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SEQUENCE OF EVENTS:

PRIVATE DINNER
Queen Sirikit of THAILAND
Monday, March 11, 1985

TIME: 7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Private Residence
DRESS: Black Tie/National Dress
NUMBER OF GUESTS: 36
FROM: Gahl L. Hodges *gh*

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7:30 p.m. Guests begin to arrive the Visitors Entrance on East Executive Avenue and are escorted via the East Wing Colonnade and the Grand Staircase to the Residence.

7:31 p.m. THE PRESIDENT and MRS. REAGAN will greet guests outside the Yellow Oval Room and invite them to sign the Guest Book.

Cocktails will be served in the Yellow Oval Room.

7:43 p.m. THE PRESIDENT and MRS. REAGAN depart the Living Quarters (on cue from Mr. Rosebush) by elevator and proceed to the State Floor.

7:45 p.m. Her Majesty Sirikit, Queen of Thailand, arrives the North Portico via motorcade from the Hay-Adams Hotel and is greeted by THE PRESIDENT and MRS. REAGAN in the Grand Foyer.

THE PRESIDENT and MRS. REAGAN escort Her Majesty to the Yellow Oval Room via the Grand Staircase.

Those members of Her Majesty's accompanying party who are invited dinner guests are escorted to the Yellow Oval Room via the Grand Staircase by Mr. Rosebush.

8:15 p.m. THE PRESIDENT and MRS. REAGAN lead their guests out of the Yellow Oval Room and into the Family Dining Room to be seated for dinner.

MONDAY, MARCH 11, 1985

Dinner is served.

The equipment for Mrs. Akers' performance is installed in the Yellow Oval Room and chairs are set up auditorium style. Doors to the Yellow Oval Room are closed.

9:30 p.m. Dinner concludes and guests are led from the Family Dining Room into the Hall for coffee and liqueurs.

9:45 p.m. THE PRESIDENT and MRS. REAGAN lead guests from the Hall into the Yellow Oval Room to be seated for performance.

9:50 p.m. Mrs. Karen Akers begins her performance.

10:20 p.m. Performance concludes.

THE PRESIDENT and MRS. REAGAN thank Mrs. Akers.

(Remarks)

10:30 p.m. THE PRESIDENT and MRS. REAGAN escort Her Majesty to the Grand Foyer via the Grand Staircase and bid farewell.

Remainder of guests follow.

THE PRESIDENT and MRS. REAGAN bid farewell to the remainder of the guests and then return to the Residence.

Remaining guests are escorted from the State Floor to the East Gate via the Grand Staircase and the East Wing Colonnade.

PRIVATE DINNER (QUEEN SIRIKIT OF THAILAND) MONDAY, MARCH 11, 1985 - 7:30 PM
BLACK TIE - EAST ENTRANCE

THE PRESIDENT & MRS. REAGAN

Mr. & Mrs. James Akers (Karen)
(Karen Akers - singer, performing)
Hon. (Dr.) & Mrs. Daniel J. Boorstin (Ruth)
Librarian of Congress
Hon. & Mrs. J. Carter Brown (Pamela)
Director, National Gallery of Art
Countess Consuelo Crespi
New York City
Hon. & Mrs. C. Douglas Dillon (Susan)
Chairman, U.S. & Foreign Securities Corp.; Former Secretary of the Treasury
Mr. Mario d'Urso
Managing Director, Shearson Lehman
Mr. James Galanos
Fashion Designer
Mr. & Mrs. Reinaldo Herrera (Carolina)
Carolina Herrera Ltd., New York
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas V. Jones (Ruth)
Chairman, Northrop Corporation
Mr. & Mrs. Winston Lord (Bette)
Council on Foreign Relations, Inc. (Mrs: author)
Mrs. Zubin Mehta (Nancy)
Husband is Conductor, New York Philharmonic
Mr. William S. Paley
Chairman, CBS, Inc.
Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Reed (Annette)
Chairman, American Heritage
Hon. (General) Brent Scowcroft
(Air Force) Formerly Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs
The Secretary of State & Mrs. Shultz (Helena)
Mr. Michael Teague
Author
Miss Gloria Vanderbilt
Fashion Designer
Mr. Mike Wallace
CBS News Correspondent
Hon. William H. Webster
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

