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MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER PREM

OCTOBER 6 - 11:30 A.M.

- VIETNAMESE WITHDRAWAL FROM CAMBODIA. NON-COMMUNIST CAMBODIAN RESISTANCE
- THAI EFFORTS TO CURTAIL NARCOTICS. MORE ACTION NEEDED
- THAI NEEDS FOR GREATER ACCESS TO U.S. MARKET AND TRADE LIBERALIZATION
- REDUCE SOVIET INFLUENCE IN EAST ASIA
- SUPPORT ASEAN (ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS) AS WAVE OF FUTURE IN A FREE ASIA

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WASHINGTON

BY

oh NARA DATE 6/23/2023

September 26, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: William P. Clark, Acting *WPC*

SUBJECT: Visit of Thai Prime Minister PREM Tinsulanonda

I. THE SETTING

US-Thai relations are historically close and have strengthened markedly in the last several years, but Thailand is no longer regarded as a US client in Southeast Asia. Instead it is the "front-line state" in a loose coalition including its ASEAN partners, the US and China, working actively to counter Soviet/Vietnamese expansionism in Indochina. It is thus highly important to US interests, demonstrating ASEAN resolve against a communist threat to regional security in an important part of the world. In addition it is a Manila Pact ally and has let us use strategic facilities valuable to our global interests. We could not obtain these elsewhere on mainland Southeast Asia. Finally, it is crucial to our efforts to deal with the Indochina refugee problem and to stem the flow of narcotics from the "golden triangle". The narcotics issue is the only item on the debit side of our relations.

Because of the Vietnamese threat, China is an important element of Thai security considerations. But the Thai wish to balance the Chinese connection by re-emphasizing their traditionally strong security linkage with the US, and have moved publicly closer under the Prem government. Strengthening this relationship is a major purpose of the Prime Minister's visit. The Thai also hope for domestic political reasons to provide Prem with a personal American connection and to burnish his image as a world statesman. Your meeting and luncheon with the Prime Minister will be the centerpiece of this effort. Although Prem's position is somewhat shaky, he has done much for US interests, and merits our support. His durability will depend largely on his success in redressing current economic difficulties. There is as yet no revolutionary situation in Thailand, however, and it is unlikely that any challengers now apparent from within the Thai establishment would rupture the stable national consensus

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which underpins Thailand's free enterprise economy, its relatively open political system, and its historically close relationship with the US. This relationship has included troops from both nations fighting side-by-side in two wars.

II. OBJECTIVES

1. Demonstrate to Thailand and its neighbors a strengthened US-Thai relationship.
2. Assure the Prime Minister and other Thai leaders of the seriousness with which the Administration views the US commitment to Thailand's security.
3. Coordinate our common approach to the Kampuchean question.
4. Promote improved Thai cooperation to reduce narcotics trafficking.

III. ISSUES

1. Demonstrate the value we place on a strengthened US-Thai relationship.

Prem's Washington visit in itself clearly demonstrates the importance of the relationship. The Thai welcome frequent assurances of our support. A strong US-Thai relationship is also important for Thailand's ASEAN partners who view US support for Thailand as an indication of US resolve to help its friends in Asia. Thailand for its part has supported our strategic position by making certain of its military facilities available for our use. We are very appreciative of this cooperation.

2. Assure Prime Minister Prem that we take seriously our commitment to Thailand's security.

Under the 1954 Southeast Asia Collective Defense Treaty (Manila Pact) we are committed to assist, in accordance with our constitutional processes, in the defense of Thailand. The Thai seek clear and frequent reaffirmation of that support. We demonstrated our commitment in 1980 by air-lifting military equipment to Thailand after a Vietnamese border incursion. We are now engaged with the Thai military in a joint logistics planning activity designed to make the flow of weapons and equipment more efficient, and to improve Thai ability to respond rapidly to any further aggression. In spite of intense budgetary pressures we have increased military assistance and are doing our best to provide necessary support to Thailand.

3. Coordinate our common approach to the Kampuchean question.

We wish to assure PM Prem of the USG understanding that the Vietnamese occupation of Kampuchea is a direct threat to the long-term national security of Thailand. We should assure PM Prem of our continued support for ASEAN and Thailand's strategy to achieve the withdrawal of Vietnamese forces and Khmer self-determination. We will work closely with Thailand to oppose Vietnamese expansionism and the Soviet presence in the Southeast Asian region.

4. Promote Thai cooperation on Narcotics.

Earlier this year you wrote Prem flagging our concern over Thailand's bumper opium harvest and the virtually free operations of heroin trafficking warlord groups in its North. Despite Prem's reply that Thailand had taken action, the situation is unchanged. It is therefore essential that Prem understand, as a result of his visit, that the US position is firm on the need to suppress trafficking groups and to destroy opium production. If effective action is not taken, Thailand's image in the US and elsewhere could be seriously damaged.

