

Ex-Clerk in Saigon Says Joint Chiefs Got Secret Reports

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SACRAMENTO, Calif., Jan. 20 (AP)—Top-secret messages intended for Ambassador Ellsworth Bunker or other high-civilian officials in Saigon were routinely passed on to the Joint Chiefs of Staff, says a man who worked as a document coordinator in South Vietnam.

Steven M. Davis, 23 years old, said in an interview that it was common practice at the International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation communications center in Saigon for such messages to be retransmitted to Adm. Thomas Morrer, chairman of the Joint Chiefs.

Mr. Davis said he worked as a civilian top-secret document coordinator at the communications center from January to June in 1973.

Mr. Davis said he had worked for Federal Electronic Corporation, an I.T.&T. subsidiary. Frank Rauzi, security manager for the corporation, based in Paramus, N. J., confirmed that Mr. Davis worked for the company as a control clerk in Saigon and would have had access to incoming and outgoing dispatches.

Asked about Mr. Davis' statement, Mr. Rauzi said the "allegations are not entirely wrong, but they were investigated fully by I.T.&T. and the military . . . I wouldn't say it didn't happen. It could be. Possibly, yes."

Admiral Morrer has acknowledged that top-secret informa-

tion was passed on to him from Henry A. Kissinger's office when Mr. Kissinger was President Nixon's national security adviser.

Mr. Davis said that while he was on duty he handled all top-secret messages coming into the center. "I would deliver the message, and as far as I was concerned that was it," he said.

"Then all of a sudden I would notice that all these other offices had the message and it was being retransmitted to Hawaii, to Thailand, to the J.C.S.," he said.

"I have never in my life seen things so messed up. People with the Joint Chiefs of Staff weren't supposed to get messages; they got them. People in the embassy weren't supposed to get messages; they got them."