Major CIA operation

1966

Project 404



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Project 404 was the code name for a covert United States Air Force advisory mission to Laos during the later years of the Vietnam War. The pur-

pose of Project 404 was to supply the line crew technicians needed to support and train the Royal Laotian Air Force. Project 404 began in 1966, as a successor after the completion of Operation White Star, was smaller in scope, and was an adjunct to the various covert ground operations succeeding White Star. Because Laos was ostensibly a neutral party to the conflict between the United States and North Vietnam, the airmen did not wear US Air Force uniforms, but instead worked in civilian clothing.