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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

February 9,





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MEMORANDUM FOR MELVYN LEVITSKY Executive Secretary Department of State

SUBJECT: Ambassador to the United States from Thailand (2)

The President has reviewed and concurs in the recommendation of the Department of State that the appointment of Vitthya Vejjajiva as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Thailand would be agreeable to the Government of the United States. You are requested to inform the Government of Thailand. (C)

Paul Schott Stevens Executive Secretary

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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February 5, 1988

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MEMORANDUM FOR COLIN L. POWELL

FROM: JAMES KELLY JA

SUBJECT: Appointment of Vitthya Vejjajiva of Thailand as Ambassador to the United States

State, at Tab II, has requested that the President agree to the appointment of the new Thai Ambassador to the United States. A review of his bio indicates that he would make an excellent Ambassador.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That you approve the appointment by authorizing Paul Stevens to sign and forward the Agrement at Tab I to State.

Approve |

Disapprove\_\_\_\_\_

Prepared by: (h Richard Childress

Attachments

Tab IStevens/Levitsky MemorandumTab IIState Memorandum dated 2/4/88 with attachments

cc: R. Childress

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February 4, 1988

#### MEMORANDUM FOR COLIN POWELL THE WHITE HOUSE

#### SUBJECT: Appointment of Mr. Vitthya Vejjajiva of Thailand as Ambassador to the United States

The Government of Thailand has inquired whether our Government agrees to the appointment of Vitthya Vejjajiva as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Thailand to the United States (TAB 2). His biography is attached (TAB 1).

The Department believes from the information available that Mr. Vitthya will make an excellent Ambassador to the United States and recommends that the President agree to the proposed appointment. If he concurs, the Department will inform the Government of Thailand.

The Government of Thailand has requested that the proposed appointment of Vitthya Vejjajiva be kept in confidence pending approval and subsequent royal proclamation by His Majesty the King.

Melvyn Levitsky Executive Secretary

Attachments:

- 1. Biography.
- 2. Telegram: Bangkok 4165.





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3. BEGIN TEXT: NO. 0202/5466 THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND HAS THE HONOR TO INFORM THE EMBASSY THAT IT HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO REQUEST AGREMENT FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF HIS EXCELLENCY MR. VITTHYA VEJJAJIVA AS AMBASSADOR OF THAILAND TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA REPLACING HIS EXCELLENCY MR. ARSA SARASIN. THE MINISTRY HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO REQUEST FURTHER THAT THE PROPOSED APPOINTMENT TO BE KEPT IN COMPLETE CONFIDENCE, PENDING RECEIPT OF THE AGREMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND SUBSEQUENT ROYAL PROCLAMATION BY HIS MAJESTY THE KING.

CURRECULUM VITAE OF HIS EXCELLENCY MR. VITTHYA VEJJAJIVA IS ATTACHED.

BORN: 30 DECEMBER 1936, BANGKOK, THAILAND MARITAL STATUS: MARRIED, MRS. ORASA VEJJAJIVA, 1 SON AND 2 DAUGHTERS EDUCATION: B.A. LL.B, UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE, ENGLAND; BARRISTER-AT-LAW (GREY'S INN), ENGLAND; LL.M., HARVARD UNIVERSITY, U.S.A.

CAREER:

