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MEMORANDUM FOR PETER McCOY

FROM:

DICK ALLEN /5/

SUBJECT:

The First Lady's Meeting with Queen Sirikit of Thailand --

Talking Points

Attached at Tab I is a memo to Mrs. Reagan forwarding talking points for her meeting with Queen Sirikit of Thailand on Thursday, November 5.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MRS. REAGAN

FROM:

DICK ALLEN

SUBJECT:

Talking Points for Your Visit with Queen Sirikit of Thailand

Attached at Tab A are talking points for your visit with Queen Sirikit of Thailand on Thursday, November 5, as well as a copy of State Department's memorandum sent to your office previously.

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TALKING POINTS FOR YOUR MEETING WITH QUEEN SIRIKIT OF THAILAND ON 5 NOVEMBER

In addition to the memorandum that you received from Richard Howland of the State Department on 22 October, which covered the background of the Queen's visit, I suggest the following matters could be discussed:

- -- The Queen is really happy with her eight-month old granddaughter, Prao Thailin. The little granddaughter is the product of a Thai-American marriage which had originally caused problems for the Queen, as her daughter had renounced her Thai citizenship. Now the family has been reconciled and the Queen is delighted with the little girl because she thinks the granddaughter looks like her. The family lives in Dallas, Texas.
- -- The Queen's fashion show in Dallas was a great success. It was held at Neiman Marcus and provided quite a lot of money for her fund for Thai peasants, SUPPORT.
- -- The Queen also enjoyed her three days with the Mormons in Salt Lake City. She was impressed with the young Mormon missionaries' command of the Thai language. These young Mormons go out to preach in Thailand to make conversions for their church.
- -- She visited the Hunt Brothers' ranch, called 6666, and enjoyed it very much. She also liked spicy Mexican food.
- -- Finally, the Queen has been quite frank about Thai politics and her children. She recognizes her children's frailties and does not seem embarrassed to talk about them.

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TO:

Ms. Nina Wormser

The White House

THRU:

S/CPR - Mrs. Leonore Annenberg

FROM:

EA/T - Richard Cabot Howland T

SUBJECT: Queen Sirikit of Thailand

The First Lady has invited Her Majesty Queen Sirikit of Thailand, her daughter (Her Royal Highness) Princess Chulabhorn, and Thanpuying (Minister) M.R. Suprapada Kasemsant to tea at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 5. This memo provides background on Her Majesty's visit to the United States; on the Royal Family and its role in Thailand; some conversational suggestions and a few words on the Queen's particular interests.

The Queen's Visit

Her Majesty will be visiting the U.S. from October 25 - November 18. Her itinerary and a few highlights are as follows:

October 25 - Arrive Seattle (transit stop)

- Arrive Salt Lake City. Guest of Mormon elders.

October 28 - Arrive Dallas. (Guest of the Marcus family) Keynote Thai silk and handicraft showing at Nieman-Marcus; benefit dinner for her Thai Charity "support"; visit to a ranch; local museums; social events with Dallas society leaders; Thai community events.

Movember 3 - Arrive Washington. Allergy treatment (along with Princess Chulabhorn) at Malter Reed; Tea with Mrs. Reagan; Luncheon with Mrs. Haig; Dinner with Senator and Mrs. Percy; President's Box at National Symphony; Thai community events.

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November 8 - Arrive New York. Receive "Save the Children" Federation 50-Year Award (the first); Social events with New York society leaders, Thai community events.

November 18 - Arrive Brussels. Visit with Royal Family

November 24 - Return Bangkok

Her Majesty's visit will be private (and partly a vacation) in nature. Nevertheless because of her political importance and our close relations with Thailand, the Department will be doing its part, in conjunction with the Thai Embassy and her American hosts, to make her visit a success. Ambassador (retired) and Mrs. Charles S. Whitehouse will welcome the Queen in Dallas, and the Department's Director for Thai Affairs, Richard C. Howland, will also be there throughout her visit.

The Royal Family's Status and Role

King Bhumipon (pronounced ("BOO-MEE-PAWN") and Queen Sirikit are devoted and hardworking monarchs. The Royal Family is one of the two major unifying factors (the other being the Buddhist religion) in the loosely-structured social system that is the Kingdom of Thailand. They travel constantly among the people, listening to and resolving complaints, participating in Government discussions, exercising judicious care to maintain Thai traditions while adding royal impetus to the process of modernization.

