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From Zaire

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The government of Zaire has ordered U.S. Ambassador Deane R. Hinton to leave the country by Saturday following allegations of CIA involvement in a coup attempt, a State Department spokesman said yesterday.

Hinton was summoned to the Foreign Ministry Wednesday night and ordered to leave the country "in the interest of U.S.-Zaire relations," spokesman Robert Anderson said.

He called the expulsion unfortunate and said the United States attaches importance to its relations with Zaire.

Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger said that Zaire's allegations are "totally unfounded." In an interview with Walter Cronkite on CBS, Kissinger said that he considers Zaire a key African country with which the United States wants good relations. Zaire's actions are based on "totally wrong information," probably involving forgeries, Kissinger said.

Anderson denied any U.S. involvement in what he called an alleged coup, saying the allegations first published last Sunday in a Zaire newspaper were "without foundation."

Anderson said he had no evidence that there was such a plot. He said the United States would welcome a chance to examine with Zaire officials any evidence they have.

Reached in Kinshasa, Hinton said he had no comment, the Associated Press reported.

In Zaire, the morning newspaper Salongo reported that four army officers have been arrested for involvement in the alleged plot to kill President Sese Seko Mobutu. An undisclosed number of civilians also have been arrested, the newspaper said.

The newspaper Elima, which first published the charges, said Tuesday that if anything happened to Mobutu, "The people would not allow a single American to leave Zaire alive." Wednesday, while calling for "increased revolutionary vigilance," the newspaper apparently sought to reassure Americans living in the country, formerly the Belgian

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Congo, by saying the nation is not "bloodthirsty."

The ouster of Hinton, who had served in Zaire for a year, had been viewed as a likely consequence of the coup charges. Anderson said he knew of no plans to retaliate by expelling Zaire's ambassador here.

Mobutu has been under attack from African leftists who have charged that he is an American puppet. The United States has strongly supported Mobutu and provided him with military equipment over the last decade.

In a speech Wednesday, Mobutu said a young soldier of "inferior rank" revealed the plot after receiving a great deal of money in dollars from a foreign power.

He declined to name the countries implicated in the plot, but said he had "irrefutable evidence that rifles equipped with telescopes and silencers have been distributed. Damning details can be given at any time by the Zairians involved."

Mobutu said in his initial response to the Elima report that foreign nations would not forgive him for his radical policies involving the Africanization of the Zaire economy and his denunciation of the appointment of Nathaniel S. Davis as the new U.S. assistant secretary of state for African affairs.