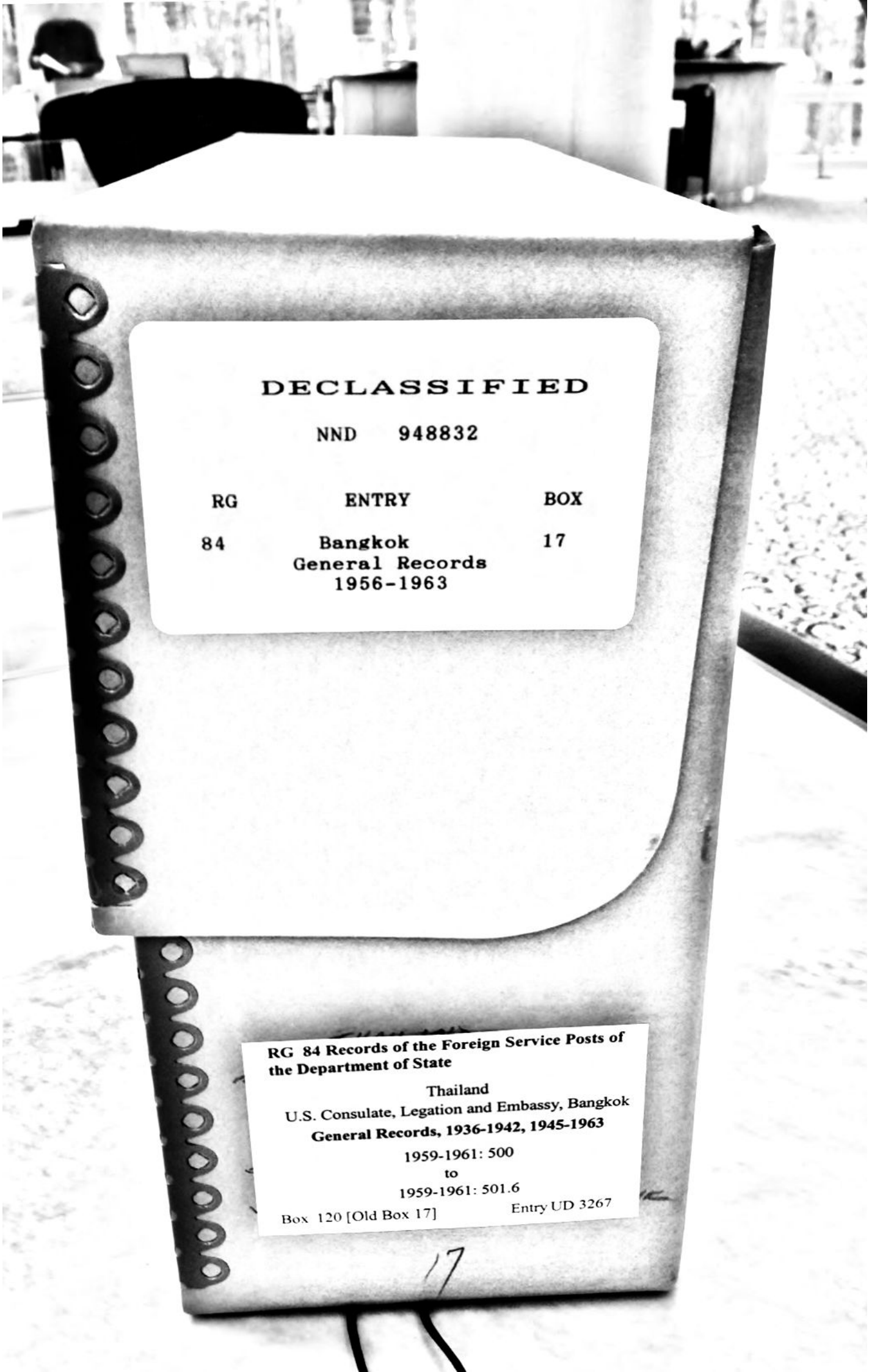
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American Embassy,
Bangkok,
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Dear Anand:

Enclosed are two copies of the Bowen Report which I know the Foreign Minister will be interested in reading. As I believe he is aware, Mom Luang Dej is being given three copies, two of which are destined for Dr. Puey and Minister Sunthorn. Ambassador Young expects to deliver a copy to the Prime Minister later this week, together with a formal transmitting letter from President Kennedy.

I believe that a copy is also being provided His Majesty through Mom Luang Dej.