1963 ENTERED FOREIGN SERVICE, ATTACHED TO LEGAL DIVISION, TREATY AND LEGAL DEPARTMENT

1965 SECOND SECRETARY, SEATO DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

1967 SECOND SECRETARY, ROYAL THAI EMBASSY, SINGAPORE

1972 FIRST SECRETARY, ATTACHED TO OFFICE OF THE PERMANENT SECRETARY BANGKO 84165 2512862

1973 SECRETARY TO THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

1975 DIRECTOR OF POLICY AND PLANNING DIVISION, OFFICE OF THE PERMANENT SECRETARY

1976 COUNSELLOR, ROYAL THAT EMBASSY, LONDON

1979 DIRECTOR-GENERAL, ECONOMIC DEPARTMENT

1981 AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY TI) CANADA

1984 TO PRESENT: AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY TO THE KINGDOM OF BELGIUM

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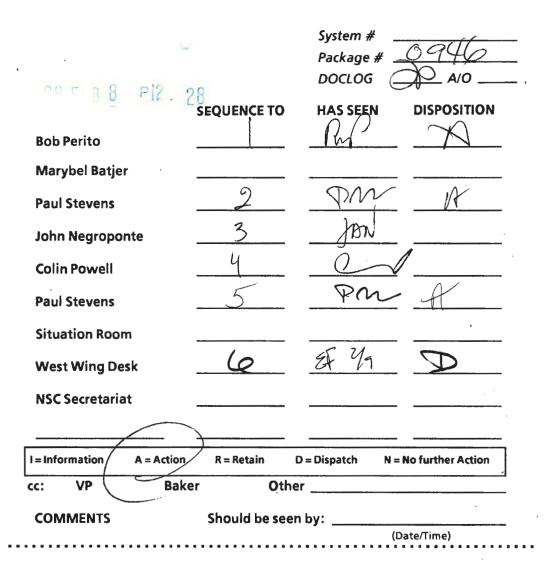
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March 4, 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR MELVYN LEVITSKY Executive Secretary Department of State

SUBJECT: Call on the President by Foreign Minister Siddhi Savetsila of Thailand

A meeting with Foreign Minister Siddhi Savetsila has been approved for April 22, 1988. Subject to change, the time of the meeting is now expected to be from 9:50 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Paul Schott Stevens Executive Secretary

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#### NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

March 1, 1988

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MEMORANDUM FOR PAUL SCHOTT STEVENS

FROM: RICHARD CHILDRES

SUBJECT: Call on the President by Foreign Minister Siddhi Savetsila

A transmittal memorandum of the approved call has been prepared to notify State.

M. Batjer concurs.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum at Tab I.

Approve

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Tab I Stevens/Levitsky

cc: J. Kelly M. Batjer

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SUBJECT: Call on the President by Foreign Minister Siddhi Savetsila of Thailand

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MEMORANDUM FOR COLIN L. POWELL THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Call on the President by the Thai Foreign Minister

The Foreign Minister of Thailand, Siddhi Savetsila, will be in Washington April 21-24. The Department proposes that he pay a brief (five to ten minutes) courtesy call on the President Thursday, April 21 or Friday, April 22.

Siddhi has been one of our staunchest and most effective allies in the senior ranks of the Thai Government for a number of years. Recently, for example, he has taken the lead in efforts to secure better protection of U.S. intellectual property rights and to preserve first asylum in Thailand for Indochinese refugees despite extensive popular opposition on both fronts. He has been willing to take serious political risks on issues such as these, which are high priorities for the Administration, both because he appreciates their importance to us and because he believes a true friend should honor commitments. The opportunity to meet the President, even if only briefly, will demonstrate our appreciation for the role he has played, encourage him to continue his efforts, and enhance his effectiveness within the Thai Government.

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Melvyn Levitsky Executive Secretary



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#### NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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March 16, 1988

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ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR COLIN L. POWELL

FROM: JAMES KELLY

SUBJECT: Visit of Princess Chulabhorn

Princess Chulabhorn is scheduled to visit Washington during the period 1-8 May 1988. We had initially requested a small dinner for her hosted by President and Mrs. Reagan. This was turned down by the First Lady's office, but said they would consider a coffee or tea.

When the First Lady scheduled a trip to Europe during the same period, we were asked by her office to see if the Princess could stay over an extra day (9 May) to hopefully accommodate a coffee or tea. The Thai Ambassador informed us this was possible, but we were then turned down again.

While we were careful to make no commitment to the Thai, the act of going back to the Royal Family to see if she could remain an extra day naturally raises expectations.

For this reason and the solid policy reasons laid out in our original memorandum (Tab II), we believe a memorandum from you to Ken Duberstein to seek his help is warranted.

Batjer concurs.

RECOMMENDATION

That you forward the memorandum at Tab I to Ken Duberstein.

Approve\_\_\_\_\_

Disapprove

Prepared by: Richard Childre

Attachments

Tab IPowell/Duberstein MemorandumTab IIStaff Package dated 2/22/88

cc: R. Childress M. Batjer

The Princese

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#### NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL WASHINGTON, D.C. 20508

February 22, 1988

#### ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR COLIN L. POWELL

FROM:

JAMES KELLY JU

SUBJECT:

Visit of Thai Princess Chulabhorn, May 1-8, 1988

Jack Courtemanche has indicated in his memorandum to Paul Stevens (Tab II) that the schedule will not permit the President and Mrs. Reagan to host a private dinner for Princess Chulabhorn during her visit to Washington, May 1-8, 1988

He did, however, indicate that as we moved closer to the visit, that a coffee or tea could be considered.