Queen Sirikit, 49, is a direct descendent of King Rama II. She met and married the King in April 1950 while both were studying in Europe. She speaks fluent English and French, has frequently been on the list of the world's ten best-dressed women, and is a lively and charming conversationalist. She is also quite decisive and has strong conservative political views of her own. She has occasionally become involved in domestic politics, sparking criticism and some concern. This is more than balanced, however, by the international recognition she has brought her country through her charm and beauty, and by her popularity with the rural Thai masses.

The Royal Family

The King and Queen have four children:

--- Ubol Ratana, 30, who renounced her royal title when she married an American while in school here. The Royal Family was initially disturbed and remains sensitive about this, but personal relations are maintained. The daughter now lives on the west coast with her husband.

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- --- Vajiralungkorn, 29, the Crown Prince, an Army officer who has been trained in the U.S. and Australia. He is married to the Queen's niece and does not have the best of reputations. He is next in line for the succession.
- --- Sirindhorn, 26, designated a "Maha Chakri" (crown princess) by the Parliament in 1978, she is very close to her father and often accompanies him on his rounds in the villages. She is a potential competitor to the Crown Prince in the succession.
- --- Chulabhorn, 24, who will attend the First Lady's tea, graduated with honors in chemistry from Kasetsat University in Bangkok in 1979, and has recently become engaged to a Thai Air Force officer. She has travelled with the family to several foreign countries and participates in their refugee relief and rural improvement projects. Like her mother, she holds conservative political views, and is an attractive and vivacious woman, enjoying the company of friends her own age.

Conversational Suggestions

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The Queen is a very gracious and undemanding person, quickly at case in an informal and friendly setting. There are a few useful points to remember:

- --- Both the Queen and Princess Chulabhorn have respiratory allergies, for which they are undergoing treatment at Walter Reed Hospital during their visit.
- --- The Queen is often on the list of the world's ten best-dressed women, and appreciates compliments about her clothes and particularly her jewelry. Much of her jewelry, was given to former Thai monarchs and reset --- she wears a large ruby, for instance, that was a gift to King Mongkut from one of the Czars in the mid-nineteenth century.
- --- A topic to be avoided is "The King and I", taken from Anna and the King of Siam. The Thai are still incensed at this inaccurate and insulting portrayal of their country and one of its most important kings, Mongkut. It is a good idea to avoid Thai political subjects altogether --- especially any reference to frequent coups --- unless the Queen raises them herself.
- --- The Queen and Princess should be addressed as "Your Majesty" and "Your Royal Highness". Thanpuying M.R. Suprapada, her Private Secretary, has cabinet rank and is a Duchess by birth. She should be referred to as "Madam Secretary".

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The Queen's Interests

The Queen enjoys swimming, badminton and skiing. She is interested in classical and light music, Thai and Western dance, and is an avid follower of Western fashion. She has been very active in refugee relief and rural development projects. Three of her main social activities are:

Occupations and Related Techniques to assist families in rural Thailand ("SUPPORT"). The foundation provides equipment and training to modernize rural handicrafts and promotes the marketing of Thai products abroad. Her visit to Dallas is intended primarily to publicize these products, particularly Thai silk, which she always wears (usually whipped up by a Paris designer, not a Bangkok tailor, however). In 1978 the FAO struck a coin and medal as an award to the Queen for improving the status of rural women.

- --- She is the patron of, and frequently supervises a camp for refugee orphans on the Thai-Cambodian border. For this and her other childrens' activities, she will receive the first 50-year award of the Save The Children Foundation in New York on November 9.
- --- The Seijikei Foundation, established to promote the welfare of disabled and retired servicemen and women, is another of her particular activities.
 - --- For her social and other good works, she was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Tufts University in 1980.

Drafted: EA/T:RCHowland:cch 10/22/81 ext. 20978

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November 4, 1981

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MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

THROUGH:

CHARLES P. TYSON //

FROM:

JAMES LILLEY

SUBJECT:

Talking Points for Mrs. Reagan's

Visit with Queen Sirikit of Thailand

Attached at Tab II is a memo to Peter McCoy forwarding your memo to Mrs. Reagan (Tab I) attaching talking points for her visit with Queen Sirikit of Thailand on Thursday, November 5.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That you sign the memo to Peter McCoy at Tab II.