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KAMPUCHEA

Both Thailand and ASEAN view the Vietnamese occupation of Kampuchea as a direct threat to the long-term security of Thailand. Differing perceptions within ASEAN's five member nations, however, create pressures for separate initiatives on the Kampuchean problem. To encourage a common approach, Thailand and ASEAN need continual assurances that our support for their strategy to achieve a withdrawal of Vietnamese forces and Khmer self-determination is strong and durable. ASEAN strategy includes both the maintenance of pressure of all kinds on Vietnam to negotiate a political settlement and the rallying of the Khmer nationalists against the Vietnamese occupation of their country. The recent Singapore meeting of Khmer leaders was a tentative step forward, but much work remains before a coalition can be formed. In encouraging the Khmer nationalists, the US has limited itself to a supporting role, preserving the initiative for ASEAN. It is important that the Kampuchean problem not become an "American Problem", a development which would undermine the broad international support which ASEAN/US policies now enjoy.

September 23, 1981

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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BY dr NARA DATE 6/29/2023

NARCOTICS IN THAILAND

Opium is grown in Thailand, and with approximately one-half million heroin addicts out of a Thai population of 50 million, drugs are a serious criminal and social problem. Thailand is also a major transit area for heroin and opium grown elsewhere in Southeast Asia. There are currently about forty U.S. citizens in jail in Thailand on narcotics-related offenses; we are negotiating a prisoner-exchange treaty with the Thai Government.

This year's bumper crop in the Golden Triangle has made it especially important that Thailand take timely and effective action against traffickers operating along the Thai-Burmese border. President Reagan's letter to Prime Minister Prem urged that action be taken against such groups, specifically the Shan United Army (SUA). In August Prem responded in a letter to the President stating that action had been taken to drive the SUA and its leader Chang Chi-fu out of Thailand. However, our latest information indicates that the SUA and other trafficking groups continue to operate in Thai territory.

The US has longstanding programs of cooperation and support with Thailand to assist in drug enforcement and demand reduction. We have provided more than \$20 million to Thailand for this during the past decade. US Drug Enforcement officers have maintained an especially close relationship with Thai law enforcement agencies, and we value this relationship highly. Nevertheless, even given relatively weak control from Bangkok and widespread corruption in border areas, the Thai could do more than they are at present, both in interdiction and in destroying opium poppies in areas where long established crop substitution programs give the mountain opium growers an alternate means of support. We are currently providing \$10 million in more recent Development Assistance for an agricultural project which will also offer important crop substitution alternatives.

Thai leaders should be made aware that while we value the close working relationship on narcotics matters between our countries, we believe the time has come that Thailand can take the initiative, especially in the suppression of trafficking groups. This is not only in the interest of the United States, but would improve the international image of Thailand and help to solve Thailand's own serious domestic drug problem.

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To: Officer-in-charge
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Room 060, OE08

Please admit the following appointments on Tuesday, October 6, 19 81

for The President of _____:
(NAME OF PERSON TO BE VISITED) (AGENCY)

- 11:30 a.m. Chamrong Srimuang
- Chet Sutcharitkin
- Paniang Kantarat
- Prachuap Suntharangkun
- Prem Tinsulanonda (Prime Minister of Thailand)
- Prok Ammaranan (Ambassador to U.S.)
- Sakthip Krairaek
- Krit Garnjnagoonchorn (Interpreter)
- Siddhi Savetsila
- Somma Huntrakun
- Suri Mahasanthana

- John Gunther Dean
- Alexander Haig (Sec. of State)
- George Thomas (Interpreter)

MEETING LOCATION

Building West Wing Requested by F. Bagnall
 Room No. _____ Room No. 372 Telephone 4996
 Time of Meeting 11:30 a.m. Date of request 10/5/81

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MEMORANDUM

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 18, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR MIKE DEEVER

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN *RVA*

SUBJECT: Meeting Between Mrs. Reagan and Queen Sirikit of Thailand

Queen Sirikit of Thailand will be in Washington between 3 and 8 November. State Department has recommended (Tab A), and we concur, that Mrs. Reagan meet with the Queen and, if it is convenient, that she give a lunch for the Queen and her daughter, Princess Chulabhorn, who will be accompanying her.

The President will be seeing Prime Minister Prem on 6 October for lunch. This follow-up meeting between Mrs. Reagan and Queen Sirikit would be an especially appealing gesture for the Thai because it would signal to them that our relations go beyond government meetings and extend to the profound institutions of the country.