The Thai Royal Family is held in great reverence by the Thai people and small courtesies extended by foreign governments receive great press attention throughout the country. A coffee or tea for the Princess would be of immense benefit to our current efforts to shore up the Thai-U.S. relationship in the face of aid cuts, the refugee crises and the various trade problems due to some protectionist activities here. In addition, such a gesture would be another useful reaffirmation that Thailand is a close treaty ally and front-line state, especially useful as discussions continue on a possible settlement in Cambodia.

Given the importance, we believe a memorandum from you to Jack would be helpful in securing approval for a tea or coffee.

M. Batjer concurs.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum at Tab I.

Approve\_\_\_\_\_

Disapprove\_\_\_\_

Prepared by: Richard Childress

Attachments

- Tab I Powell/Courtemanche Memorandum
- Tab II Courtemanche/Stevens Memorandum
- Tab III Previous Submissions
- cc: R. Childress
  - M. Batjer

#### THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

#### ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR KENNETH M. DUBERSTEIN

FROM: COLIN L. POWELL

SUBJECT: Visit of Princess Chulabhorn to Washington

The Thai Princess Chulabhorn is scheduled to visit Washington during the period 1-8 May 1988 and we have attempted to schedule a coffee or tea with the First Lady. At the request of the First Lady's office, we inquired of the Royal Family if the Princess could remain an additional day (9 May) to possibly arrange an event. The Thai notified us that she would be willing to remain the additional day, but we were recently notified by the First Lady's office that the coffee could not be scheduled.

There are sound policy reasons for this event given the bilateral problems with Thailand over refugees, trade issues and aid cuts. Additionally, the King and Queen hosted the First Lady at the palace during her Southeast Asian trip. A coffee or tea would receive wide publicity in Thailand and serve our interests in a substantive way.

Before we notify the Thai of a final turndown, I solicit your help in ensuring the importance of the request is weighed against other commitments of the First Lady for May 9, 1988.

#### MEMORANDUM FOR JACK COURTEMANCHE

FROM: COLIN L. POWELL

SUBJECT: Visit of Princess Chulabhorn, May 1-8, 1988

The schedule for May would not permit the President and Mrs. Reagan to host a private dinner for Princess Chulabhorn during her Washington visit, May 1-8, but your memorandum indicated the possibility of a tea or coffee.

Since our last look at the visit, a refugee crises has arisen in Thailand and talks concerning a possible political settlement in Cambodia have proceeded. The Thai Royal Family is held in great esteem by the Thai people and small courtesies extended by foreign governments receive widespread favorable publicity in Thailand. Our previous aid cuts and protectionist legislation on the Hill, which has hurt the Thai, has caused some doubts about our commitments to them as a close treaty ally and front-line state. We are attempting to shore this up on a number of fronts at the present time.

A coffee or tea given for the Princess would be a significant boost to our current efforts and send strong signals to the Thai Government and Thai people that the Administration is as strongly committed to them as in the past. Favorable consideration to hosting a tea/coffee would be greatly appreciated and have a substantive impact on our relationship with the Thai. MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

#### January 26, 1988

TO: PAUL SCHOTT STEVENS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE NATIONAL SFCURITY COUNCIL

FROM: JACK L. COURTEMANCHE DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE FIRST LADY

SUBJECT: VISIT OF PRINCESS CHULABHORN MAY 1-8, 1988

The schedule will not permit the President and Mrs. Reagan to host a private dinner for Princess Chulabhorn May 1-8, 1988. They regret that it will not be possible to do this.

I point out that the President and Mrs. Peagan hosted a private dinner on March 11, 1985 for Oueen Sirikit (the Princess' mother.)

When we get closer to May, we may be able to consider a coffee or a tea.

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

January 21, 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR JACK L. COURTEMANCHE

FROM: PAUL SCHOTT STEVEN

SUBJECT: Visit of Princess Chulabhorn, May 1-8, 1988

The Department of State has recommended (Tab A) that President and Mrs. Reagan host a private dinner for the youngest <u>daughter</u> of the King of Thailand, Princess Chulabhorn, during her vicit to Washington, May 1-8, 1988.

The Thai Royal Family had made extensive preparations for the proposed visit of the President and First Lady during the first term, a trip that had to be canceled. Subsequently, the First Lady visited Thailand as a guest of the King. Princess Chulabhorn, as noted, was one of her guides.

