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## Refugee Aid Going to CIA Secret Army

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The General Accounting Office has reported that United States refugee relief programs in Laos are being used in part to support paramilitary forces there. These forces, it was said, include Meo tribesmen who serve in the clandestine army operated by the Central Intelligence Agency.

In reporting that the refugee program was being used as a cover by the CIA, the General Accounting Office was expanding on a report last month that the civilian health program was being used for the same purpose.

The new report, prepared for Senator Edward M. Kennedy's Senate subcommittee on refugees, declared that funds from the Agency for International Development and the Agriculture Department's Food for Peace program had been diverted to feed and otherwise assist "paramilitary forces and their dependents." It said that of the 306,000 on refugee relief rolls, entirely administered by the Agency for

International Development, 125,000 were paramilitary personnel and their families.

Kennedy, a Massachusetts Democrat and chairman of the subcommittee, released Saturday what his office termed a "heavily sanitized" summary of the report by the General Accounting Office, which is the congressional investigative agency.

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