The Thai have always treated American presidential visitors with great courtesy and respect, and this would be an appropriate reciprocal gesture. From all reports, Queen Sirikit is a charming and intelligent lady and would be a pleasure to entertain. An answer should go out on this to Bangkok before the end of August.

RECOMMENDATION: That Mrs. Reagan meet with the Queen and, if at all possible, give a luncheon for her and the Princess.

Attachment:
Tab A State memo to RVA

cc: Peter McCoy
Charles Tyson

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August 13, 1981

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MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

THROUGH: CHARLES TYSON *CT*

FROM: JAMES LILLEY *JL*

SUBJECT: Meeting Between Mrs. Reagan and Queen Sirikit of Thailand, November 3-8, 1981

At Tab I is a memorandum to Mike Deaver, recommending that Mrs. Reagan meet with Queen Sirikit while the Queen is in Washington between 3 and 8 November, this year. The attached State Department memorandum (Tab II) explains the reasons why this meeting would be important and I concur in State's recommendation. An answer should go out on this meeting to Bangkok before the end of August so that preparations can be made for the Queen's trip.

The President will be seeing Prime Minister Prem on 6 October for lunch. This follow-up meeting between Mrs. Reagan and Queen Sirikit would be an especially appealing gesture for the Thai because it would signal to them that our relations go beyond government meetings and extend to the profound institutions of the country.

From all reports, Queen Sirikit is a charming and intelligent lady and would be a pleasure to entertain.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you forward Tab I to Mr. Deaver, recommending that Mrs. Reagan meet with Queen Sirikit and select a date between 3 and 8 November.

Approve ✓ Disapprove
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Attachment:

- Tab I RVA memo to Mike Deaver
- Tab A State memo to RVA
- Tab II State memo to RVA (original)



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August 5, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. RICHARD V. ALLEN
THE WHITE HOUSE

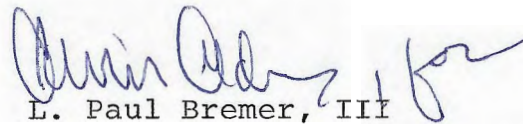
Subject: Call on Mrs. Reagan by Queen Sirikit Kitiyakara
of Thailand

Her Majesty Queen Sirikit of Thailand will be visiting the United States for approximately three weeks, arriving in Dallas to keynote a showing of Thai fashions and handicrafts on October 28. She will be in Washington November 3-8 while her daughter, Princess Chulabhorn, undergoes allergy treatment at Walter Reed Army Hospital. The Queen will be accompanied by a retinue of five-eight ladies and will proceed to New York on November 9 to receive an award from "Save the Children Foundation". The Palace has raised with our Embassy in Bangkok the possibility of the Queen meeting with Mrs. Reagan during her stay in Washington.

The monarchy plays an extremely important and revered role in Thailand, and the Thai would be deeply pleased by our First Lady's receiving the Queen. They would see it as a reaffirmation of the special relationship that exists between Thailand and the United States. On the other hand, they would be deeply disappointed if the Queen were to visit Washington without having been received by Mrs. Reagan. Gracious and attractive, the Queen is a forthright lady with wide-ranging interests, and plays an active role in Thai politics. She speaks fluent English and French, and was educated in France when her father was Thai Ambassador in the late 1940's.

The Department recommends that Mrs. Reagan agree to meet with Queen Sirikit during her week in Washington, and if at all possible, that she give a lunch for her and Princess Chulabhorn.

If Mrs. Reagan agrees, it would facilitate the success of the event if we could inform the Lord Chamberlin of the Palace of the tentative date before he leaves Bangkok at the end of August to make preparations for the trip.

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L. Paul Bremer, III
Executive Secretary

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 29, 1981

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MEMORANDUM FOR MIKE DEEVER

FROM:

DICK ALLEN *Dick*

SUBJECT:

Proposed Guest List for President's
Luncheon for Thai Prime Minister
October 6, 1981

Attached at Tab A is the proposed guest list for the President's luncheon in honor of Thai Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanonda.

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Comments:

The President's Luncheon in Honor of
Thai Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanonda

October 6, 1981

Proposed Guest List

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Science and Technology James L. Buckley

Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and
Pacific Affairs John H. Holdridge

Ambassador John Gunther Dean

Department of Defense

The Secretary of Defense

Deputy Asst Secretary (ISA/East Asia) Richard Armitage

Thailand

Prime Minister General Prem Tinsulanonda

General Prachuap Suntharangkun, Deputy Prime Minister

Foreign Minister Air Chief Marshal Siddhi Savetsila

Ambassador Prok Amaranand

Flying Officer Suri Mahasanthana, Minister Attached to
the Prime Minister's Office

Colonel Chamrong Srimuang, Secretary General to the
Prime Minister

Mr. Sakthip Krairaek, Special Assistant to the
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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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September 8, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN
THROUGH: CHARLES P. TYSON *CP*
FROM: JIM LILLEY *JL*
SUBJECT: Proposed Guest List for President's Luncheon
for Thai Prime Minister, October 6, 1981

Attached is the proposed guest list for the Thai luncheon for October 6th.