We believe such a gesture would serve important policy interests for us and would be a special reciprocal gesture for the Thai Royal Family and be appreciated widely by the Thai people.

Attachment

Tab A State Memorandum dated 1/11/88

NBC#8800178

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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January 11, 1988

#### MEMORANDUM FOR COLIN L. POWELL THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Visit of Princess Chulabhorn of Thailand, May 1-8, 1988

Thai officials, on behalf of the Royal Family, have indicated that Princess Chulabhorn, youngest daughter of King Bhumibol, will visit the U.S. from April 15 to June 1, 1988. Princess Chulabhorn is an organic chemist, and a major purpose in coming here will be contact with leading elements of the American scientific establishment. We believe we will be able to enlist the assistance of academic and research institutions, as well as the private sector, in developing a program which will give the Princess the kind of exposure the Royal Family desires. The visit also promises opportunities to further the Administration's objective of encouraging women to pursue careers in science, as well as to highlight efforts against drug abuse (the Royal Family is prominently associated with anti-narcotics efforts in Thailand).

Princess Chulabhorn's itinerary will include a Washington stop May 1-8. An invitation from the President and Mrs. Reagan to the Princess and her consort (a Thai Air Force officer who will travel with her) for a private dinner during their stay here would no doubt be greatly appreciated. Such a gesture would be both a courtesy to the Thai Royal Family, which has extremely close and longstanding ties to this country, and be seen as a particular expression of gratitude for the generous hospitality provided the First Lady by the Royal Family during Mrs. Reagan's visit to Thailand in 1986. (In this regard, Princess Chulabhorn served as Mrs. Reagan's personal guide and escort in viewing an exhibition of Thai handicrafts staged for the First Lady.)

The Department recommends that the President and Mrs. Reagan agree to host a private dinner for Princess Chulabhorn and her consort during the first week of May, 1988.

Richard W. Muller

An Melvyn Levitsky Executive Secretary



NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

January 12, 1988

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MEMORANDUM FOR PAUL SCHOTT STEVENS

FROM: RICHARD CHILDRESS /

SUBJECT: Visit of Princess Chulabhorn, May 1-8, 1988

State, at Tab A, has recommended that President and Mrs. Reagan host a private dinner for Princess Chulabhorn, youngest daughter of the Thai King. She will be accompanied during her visit to the United States (April 15 - June 1) by her consort (A Royal Thai Air Force officer).

She plans to visit Washington May 1-8. J. Kelly and Batjer concurs. RECOMMENDATION

That you forward the memorandum at Tab I to Courtemanche.

Approve DM

Disapprove\_\_\_\_\_

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cc: R. Childress J. Kelly



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## TRANSMITTAL FORM

s/s <sup>8810609</sup>

Date May 14, 1988

FOR: Mr. Paul Schott Stevens Executive Secretary National Security Council The White House

REFERENCE :

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To: President Reagan

From: Lowell P. Weicker, Jr.

Date: March 22, 1988

Subject: Plight of Khmer in Refugee Camp

WH Referral Dated: April 1, 1988 NSC ID# (if any): 558096

> 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.
- X An information copy of a direct reply is attached.
- We believe no response is necessary for the reason cited below.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The Department of State has no objection to the proposed travel.
- Other (see remarks).

REMARKS:

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Your letter of March 22, to President Reagan concerning your request, as will as twenty three of your colleagues, for a review of the denied Wamer in Thao-I-Dang refugee camp in Inailand, has been referred to this office for reply.

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We have conducted two formal reviews of the denied cases among the UNHCR-registered Khmer in Khao-I-Dang (KID). The final result was that less than ten percent of the cases had their original refusals overturned. The Innigration and Saturalization Service (INS) office in Bangkok has repeatedly expressed its willingness to review any denied Khmer case if and ovidence is presented which warrant such a review.

Anna.reador Jonathan Yoore, U.S. Courdinator and Aronasador-at-Large for Refuger Affair and Director of the State Department's Bureau for "-fuser Programs, in carefully considering the issue of denies here: doors and will make his views known an aboy at he can review internation he is Autsing frum all paternet doughter.

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The Newschol -"man'l P. Welcher, dr., falter states Senates. traceable and available for interview. INS officers have been interviewing ration card holders from KID (P-1 through 5, plus P-6 category cases) since Pebruary. We started in March Interviewing "illegals" in KID. As you can see our Embassy in Bangkok, with the cooperation of the Thai government, is able to process all available Khmer and border Khmer immigrant vion and humanitarian parole applicants as quickly a they are qualified.