HER MAJESTY SIRIKIT, QUEEN OF THAILAND
His Excellency The Ambassador of Thailand
& Mrs. Kasemsri
Thanpuying Supraphada Kasemsat
Lady-in-Waiting
Khunying Ploroni Mahanon
Lady-in-Waiting
Khunying Chatkaew Nandabhiwat
Lady-in-Waiting

THE PRESIDENT'S TABLE

THE PRESIDENT
Her Majesty Sirikit
Queen of Thailand
Mr. C. Douglas Dillon
Mrs. Kasemsri
Mr. Thomas V. Jones
Mrs. Reinaldo Herrera
Mr. Mario d'Urso
Mrs. Samuel Reed

MRS. REAGAN'S TABLE

MRS. REAGAN
HE The Ambassador of Thailand
Mrs. J. Carter Brown
Mr. William S. Paley
Mrs. Winston Lord
Mr. Mike Wallace
Countess Consuelo Crespi
Mr. James Galanos

THE SECRETARY OF STATE (HOST)
Thanpuying Supraphada Kasemsat
Mr. J. Carter Brown
Mrs. C. Douglas Dillon
Mr. Winston Lord
Mrs. Daniel J. Boorstin
Mr. Michael Teague
Mrs. James Akers
Mr. Reinaldo Herrera
Miss Gloria Vanderbilt

MRS. SHULTZ (HOSTESS)
Dr. Daniel J. Boorstin
Khunying Ploroni Mahanon
General Brent Scowcroft
Mrs. Zubin Mehta
Mr. William H. Webster
Khunying Chatkaew Nandabhiwat
Mr. James Akers
Mrs. Thomas V. Jones
Mr. Samuel Reed

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MARCH 11, 1985

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Presidential Remarks:

ENTERTAINMENT THANK YOU
DINNER FOR QUEEN SIRIKIT OF THAILAND

YOUR MAJESTY, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,
I KNOW I SPEAK FOR EVERYONE IN THIS ROOM
WHEN I THANK KAREN AKERS FOR A MARVELOUS
PERFORMANCE. KAREN GOT HER BIG BREAK IN THE
BROADWAY MUSICAL, "NINE." WELL, TONIGHT,
KAREN, YOU WERE A TEN.

KAREN WE WILL BE WATCHING AND LISTENING
AS YOU CONTINUE IN WHAT I AM CERTAIN WILL BE
A VERY SUCCESSFUL CAREER. THANK YOU AGAIN
FOR ADDING TO THIS OCCASION. AND THANK ALL
OF YOU FOR COMING. NANCY AND I WERE HONORED
TO HAVE YOU AS OUR GUESTS.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

300027

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MEMORANDUM

TO: JAMES ROSEBUSH (Coordinate with Robert McFarlane)
FROM: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR. *FR*
SUBJECT: APPROVED PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITY

MEETING: Private Dinner (Queen Sirikit of Thailand)

DATE: March 11, 1985

TIME: To be determined

DURATION: To be determined

LOCATION: Residence

REMARKS REQUIRED: Yes

MEDIA COVERAGE: If any, coordinate with Press Office

FIRST LADY
PARTICIPATION: Yes

NOTE: PROJECT OFFICER, SEE ATTACHED CHECKLIST

cc: D. Chew
T. Dawson
R. Deprospero
B. Elliott
D. Fischer
C. Fuller
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E. Hickey
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 11, 1985

Dear Walt:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter I received from the president of Simplot International regarding potato growing in Thailand.

I thought this might be of interest to you and Tom Army.

Best wishes,

Sincerely,



Carlton E. Turner, Ph.D.
Special Assistant to the President
for Drug Abuse Policy

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Dr. Walt Gentner
Department of Agriculture
BARC-West
Bldg. 050-Range 4, HH-2
Beltsville, MD 20705

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 11, 1985

Dear Mr. Otter:

Thank you for your letter of February 6, 1985 regarding Simplot's involvement and accomplishments in Thailand.

I appreciate you sending the information and I have forwarded it to the appropriate parties.

