

U.S. REJECTS CHARGES OF "UNDIPLOMATIC PRACTICE."

Budapest, May 7. (Reuters) The United States today rejected charges of "undiplomatic practice" leveled by the Hungarian Government against an American Military attache held for 10 hours by Hungarian border guards, sources disclosed.

They said an American Note handed to the Hungarian Foreign Ministry protested that Col. Grant J. Lemmon was held for 10 hours at the Russian border on April 27 without a chance to contact his Legation. The note contested a Hungarian claim that the area where Lemmons was held, was forbidden border territory. It said that official correspondence never had mentioned the area as being out of bounds. The only restricted areas known to diplomats in Hungary before this incident were 15-miles zones along the Yugoslav and Austrian borders for which a special pass is needed.

Lemmon, travelling with a French Military Attache, was halted at the Russian border checkpoint by Hungarian guards when he tried to turn his car and drive back along the road. Lemmon and the French Attache, Col Raoul Renault, were released by a Foreign Ministry official from Budapest after waiting for 10 hours in their car. The French delivered their reply to Hungary on Wednesday.