RECOMMENDATION: That you sign the memo to Mike Deaver at Tab I, forwarding the list.

Approve *JL* Disapprove _____
SIGNED

Attachments

Tab I Memo to Deaver
A Guest list



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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

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August 28, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. RICHARD V. ALLEN
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Proposed Guest List for the President's Luncheon
for Thai Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanonda

Attached is a proposed guest list for the President's luncheon in honor of Thai Prime Minister Prime Tinsulanonda. These recommendations are limited to Thai officials and the Department of State.

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L. Paul Bremer, III
Executive Secretary

Attachment:

Proposed Guest List

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR MICHAEL K. DEEVER

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN

SUBJECT: Proposed Guest List for President's
Luncheon for Thai Prime Minister
October 6, 1981

Attached at Tab A is the proposed guest list for the
President's luncheon in honor of Thai Prime Minister
Prem Tinsulanonda.

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SUBJECT: PROPOSED GUEST LIST FOR PRES LUNCHEON W/ PM TINSULANONDA

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TOAST: PRIME MINISTER PREM TINSULANONDA OF THAILAND
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Prime Minister Prem, on behalf of the American people, it is a pleasure and an honor to welcome you and your colleagues to the White House today. I have enjoyed this opportunity to get to know you. Our conversations reinforced for me the importance of maintaining the security, stability and national development of Thailand. Let me assure you that we value your counsel and views on trends and developments in your region.

Your country, Mr. Prime Minister, is truly named "land of the free." Blessed by nature, the Thai people are peaceful, hardworking, and have never menaced their neighbors. Blessed equally by brilliant, dynamic leaders, your nation has remained independent for more than seven centuries.

Thailand's relations with my own country date back more than one hundred years, and have been characterized by warm friendship and close cooperation. Our sons and daughters have studied side by side in each other's schools and universities, our soldiers have fought and died together in two wars. We share a relationship that is truly rare between two countries, especially since we are separated by 12,000 miles of ocean.

Mr. Prime Minister, your open society and free enterprise system are a shining model for the rest of Asia.

The other day I had the great privilege of addressing the 36th Annual Meeting in Washington of the International

Monetary Fund and the World Bank. One of the points I made to that distinguished audience was this:

"The societies which have achieved the most spectacular, broad-based economic progress in the shortest period of time are not the most tightly controlled, not necessarily the biggest in size or the wealthiest in natural resources. No, what unites them all is their willingness to believe in the magic of the marketplace."

I could have been speaking about your Thailand, Mr. Prime Minister. You can be very proud of what you, your government and your people have achieved. The American people, in turn, are proud to have contributed, in a small way, to your success. And let me just add that we intend, within our means, to maintain this contribution.

But now a menacing shadow threatens your country. The aggressive actions of the Vietnamese Communists backed by Soviet sponsors, pose a menace to your security, stability and territorial integrity. Supported by your ASEAN partners, you stand on the frontlines of the great ideological struggle of our century -- one between free people who wish to live in peace in societies of law, and totalitarians who despise human freedom and seek to subvert or destroy it everywhere they can.

With the Vietnamese occupation of Cambodia, you and your ASEAN partners buried your differences and joined together to face the common danger. The outcome of the International Conference on Cambodia, the overwhelming vote

to prevent the Vietnamese puppet regime in that country from gaining a U.N. seat, and the continuing efforts to rally the Khmer people against the illegal occupation of their country all prove the remarkable progress of the ASEAN endeavor. The nations of your region are cooperating to defend their security and the way is open for ultimate success.

I can assure you that America is ready to help you, and ASEAN, maintain your independence against communist aggression. The Manila Pact, and its clarification in our bilateral communique of 1962, is a living document. We will honor the obligations it conveys.

Mr. Prime Minister, the American people join me in conveying warm greetings to the Royal family and the people of Thailand. And Nancy would also like you to convey a message: She looks forward with great pleasure to the visit of Her Majesty Queen Sirikit (See-ree-kit) to the White House on November 5. And now, I ask you all to raise your glasses and join me in a toast to His Majesty King Bhumibol (Poom-ee-pawn) of Thailand, to His Excellency the Prime Minister, to the people of Thailand and to the continuation of close relations between our two countries.

