advisers said he had sent a letter to Secretary of State Kissinger. If The Post article is correct the letter said, "this is a direct violation of the laws of the land."

The Senator also called on the Secretary of Defense James R. Schlesinger, "to account fully and openly for this apparent violation as soon as possible."

Four senators have sponsored a resolution demanding an investigation.

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