Approve Disapprove

2. That you sign the memo to Mrs. Reagan forwarding talking points at Tab I.

Approve Disapprove

Attachments:

Tab I - Memo to Mrs. Reagan

II - Memo to Peter McCoy

A - Talking Points

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Re File #6448

Because of the urgency of this package, Mr. Tyson handcarried the package through RVA's office and to Pete McCoy.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 21, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR WENDELL GUNN

FROM:

for EDWIN L. HARPER by E. Rock

SUBJECT:

Thai Economic Development Activity/Natural GasLine

The U.S. Chamber mentioned that there was a major find of natural gas in the Gulf and there would be a number of big projects to utilize that gas. I think that this may be an important issue with foreign policy/national security concerns as well as strictly commercial. Would you look into this situation and get the facts, such as:

- 1) Are there opportunities for major projects here that are being developed in the private sector?
- 2) Are there antitrust problems in forming joint ventures?
- 3) Does the tax treaty make a big difference?
- 4) Are there foreign policy/national security reasons for wanting to push ahead in this area?

With respect to the last point you might want to talk with Henry Nau at the NSC staff.

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Gary P. Rosiecki, Bureau for Refugee Programs, has written to Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien to provide additional information.

► L. Paul Bremer, III Executive Secretary

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PROPOSED REPLY

Dear Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien:

I want to thank you for writing the President to express your support for his speech to the National Right to Life Convention. Respect for the value of human life is basic to the American system of values. It is one of the characteristics which distinguish us from totalitarian systems.

This Fundamental concern about the sanctity of human life is a principal element in our policy with respect to refugees in Southeast Asia, Afghanistan, and other parts of the world.

As you may know, the Royal Thai Government does not grant asylum to Vietnamese who cross Kampuchea to reach Thailand. As part of the Royal Thai Government's policy of discouraging this refugee flow, those Vietnamese who arrive in Thailand are kept in camps where living conditions are indeed austere. However, these camps are regularly visited by representatives of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the

Mr. and Mrs. Frank O'Brien,

12118 Red Lion,

Florissant, Missouri.

International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), as well as U.S. Government representatives.

I am concerned about the incidents at the Thai camps which you report, and I am bringing them to the attention of those agencies of the U.S. Government concerned.

I commend you for your concern, and for raising this important issue with our Administration. Thank you for writing.



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

September 1, 1982

Mr. and Mrs. Frank O'Brien 12118 Red Lion Florissant, MO. 63033

Dear Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien:

Thank you for your letter of July 29 to President Reagan.

The plight of the Vietnamese in Thailand and throughout Southeast Asia deeply concerns the President and the Department of State. The United States Government has taken the lead in responding to this human tragedy and has admitted over 600,000 qualified Vietnamese to the United States and has contributed millions of dollars to refugee relief programs in Southeast Asia.

As you note in your letter, the living conditions for those Vietnamese who crossed overland through Kampuchea to Thailand are indeed austére. Furthermore, the Royal Thai government does not grant asylum to Vietnamese who has crossed overland through Kampuchea. Nevertheless, the camps organized by the Thai government for such "land Vietnamese" are not inhumane. Representatives of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), and the United States Government regularly visit these camps, including Sikhieu. They have not witnessed the type of barbarism and mistreatment you report. These visits will continue. As in the past, we and other concerned international organizations and nations will work with the . Thai authorities to ensure that adequate standards of living and treatment are accorded to the inhabitants.

Again, let me assure you that President Reagan's Administration will continue its support for Vietnamese refugees throughout Southeast Asia.

Sincerely.

Gary P. Rosiecki Refugee Affairs Officer

Office of Refugee Admissions



THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

RE RAL

AUGUST 19, 1982

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PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM:

MR. AND MRS. FRANK O'BRIEN

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July 29, 1982

President Reagan White House Washington, D.C. 20050 8224875

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Dear Mr. President,

Having recently read the text of your speech to the National Right to Life Convention in the "Wanderer", I wanted to let you know how really grateful we are to have a Fresident who has such a true understanding of the value of every human life. I found your statements on resignation to suffering particularly inspiring.

I know you are probably being barraged constantly by some group or individual wanting your assistance in

suffering. I hate to be another but the plight of the Vietnamese refugees in Thailand causes me deep concern. Having been made aware of the hardships these people, seeking freedom, undergo to escape opression, I was shocked to learn of the cruelty they encounter in the camps in Thailand. I have found out that one camp, Sikiu Prison Camp, has particularly terrible conditions. The Thai Camp Commander becoming the only merchant-charging exorbitant prices for food. Those reaching hands through the barbed wire to buy food on the outside are handcuffed to the wire in the hot sun even though they hang unconscious, being put in tiger cages, and other severe punishments.

Please do not send this to the State Department, but do what you can to check on these conditions. I believe Congressman Robert Dornan has been also trying trying to do what he can to get improvements made.

I know a long term solution to the refugee situation is difficult. I just hope and pray that the present circumstances of these troubled people, seeking the freedom we enjoy, may not be made even worse by cruelty and neglect.

