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Envoy Orders CIA Review In Thailand

Bangkok

U.S. Ambassador William R. Kintner said yesterday he has ordered a review of all American activities in Thailand after public furor over a Central Intelligence Agency blunder.

Kintner told newsmen his aim is to "get rid of this paternalistic attitude" that led to the CIA incident and to reassess with the Thai government just what kind of U.S. military assistance and other aid it wants.

Kintner said he "was madder than hell" when informed that a CIA case officer in northeast Thailand had sent Thai Prime Minister Sanya Thammasak a bogus letter purporting to be a Communist rebel cease-fire offer in exchange for autonomy in "liberated" areas.

Thousands of Thai students, professors and others demonstrated against the U.S. after the incident became publicly known.

The agent involved was later disciplined and sent out of Thailand.

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