Best wishes,

Sincerely,



Carlton E. Turner, Ph.D.
Special Assistant to the President
for Drug Abuse Policy

Mr. C.L. Otter
President
Simplot International, Inc.
One Capital Center
999 Main Street, Suite 1300
P.O. Box 27
Boise, Idaho 83707



12 FEB 1985

SIMPLOT INTERNATIONAL, INC. / ONE CAPITAL CENTER / 999 MAIN STREET
SUITE 1300 / P.O. BOX 27 / BOISE, IDAHO 83707 / (208) 336-2110 / TELEX 368432

February 6, 1985

Dr. Carlton Turner
Director, Drug Abuse Policy
Office of the White House
Room 220, The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Dr. Turner,

In regard to our involvement and accomplishments in Thailand, I would like to offer the following for your information.

Potato varieties of high quality (suitable for making processed french fries) have been introduced by Simplot International, Inc. and successfully grown. This March-April, 1,000 tons are estimated to be harvested for commercial and seed usage. The markets have been identified and established for quality stock in the hills where poppies are produced. The multiplication has been successful and the recycled seed currently is producing commercial potatoes in the rice areas. Hill and rice farmers will have a profitable alternative crop. However, the crops, due to imported seed costs, will continue to be too expensive to encourage a french fry or potato processing industry.

We have provided technical backstop support to the Thai professionals in Thailand on potato disease identification, basic culture, insect control, fertilizer usage and factors influencing the production of quality potatoes. A two week intensive course in all aspects of an integrated potato industry has been established. In addition, experienced training sessions with Idaho private sectors will be programmed for the Thai professional. Money for this, transportation, lodging and course instruction needs to be identified. It is anticipated an estimated \$150,000-200,000 US dlrs will be needed each year for a period of three years.

Idaho private sector and involvement of an Idaho potato seed producer with the Thai project has been established. Further involvement of other U. S. private sector in Thailand for potato seed and production in storage will be established. Plans are now in progress to establish a \$100,000 US dlr refrigerated storage for potatoes, so that we may have the crops marketed in a fair and orderly fashion.

BC to ^A Walt Gertner - USDN
Dt. Army - USDN



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February 6, 1985
Dr. Carlton Turner
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The U.S. A.I.D. financed Mae Cham Project has been identified and is currently being considered as one of the key producing areas for hill seed multiplication prior to the commercial production. Other poppy related projects need to be evaluated for involvement into the integrated project.

In summation, I would propose that unless we can get an indigenous seed program going to supply all the seed stock needed to accomplish a commercial crop of a large enough amount to furnish a processing plant with it's raw material, it is very difficult to see any long term industry getting started.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "C. L. Otter".

C. L. Otter, President
Simplot International, Inc.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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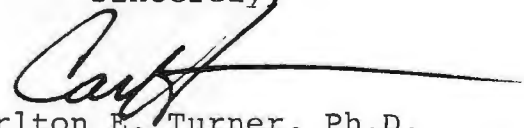
Dear Peter:

Thanks for your letter of February 28, 1985 and for sending a copy of your letter to the editor. We need everyone's involvement.

My trip to Thailand in March has been cancelled, but I am nevertheless still planning a visit there sometime in 1985. Please keep me informed as to the potatoe production.

Best wishes,

Sincerely,



Carlton E. Turner, Ph.D.
Deputy Assistant to the President

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28 February 1985

Dr. Carleton Turner
Director,
Drug Abuse Policy
Office of the White House
Room 220, The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Dr. Turner:

Since we met earlier in the month I briefed the president of SII -- Butch Otter -- on our discussions. I trust his letter to you reasonably outlined our position on the commercial aspects of potato production in Northern Thailand.

Since my return from Southeast Asia last week I have had a chance to speak at length with your colleague Dr. Army who called me at your suggestion. In response to our conversation I sent him a letter a blind copy is enclosed (I don't know what the bureaucratic sensitivities are here). I think between Mr. Otter's and my letters you should have a fairly clear idea of the scope of the problem, the economics and the possible solutions.

In our meeting you raised the issue of possible interest in working in Western Costa Rica on banana substitution crops. I understand that Minister Viega's pact with UB buys him some time to develop new production projects.

As I mentioned previously we feel confident that we could develop an alternative, complimentary agro-industrial plan for the area. It is entirely possible that the region would support potato production although J.R. Simplot Co. expertise runs the whole range of commercial vegetables and some fruit.