Thank you for caring enough for others to be our President. We pray that God will be with you in all the difficulties you endure.

Sincerely,

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Mr. and Mrs. Frank O'Brien

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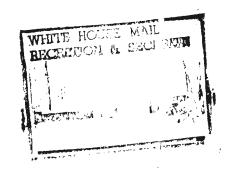
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Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I was very pleased to receive your gracious letter and to learn of your satisfaction with the progress and direction of our relationship. Clearly this has been a most productive year in Thai-United States relations.

We were especially pleased to welcome your Foreign Minister, Air Chief Marshal Siddhi Savetsila to Washington. His visit represents another milestone in our cooperative efforts. The Vice President and the Secretary of State appreciated the opportunity to benefit from Thailand's views as the ASEAN front-line state, and on Southeast Asian matters in general. The visit was also a welcome opportunity for us to reaffirm our commitment to the security of Thailand under the Manila Pact.

The seriousness of our commitment to your security is embodied in the additional military sales credits we were able to reprogram recently. These funds will help to modernize your own forces, so important to Thai security.

I am very grateful for the expression of good wishes from Their Majesties conveyed in your letter, and for the kind invitation to Mrs. Reagan and me to visit Thailand. Please convey our highest respectant gratitude to Their Majesties, along with the hope that we will be able to see them at some future time.

09820255 NGC *8207120 Mr. Prime Minister, let me express my personal appreciation for Thailand's cooperation in regard to so many of our common concerns, particularly on refugee and narcotics problems. I am aware that the very close contact that exists between Ambassador Dean and you is central to the continuing and mutually beneficial dialogue we have established.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

His Excellency
General Prem Tinsulanonda
Prime Minister of the Kingdom
of Thailand
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September 16, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR BUD McFARLANE

FROM:

Don Gregg

SUBJECT:

Vice President's Meeting with Foreign Minister Siddhi

of Thailand

The Vice President will meet with Thai Foreign Minister Siddhi on Thursday, September 23, at 4:30 p.m. for 20 minutes in the Vice President's White House West Wing office. May we please have recommended talking points and background papers for the Vice President's use by close of business, Tuesday, September 21.

Thank you.

cc: Mike Wheeler

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L. Paul Bremer, III Executive Secretary

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TO:

PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM:

MR. TU HOA

5019 WEST 7TH STREET, #A

SANTA ANA CA 92703

SUBJECT: ENCLOSES LETTER FROM THE CHINESE COMMUNITY,

KHAO I DANG REFUGEE HOLDING CENTER; CAMBODIA THAILAND BORDER REQUESTING

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Khao I Dang Camp, October 11th, 1982

TO HIS EXCELLENCY
THE PRESIDENT CONGRESS OF UNITED STATES
(W A S H I N T O N)

Your Excellency,

We, the Chinese Community of Khao I Dang Refugees Holding Center, on the border of Cambodia Thailand, numbering more than two thousand Cambodian Chinese Refugees kindly request your assistance.

Recently, on 17th September, in a meeting between Sir the Secretary General of National Security Department of Thailand, Mr. PASONG SUNDAY Commanding Officer and all Sirs the Ambassadors of nine courties at Thailand and all High Assistants of High Committee of Refugees of the Organization of United Nations, proclaiming and warning that unless all the Occidental Countries and Japan pledge to accept the Indo-China Refugees' immigration, otherwise, Thailand Government will send all Indo-China Refugees, staying at Thailand territory, back to the border and chase them back to Cambodia. That warning makes us quite awful, therefore we write particularly this letter to ask a rescue from you, Your Excellency.

In generation, though we have lived in Cambodia, we always get a racial persecution, because of Chinese issues. Particularly in the period of Pol Pot's leadership, not only to interdict us speaking our Chinese language, they were in progress an extinct persecution, and have slaughtered ninety percent in about a Chinese population of six hundred or seven hundred thousand people. Under the leadership of Heng Samrin Government directed by Vietnamese, the tragedy of the Chinese people is not over yet. They toss this racial persecution to another high peak. That is driven us the fifty or sixty thousand Cambodian Chinese, still alive from death, to the wall, and have no way to live. For our living request, we make a risk, in spite of a narrow escape from death, to flee to Thailand. One can hardly believe our tragic lot. Our catastrophe can't be finished and described by the end of pen. However, today, we, the lucky ones getting a shelter at Khao I Dang Refugees Holding Center, would be deeply grateful and it's very much obliged to His Majesty of Thailand and the kindly housing refugees of His Government and please receive our heartfelt thanks to the International Rescue Organization and to the Humane succour of International Red Cross.

