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Condemned by Pentagon**CIA Viet Doings
Revealed in Book**

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NEW YORK, May 29—A new book about the Army's special forces, called "The Green Berets," has stirred an ado in Washington.

The book, which describes, ostensibly in fictional form, the activities of United States special forces in Viet Nam, has been criticized by Pentagon and other government agencies as violating security and as offering propaganda material to the Viet Cong.

Some officials of the Central Intelligence Agency, which at various times has controlled some of the activities of the special forces in Laos and in Viet Nam, are reported to have taken exception to the book.

The book takes its title from the green berets worn by the special forces.

PEN NAME

It is by Robin Moore, the pen name for Robert Lowell Moore Jr., son of the chairman of the finance and executive committees, board of directors, of the Sheraton Corporation of America.

The book, published by Crown Publishers, describes various incidents in Viet Nam in which special forces units allegedly took part, including penetration by these units into Cambodia, Laos and North Viet Nam.

It also deals with the leadership and support of Meo Mountain tribesmen in operations against the Communist Pathet Lao in Laos.

by the special forces and the C.I.A., and some of the techniques, weapons and tactics used by the special forces.

CORRUPTION CITED

One scene describes in detail the torture of a Viet Cong sympathizer by a South Vietnamese officer in a combined South Vietnamese — special forces camp.

Instances of corruption, cowardice or bureaucracy in the South Vietnamese officer corps are cited, although the author also notes instances of South Vietnamese bravery and efficiency.

In his acknowledgments, the author cites the help of many army officers in the preparation of his book, including Maj. Gen. William P. Yarborough, until recently commanding general of the special warfare center at Fort Bragg, N.C.; Maj. Gen. George V. Underwood Jr., chief of public information of the U.S. Army, and Col. Theodore Leonard, commanding officer of the Army special forces, Viet Nam.

The author states flatly in his first sentence that "the Green Berets is a book of truth."