I am reasonably certain that SII would not be interested in taking the production risk in that area. It is quite possible that we could provide guaranteed markets and manage the production operations for the government. We clearly could plan the project under contract to the appropriate agency.

Sincerely yours,

Peter F. Schaefer

cc: Butch Otter

*cc: Walt
Gentner
② with to CV*

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28 February 1985

Dr. Thomas Army
Agricultural Research Service
U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, BARC-West,
Beltsville, Md. 20705

Dear Dr. Army:

Ref: A Seed Program in Southeast Asia

I appreciated talking with you yesterday and hope that we can find a common ground of cooperation since clearly our interests coincide.

I enclose with this note a copy of a letter that I sent to a company in Manila that was also interested in starting potato production with small farmers in the Philippines.

As you can see from the rough economic analysis in my letter the seed cost is the major variable and the one which will make or break any LDC potato project.

We estimate that we could get a first class regional seed production operation going anywhere in Southeast Asia for about \$200,000 per year over 3 years. Such a seed production operation could then supply any regional producers.

As I mentioned to you we have serious reservations about any Thai institutions having the capability of undertaking the seed program as rigorous control and extensive experience are essential.

That might be finessed by having the seed operation elsewhere. In fact, I have already had discussions at IRRI about this and was assured by a Philippine cabinet officer that if USDA were willing to fund a seed program IRRI and the GoP would be very willing to cooperate with SII and the USDA. I am sure that there would be other options as well.

Finally, should Prince Bhesatej come to D.C. it would be my company's pleasure to host you and he to lunch of dinner and, depending on his schedule, invite him to Boise to see our operations.

I enjoyed visiting with you and look forward to meeting you soon.

Sincerely yours,



Peter F. Schaefer

cc: Butch Otter

PFS:ffs

cc: Dr. Carlton Turner

21 December 1984

Mr. Delfin L. Lazaro
President,
Benguet Development Corp.
P.O. Box 7343,
Airmails Exchange Office,
MIA 3120, Philippines

Dear Del:

Reference: Potato Production in the Philippines

When we met in Manila last month you requested two essential pieces of information in order to begin your evaluation of commercial potato production in the Philippines. We have had so many teams in the Philippines in the last few years, I was correct in assuming that your questions can be answered without having Simplot staff travel to Manila. The questions concerned two primary areas; soil and project site, and the cash stream to evaluate the return to farmers.

Your expert -- Mr. Teehankee -- is very capable and I am sure will confirm this information although we do acknowledge that there is difference between yellow flesh table potatoes and white flesh processing potatoes. As well there is research going on at Malaybalay and CIP has done some work. I suggest you coordinate with them.

Soil Types

The ideal soil type is one that has good drainage (sand), is loose (friable), has some organic material (nutrition), and can retain some water (clay). Such a soil might be 50% fine sand, 40% silt, 4% organic matter and 6% clay.

The desire is to have a growth medium that will allow the tuber to expand underground and not be restricted by a tightly packed soil which will inhibit growth. Also, to have some water retained (clay) but not have it pool so as to cause rot (sand).

Each of these desired characteristics, however, can be managed if the soil is not perfect. In Idaho, for example, we grow successfully in what is basically sand. You have to irrigate and add all the nutrients but it can be done profitably. So, for example, as the clay content is reduced, we have to add additional water or plant in a somewhat wetter season. If, on the other hand, the clay content is higher, we may have to invest more in ground preparation and plan for planting in the dryer times. Low organic content means more fertilizer. And so on.

Climatic Conditions

The key variables here are water and soil temperature. Water is a co-variable with soil type but soil temperature is independent. The soil cannot rise above 26 degrees Centigrade and should not go above 24 degrees. In the 24-26 degree range we can water the fields to keep them cool but above 26 the potato buds won't set.

The temperature can be a function of elevation and the time of year of planting. In a rainfed area it would be foolhardy to count on rains to keep the soil temperature down.

Once the buds are set, however, we have greater tolerance of temperature rises. And keep in mind that the soil temperature may not be seriously affected by a much higher ambient temperature. If, for example, the nighttime temperature is quite low then the fields may tolerate high daytime temperatures without threatening the viability of the crop.

