

U.S. Sends Envoy

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To Allay Mobutu

Anger on Plot

Kinshasa, Zaire

A former U.S. ambassador to Zaire, Sheldon B. Vance, has arrived in Kinshasa on a mission to persuade President Mobutu Sese Seko that the United States had nothing to do with an alleged plot to kill him and overthrow his regime.

Accompanying Vance, who was sent by Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, were Walter L. Cutler, director of the State Department's Office for African Affairs, and Walter Lannon, an aide.

The State Department hopes the Vance mission, which arrived Saturday night, will be able to repair relations with Zaire, which declined rapidly last week with the expulsion of current U.S. Ambassador Deane R. Hinton. The Zairean government accused Hinton of having connections with the Central Intelligence Agency and the coup preparations.

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