

U.S. Embassy Aides in Saigon React Warily on Disclosures

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SAIGON, South Vietnam, June 16—United States Embassy officials here are guarding their reactions to the publication of the secret reports on how the United States became involved in the Vietnam war.

least some officials have had access to the reports from the start.

Embassy sources also pointed out that none of the upper-level Foreign Service officers now serving in Vietnam were here during the period discussed by the reports, which traces to 1968 the development of the United States role in Vietnam.

Ambassador Ellsworth Bunker, who took over the embassy in the spring of 1967, is currently in Washington.

Nguyen Cao Ky, South Vietnam's Vice President, who was said in one of the Pentagon reports to have led South Vietnamese bombers to the wrong North Vietnamese target during a retaliatory raid, was not available for comment today.

No copies of The New York Times carrying the reports have been received in Saigon, according to the officials.

"We'd all like to see it," one officer said. We don't have anything on it."

So far, he said, there had been little discussion of the reports among the embassy staff.

It is reliably reported, however, that the embassy does receive teleprinted versions of important news articles dealing with the Vietnam war, and it is widely believed here that at

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