We are growing successfully at 400 meters elevation and 3 degrees north latitude in Southeast Asia, so it is the range of factors affecting temperature that matter most although the higher elevations certainly minimize the problems of temperature.

Location

We tend to agree with your analysis. Transportation from Mountain Province seems to be too much and Mindanao has probably the best areas. There are a number of areas that we identified as having potential in Bukidnon for example. We saw potential near the Del Monte operations and near the San Miguel coffee plantations. The eastern part of Lanao del Sur has real potential. We are sure that there are a number of other areas that could support production and allow transportation to a city for procesing and export.

However, keep in mind two things about Mindanao. First, there is a bacterial wilt problem there and all the soils that we have seen will require phosphates. Each of these factors can, however, be overcome. We have bacterial wilt in Idaho and it can be controlled. Bacterial wilt is also sensitive to soil temperatures and so we would be less able to let the temperatures rise once the buds were set because we would be inviting bacterial wilt with those higher temperatures. Phosphates, of course, are simply a matter of providing the proper fertilizers.

Financial Flows

We would pay the local farmer a world market price for quality

produce assuming that our other factors of production are in line with world factors. We would expect to be the case in the Philippines. In a good market (and East Asia is one of the best) we would expect to pay a farmer around US \$.10/kg. From this we would produce 500 grams of processed product and 500 grams of animal feed. We should get an ex-factory price of \$.39 for the processed potato and \$.025 for the feed or \$.415 for that original kg. of potato.

Thus our costs of processing, packing, freezing, storing, marketing and covering the capital costs of our plant will be \$.315/kg. Considering the very limited availability of feed in Mindanao it is likely that we would be able to get a somewhat higher price for the feed and may even be able to partly pay our farmer/suppliers in feed if they have livestock or establish our own livestock operation.

Return to the Farmer

Generally, the farmer is directly tied into the international food commodity chain without any middlemen. While his lower labor costs might be balanced by his higher inputs costs (seed, fuel, fertilizer, chemicals) his net will be substantial by any measure.

We would expect minimum production levels to be 20 tons/hectare (in Thailand we are seeing 28-30 and in Indonesia 32-34). At \$.10/kg the farmers net with, then, be at least \$2000/ha. We estimate inputs will cost \$400-\$500/ha for chemicals and \$700-\$800/ha for seed. Even with these high costs, the net to the farmer would be \$700-\$900 per hectare per crop. Were he so inclined he could raise 1-2 additional crops of other produce after the potatoes. And choosing the proper rotation cycle would not only increase his income but enhance the next potato cycle.

The major cost component of this production system is the seed which must be imported. Local production of certified seed could bring the cost of seed down to \$100/ha. The Administrator of AID last week expressed a strong interest in supporting seed programs for potato and were one to be started successfully in the Philippines we would see any farmer working with us becoming wealthy by local standards.

Conclusion

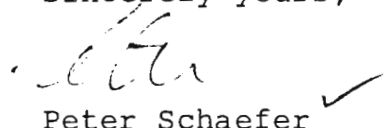
It seemed to us as we evaluated this project several years ago that it was attractive to all concerned. Any decent farmer just single cropping would likely exceed the average GNP per capita of the country. If you have a seed program a single hectare farmer would earn double the national GNP. We expect this to be attractive to the farmer and to the development specialists.

In addition virtually all our local payments would be dollar conversions and, thus, we would be a significant net foreign exchange earner for the country. Putting up the smallest commercial plant (25 million lbs. of product per year) would produce \$3 million a year just in payments to the farmers.

As I explained to you in Manila, we are not now prepared to take the lead on a Philippine project. We did that once without success. We are, however, interested in supporting an aggressive local party who is clearly prepared to make a commitment to such a project. The means and terms of our support are subject to discussion as we have no set formula.

One approach might be to make our cultural and processing technology available on a fee and royalty basis and then provide a guaranteed, long-term market for export product. We could also guarantee to buy everything produced to spec in raw form and then decide ourselves whether to export raw or process. But again, Benguet's interests and concerns are the primary factor in determining the shape of any potato project that might get started. We remain flexible and interested and I look forward to getting your reaction to this letter.