Nowadays, in our more than two thousand Cambodian Chinese Refugees, most of us have only some cousins and friends in foreign parts, because their close relatives had been already murdered by Pol Pot. We immist urgently to reunite these relatives of ours in foreign parts.

But, unfortunately, at the time of housing refugees of every Country, all the certificates of cousinship or friendship are not attached importance. That makes us must to stay a long time at camp not to go abroad yet and causes us quite an awful sorrow.

Now, Sir the Secretary General of Thailand National Security Department proclaimed such a severe warning which makes us to be more terrified. If we don't really get a housing of every country in time, then we dare have too dreadful to contemplate our future.

Dear Your Excellency, the real about Pol Pot and Heng Samrin political powers slaughter and persecute us nearly becoming extinct. This matter above is rather quite true. Our racial discriminated still keeps again in their mind. We are sure Your Excellency has known all this, too. Cambodia is not really ourshelter again. If we are really sent back to Cambodia, them, only the fate of death will surely wait for us. That's why, we decide not to return back to Cambodia, though the death phantom menaces us.

Dear Your Excellency, we request you kindly stretch us your sympathetic and enthusiastic hands to save us, these more than two thousand Cambodian Chinese Refugees facing to the hopeless situation. Please receive our heartfelt thanks to you./-

Herewith ;
A copy of our previous Open Letter.

Chairway Chinese Community A. I.B.

Dear Mr. Editor,

We, the Chinese Community of Khao I Dang Refugee Camp, on the Cambodia border of Thailand, numbering more than two thousand Kampuchean Chinese refugees kindly request your assistance.

Since we remain with no solution to our very hard and dangerous plight we humbly ask that you publich this letter tellingof our miserable situation, in the hope that your readership might come to our support.

During four years of the Pol Pot regime, more than 2 million people were slaughtered, an act that shook the world but which now seems to some degree to have been forgotten, but the tragedy of the Kampuchean Chinese people is still continuing.

We have lived in Kampuchea or Cambodia for generations and have remained a national minority. We earnied our living with our own hands and created our home by hard toil and law abiding ways, living in friendly affection with the Kampucheans. As Pol-Pot's faction rose in power a period of persecution began which saw the theft of our properties and homes and the forbidding of our racial languages, customs, and traditions Enslaved until we were all exhausted a large scale starvation and slaughter of our people began.

Before 1975 the Chinese race in Kampuchea numbered more than 700 thousand, four years later those remaining only 10% of that number. We were numb not knowing how even to grieve.

In the province of Battembang where rice had always been abundant, our people starved. In the province of kompong Cham our people were slaughtered mercilessly by the thousands. At one village Soai Tap the local government murdered five thousand Chinese within 24 hours on July 30th 1978; a hungry child was buried alived for digging up a sweet potato; a young girl caught speaking to her boy friend was dissected alives; a man's whole family was killed for digging sweet potatoes; a young man facing starvation ate the flesh of a corpse and was buried alive. These unparalleled atrocities are countless, we can write only a few.

The extremely evil Pol Pot bloc collapsed in January 7th, 1979, but the tragedy of the Chines e people is not yet ending under the Vietnamese directed Heng Samrin government, a hatred for Peking and every thing Chinese is supported and the murdering, robbing extorting and threats continue. Chinese people were forced to flee in the cities but soon after a directive allowing only government staff and murder. We were persecuted with no where to turn and could only flee to Thailand and Khao I Dang.

As we live here peacefully, we are very thankful for the International Rescue Organizations and the Kingdom of Thailand. Yet our stay here cannot be indefinite.

It is difficult thing that though most of our two thousand refugees hold the sponsorship certificates of relatives abroad are not received by third country governments. Many of us have been here longer than two years and now look forwards only to a continued prospect of persecution. We have only cousins in your country as so many of our families members have been lost or scattered. We can never go back to Cambodía as on ly hatred awaits us there.

So we write in the hope that your benevolent nation might resettle us and made an end to the suffering of our lives by a new and safe home. We would be deeply grateful forever.

We feel a remaining suffering for our brothers and sisters who still struggle for a bare existance in Kampuchea and hope that the International Rescue Organiwations will continue to give their attention to them.

Please receive our heartfelt thanks to you and your news paper.

Sincerely Yours,

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December 15, 1982

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: Domestic Political Uncertainty in Thailand

Attached for your information is an analysis, prepared by the Department of State, of the current domestic political situation in Thailand.

Paul Bremer, III Executive Secretary

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