We will continue to work with the Thai government and with the international community to neet the humanitarian needs of the Shmar forced to seek refuge in Thailand.

If I can be of any further assistance please let no know. .

#### Sincerely,

C . . J. Edward Fox Assistant Secretary Legislative Affairs

March 31, 1988

Dear Senator Weicker:

Thank you for your letter of March 22 to the President, enclosing a copy of your earlier correspondence, regarding the refugees of the Khao I Dang camp in Thailand.

We appreciate being advised of your continued interest in this matter. I am pleased to share with you a copy of the State Department's April 28, 1987 response to your earlier letter.

I have also taken the liberty of fowarding your letter to the appropriate Administration officials for their careful review. You will receive a more detailed response in the near future.

With best wishes,

Cordially,

Alan M. Kranowitz Assistant to the President

The Honorable Lowell P. Weicker, Jr. United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

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President Ronald W. Reagan The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Along with 23 colleagues, I wrote last year to request a review for the denied Khmer in Khao I Dang camp. We are still awaiting an Administration decision.

I have been sufficiently concerned about the problem to have a staff member of mine join a delegation to Thailand to look into this matter. It is clear that owing to a combination of State Department and INS decisions in the field, thousands of refugees have been arbitrarily rejected.

I urge you to speed the impetus toward a review of this deserving caseload-- survivors of the Cambodian holocaust. I am attaching our letter of last March which unfortunately is still an accurate representation of the current situation of the denied Khmer.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sindere 1 Lowell P. Weicker, .1 United States Senator

Enclosure

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## United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-2003

March 23, 1987

President Ronald W. Reagan The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We write today to express our serious concern for the inhabitants of the Khao I Dang refugee camp in Thailand. In light of the Thai Government's decision to close the camp, we believe it is incumbent upon the United States to play a larger and more active role in protecting the lives of the 24,000 refugees at Khao I Dang.

Thai authorities plan to move the inhabitants of Khao I Dang to evacuation sites along the Cambodian border during the next year. As you may know, these "displaced persons" camps along the border are extremely vulnerable to the fighting between Cambodian resistance troops and the Vietnamese occupation forces in Cambodia. In January, major shelling of one of the evacuation sites resulted in nine persons wounded and four deaths.

Because of the dangers inherent in this situation, we believe the United States must act on her sense of responsibility and humanitarianism in this matter. To that end, the U.S. should:

- Undertake a new, more flexible approach toward those refugees previously rejected as candidates for resettlement in the United States. Many experts believe that the process which led to these rejections was flawed and not representative of our Nation's benevolent traditions.
- Use our diplomatic leadership and influence on our allies and friends to maximize third country resettlement of the refugees.
- Expedite refugee processing of compelling humanitarian cases and immigrant processing for the estimated 4,000 who have family in the U.S.
- Clarify and emphasize our strong concern that UNHCR continue to have responsibility for protecting these refugees regardless of any relocation.

The President March 23, 1987 Page 2

- Work with Thai authorities and the U.N. High Commissioner to assure that any relocation to the border that does occur is carried out safely and humanely, with monitoring by UNHCR and other appropriate international agencies.
- Communicate to the Thai authorities our intention to resettle as many of the Khao I Dang inhabitants as possible. It has become clear that Thai authorities will not move the inhabitants expeditiously if the U.S. makes a good faith effort to resettle the refugees.
- o Use its influence and leadership to convince UNHCR and the Thai Government that UNHCR jurisdiction should be extended to the displaced people along the Thai-Cambodian border. We do not believe such a change need imply in any way that these border Cambodians are to be resettled in the West. In fact, the great majority are not seeking such resettlement.

The Cambodian people have suffered much under a succession of violent regimes. Since 1979, the U.S. and its friends have resettled more than 200,000 Cambodian refugees, providing them with security and a new chance to build a future. It has been a magnanimous effort of which Americans can be very proud.

Those who continue to seek freedom for themselves and safety for their families deserve our fullest commitment. In 1985, you said, "the drive of our people to assist refugees in need overseas and to resettle those who need it is an integral part of the American ethic."

As Senators, we urge you to take a personal interest in this matter. Only with your timely intervention can the United States live up to its responsibility and long-standing commitment to humanitarian ideals.

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Sen. Larl M. Levin

Sincerely,

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Sen. Barbara A. Mikulski

The President March 23, 1987 Page 3

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