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U.S. Finishes Pullout in Laos

Vientiane, Laos

The last American military personnel in Laos — aside from those attached to the U.S. embassy — left here yesterday for home, an embassy spokesman said.

He said three Americans flew out of Vientiane to complete a total withdrawal of 185 military personnel, in accordance with the protocol setting up the Laotian coalition government.

The new government was formed on April 5, and, according to the peace agreement of Feb. 21, 1973, all foreign troops will be withdrawn from Laos within 60 days of the formation. Today was the deadline.

The spokesman said 30 U.S. military personnel plus 19 marine guards will remain at the embassy.

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