

U.S. Sending

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Emissaries

To Zaire

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A top U.S. diplomat said yesterday that claims the United States had plotted the overthrow of Zaire President Mobutu Sese Seko were "totally devoid of fact." Washington announced it was sending a two-man team to Zaire to "clarify the situation."

Nathaniel Davis, U.S. assistant secretary of state for African affairs, flew to Nairobi from Tanzania for a four-day stay to confer with Kenyan leaders. He told newsmen investigations conducted to determine if there had been any such American involvement in Zaire proved there was none.

Zaire authorities have declared U.S. Ambassador Deane R. Hinton an undesirable person and told him he must leave the country by today. Hinton's expulsion order came in the wake of charges in government-controlled newspapers in Zaire that the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency had conspired with six high-ranking Zairean army officers to overthrow Mobutu.

The State Department in Washington said that Secretary of State Henry Kissinger is sending Sheldon B. Vance, U.S. ambassador to Zaire from 1969 to 1974, and Walter L. Cutler, director of the office for Central African affairs, to Zaire to talk to Mobutu "to clarify the situation."

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