Sincerely yours,



Peter Schaefer ✓

P.O. Box 3661
Washington, D.C.
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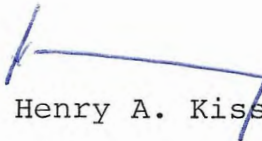
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March 4, 1985

Dear Mrs. Reagan:

Nancy and I very much regret that we are not able to join you for dinner on March 11th in honor of the Queen of Thailand. I have a long-standing commitment in Houston that evening which is impossible to reschedule at this point in time, regardless of how much I would prefer being in Washington. Nancy and I deeply appreciate your including us, however, and send our best wishes to you and the President.

Warm regards,



Henry A. Kissinger

Mrs. Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

TO: *Elaine*

FROM: Gahl L. Hodges
Social Secretary to
the White House
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Date May 2, 1985

For: Mr. Robert C. McFarlane
National Security Council
The White House

Reference:

To: Mrs. Ronald Reagan From: The Queen of Thailand

Date: May 1, 1985 Subject: Thank you note for

Dinner

from the Queen of Thailand (Sirikit)

WH Referral Dated: _____ NSC ID# _____
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XX The attached item was sent directly to the
Department of State

Action Taken:

- _____ A draft reply is attached.
- _____ A draft reply will be forwarded.
- _____ A translation is attached.
- _____ An information copy of a direct reply is attached.
- XX We believe no response is necessary for the reason cited below.
- _____ The Department of State has no objection to the proposed travel.
- _____ Other.

Remarks:

Since this is a thank you note from Queen Sirikit to Mrs. Reagan no response is necessary.

Nicholas Platt
Nicholas Platt
Executive Secretary

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TO REAGAN, N FROM SIRIKIT, KITTIYAKARA DOCDATE 23 APR 85
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KEYWORDS: THAILAND VISIT

SUBJECT: THANK YOU NOTE FM QUEEN SIRIKIT TO FIRST LADY

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facing our country, and that you sympathise with our efforts to overcome those problems. I told my husband that after that evening with you both, we can feel encouraged to continue our work because you gave such moral support.

You might be interested to know that tonight, we are having your compatriot, Mr. Malcolm Forbes and his sons for a private dinner by the seaside. Mr. Forbes showed his gigantic elephant balloon in front



Klailanwol Palace,
Hua-Hin. (Seaside)
Thailand.
23rd April, 1985.

Dear Mrs Reagan,

Please forgive me for this belated letter thanking you and the President for your wonderful hospitality at the White House dinner on 11th March.

I regard that dinner as the highlight of my trip to the United States. It has become so memorable because both of you made

of the Grand Palace of Bangkok. There were a hundred thousand spectators who enjoyed that event.

In conclusion, I would like you to know that everywhere I went in the United States, the people are very proud of their President and the First Lady. I am also very proud that I had the opportunity to meet the First Lady twice and the President.

Please convey my respect and best wishes to the President,
Sincerely Yours,
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me feel so comfortable and quite at home. The excellent arrangements of every item on the programme that evening - the dining room, the guest list, the delicious dinner, presented in an exquisite way and the entertainment after dinner, I realize, were the result of wonderful planning on your part.

I shall benefit by following your example. I could sense that you kindly tried to let me have contact with various people who could be of help to Thailand.

I know that you and the President are well aware of the problems

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 10, 1985

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

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Relations Between Thailand and The US and Free Trade

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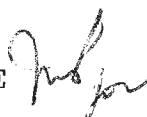
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SIGNED

FROM: ROBERT C. MCFARLANE 
SUBJECT: Presidential Letter to Thai Prime Minister Prem

Issue

To sign a letter to Prime Minister Prem of Thailand.

Facts

Prime Minister Prem wrote you a letter (Tab B) providing his views on the state of our relations with an emphasis on trade issues.

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Recommendation

OK

No

_____ That you sign the letter at Tab A to PM Prem.

Attachments

Tab A Presidential Letter for Signature
Tab B Prime Minister Prem Letter to You dated 9/17/85

Prepared by:
Richard Childress

cc Vice President

THE WHITE HOUSE
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Tab B Prime Minister Prem Letter to You dated 9/17/82

Prepared by:
Richard Childress

Vice President

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

October 8, 1985

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

SIGNED

FROM: RICHARD CHILDRESS 


SUBJECT: Presidential Letter to Thai PM Prem

State has recommended (Tab II) that the President reply to Prime Minister Prem's letter (Tab B) expressing the growing concern of Thailand to the current trade issues and protectionism. His concern is shared by all of his fellow ASEAN heads of state.

