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G. M. GODLEY
Ambassador-designate

Guerrillas Object to U.S. Envoy

Beirut, Lebanon

The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, the Marxist and radical guerrilla organization, has issued a warning against the nomination of G. McMurtrie Godley as the new American ambassador to Lebanon.

The warning followed a campaign in certain sections of the press here linking Godley's appointment to reported activity against guerrillas by the American government. Godley helped direct secret military operations in Laos while he was ambassador there.

The weekly publication Al Hadaf, the organ of the Popular Front, said in its edition dated Saturday that "the appointment of such a man in the Arab region at the time it is passing through crucial conditions is a very serious matter which challenges the entire Arab nation."

Referring to what it called Godley's "crimes in Southeast Asia," Al Hadaf said his nomination to Beirut should be rejected by the Lebanese government.

Godley's nomination has not yet been approved by the Lebanese government, and, according to press reports here, the information about his background has caused concern in official quarters.

Lebanon is regarded as a main center for Palestinian guerrillas and informed diplomatic sources said Godley's background has caused considerable concern for commando organizations.

Godley's nomination has not yet been acted on by the Senate. It was announced by the White House December 20, after the present ambassador, William B. Buffum, was confirmed by the Senate to be assistant secretary of state for international organization Affairs.

Godley's nomination as assistant secretary of state for East Asia and Pacific affairs was withdrawn earlier by the administration in the face of congressional opposition.

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