Sincerely,

Leonard Unger

Enclosures:

Bowen Report, two copies

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THE DEVELOPMENT OF

THAILAND

REPORT OF A STUDY TEAM

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PREFACE

The Report of the U.S. Study Team to Thailand represents the views of a group of consultants and government officials. The analysis, conclusions and recommendations expressed in the Report are those of the Study Team and do not necessarily represent the views of any agency or agencies of the U.S. Government.

The purpose of sending the Study Team to Thailand was to provide U.S. agencies with independent advice and recommendations on matters relating to joint Thai-U.S. efforts to accelerate Thai development. Hence, the Report was originally conceived as being for internal consideration by the U.S. Government. However, as a result of the considerable interest which a number of Thai officials, as well as other interested parties, have expressed in the Report, it was agreed that a wider dissemination would be desirable. In preparing the Report for a broader readership, a number of editorial or drafting changes have been made and some material has been omitted.

Thus, while the U.S. Government does not necessarily share the views expressed in this Report, it does accept responsibility for giving them to the Government of Thailand for appropriate dissemination. It does so in the belief that they may contribute to a wider understanding and fuller discussion of the issues involved and thereby contribute to a further strengthening of the basis for future collaboration and progress.

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FOREWORD

The study team was commissioned to assess the economic prospects of Thailand, to review the present foreign aid program, and to make recommendations for future assistance. The recommendations were to take into account both current changes in the United States foreign aid program and the political situation in Southeast Asia.

The report is a joint product of the entire team. The members with the areas of their major responsibilities were as follows:

Henry E. Billingsley (Public Administration, Community Development)

John D. Blumgart (Industry, Transportation)

Howard R. Bowen (Education)

Sherwood M. Fine (Fiscal Capabilities, Economic Planning)

Robert L. Hirshberg (Military)

Glenn L. Johnson (Agriculture)

Selig A. Taubenblatt (Power, Irrigation)

Mr. Taubenblatt contributed significantly to the study but was unable to remain in Thailand until completion of the report. He did not participate in final drafting, and therefore should not be held responsible for its conclusions.

The study team arrived in Thailand on June 26 and departed during the week of July 31. During that period visits were made to cities, towns, and villages in all parts of the country. Scores of persons were interviewed including farmers, businessmen, educators, professional people, and officials of the Thai Government, international agencies, and the American Government. In preparation for the visit to Thailand, two members of the team spent several months of prior study in Washington. Three other members have had long experience with foreign aid in Southeast Asia.

The team received the utmost in cooperation and assistance from the Thai Government and from the staffs of the Embassy, USOM, and JUSMAG.

Because of the time limitations, the team could not cover every detail of the situation in Thailand, but rather chose to concentrate on basic issues. The recommendations are therefore general. All parts

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of the report have been subjected to intensive discussion by the members of the team and express a consensus.

Throughout, an effort was made to conform the recommendations to the new foreign aid policy as expressed in the report of the President's Task Force on Foreign Economic Assistance, An Act for International Development.

We understood the key concepts in this new policy to be:

U. S. concern for accelerated economic and social development in the underdeveloped areas of the world;

Emphasis on aid for long-run development as distinct from short-run political objectives;

Aid tailored to the needs of each country;

Integrated and comprehensive long-range planning;

Stimulation of self-help;

Increasing emphasis on loans as distinct from grants;

Encouragement of coordinated multi-lateral assistance;

Unified administration of U. S. aid;

Encouragement of foreign investment by American private enterprise;

Use of surplus food;

Research in economic and social development.

In the new program great emphasis is given to sound, long-range planning by recipient countries and to effective mobilization of their own resources. U. S. efforts are to be in the form of response to and support of such plans and such mobilization.

In formulating its recommendations, the team tried to observe the following admonition expressed in the report of the President's Task Force (p.11): "Since almost any kind of assistance can be used in any underdeveloped country, and since the resources of the developed world to supply such assistance are limited, it is extremely important that the country itself, as well as those assisting it, form at each stage of the process a clear judgment as to what are the most critical bottlenecks to economic and social development and therefore what kinds of

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assistance deserve priority." At the same time, we also noted another passage of the report which we believe to be applicable to Thailand (p.12): "To insist on a level of performance in programing and budgeting completely beyond the capabilities of the recipient country would result in the frustration of the basic objective of our development assistance to encourage more rapid growth."

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