~~Sigur~~, ^{AP for DW} Wigg and Speechwriters concur.

RECOMMENDATION

That you forward the memorandum at Tab I to the President.

Approve  _____

Disapprove _____

Attachments

- Tab I McFarlane/President Memorandum
 - Tab A Presidential Letter for Signature
 - Tab B PM Prem's Letter to the President dated 9/17/85
- Tab II State Memorandum dated 10/3/85

cc: G. Sigur
D. Wigg

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Office of the Prime Minister,
Bangkok, Thailand.

17 September B.E. 2528 (1985)

Dear Mr. President,

I write to thank you most warmly for the support which your Administration extended to me on 9 September 1985 in the wake of mutinous conduct by few military units in Bangkok while I was on a working visit to my colleague, Indonesian President Soeharto, in Jakarta. The situation in my country is now completely normal, thanks to the willingness of everybody to put nation and people above personal interests and ambitions.

Mr. President, it is indeed heartening for me to note that the long-standing relations between Thailand and the United States of America have grown even closer and more cordial during the years of your Presidency.

As far as Thailand is concerned, in spite of progress brought about by our unshakable commitment to free enterprise, an open society and a democratic political system, in cooperation with the United States, we still face many economic problems and have to shoulder heavy burdens. Our position as a front-line state is costly and the refugee burden is dauntingly heavy, both of which continue to affect our security and stability. But I can assure you that we are firm in our resolve to push ahead with the aim of sustaining the well-being for our people.

In the ...

The Honorable Ronald Wilson Reagan,
President of the United States of America,
WASHINGTON D.C.

In the harsh world economic environment, Thailand takes heart from your Administration's demonstrated commitment to free trade. We cannot but admire your recent firm and courageous decision against restrictive measures on footwear imports. Of great immediate concern to all my countrymen is the Thurmond-Jenkins Bill, the enactment of which would seriously damage our textiles industry to the extent of undermining our economic stability and affecting political security.

Mr. President, we are fully appreciative of US economic interests and have, in the spirit of friendship and cooperation, been supportive of them. Thailand and ASEAN were early supporters of US efforts to launch the New Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations and we have always been a force for moderation in the Third World community. On the bilateral level, having promised then visiting Congressman Sam Gibbons and his delegation in August that US economic concerns would be expeditiously looked into with a view to resolving them in a manner that is satisfactory to both sides, I took action on that promise. Dealing with one of their foremost concerns, our cabinet today resolved that we will favourably address the proposed changes in the collection of tariffs on cotton imports from the US.

In the interest of Thai-US relations and in the interest of the American people as a whole, we express once again our strong support for your stand against protectionism in the cause of free trade. I rest assured, Mr. President, that you, as a friend of Thailand, would choose to view our subject of concern in

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the context of existing close and cordial relations as well as the shared economic, political and security interests between our two countries and peoples.

With warm personal regards and best wishes for your continued success, I remain

Yours sincerely,

General *P. Tinsulanonda*.

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(Prem Tinsulanonda)

Prime Minister of Thailand



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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

October 3, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT C. MCFARLANE
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Proposed letter from the President to the Thai Prime Minister

Thai Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanonda sent a letter dated September 17 to President Reagan. The letter provided the Prime Minister's views on the state of our relations with an emphasis on trade issues. Given the length of the Prime Minister's letter and its substantive nature, we believe it would be appropriate for the President to send a signed reply. A draft letter for this purpose is attached.

Nicholas Platt
Executive Secretary

Attachment

1. Suggested Draft Letter
2. Incoming correspondence

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SUGGESTED DRAFT LETTER

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Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan



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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

September 27, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. William F. Martin
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

Subject: Alerting NSC on Presidential
Correspondence

Enclosed is a copy of a letter to President Reagan from Prime Minister Tinsulanonda Prem of Thailand which is transmitted for your information.

This document was received in the Executive Secretariat Information Management Section on Sept. 27, 1985.

Charles H. Jackson, Jr.
Director, S/S-I
Information Management Section
Executive Secretariat
ext. 23836

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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FOR William Martin

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