

CIA - The Secret War in Laos



CIA and Hmong Soldiers with General Vang Pao, Laos

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The C.I.A. operation, from 1961 until 1975, became known as the Secret War because, unlike in Vietnam, America's military involvement in Laos was covert. Instead of sending American ground troops to prevent a Communist takeover here, the C.I.A. hired tens of thousands of mercenaries, most of whom were Hmong, a hill-dwelling ethnic minority.

It is stated that 30,000 Hmong were killed in the War

CIA Operations in Vietnam continued until the fall of Saigon in April 1975.