

from colum by Nicholas Von Hoffman:

..... In all likelihood we violated Laos' neutrality long before Hanoi did. We can't be absolutely sure because most of the halfway reliable information we have about what goes on in that country comes from the other side. Washington has never come clean about the allegations that the CIA has pulled two coups d'etat there and has twice given out completely fraudulent stories that Laos was being invaded by North Vietnam when it wasn't. That was in 1959 and in 1961.

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