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MEMORANDUM

June 16, 1967

TO : The Secretary

THROUGH : S/S

FROM : EA - William P. Bundy

SUBJECT : Proposed Luncheon Aboard the Yacht "Sequoia" for the King and Queen of Thailand -- ACTION MEMORANDUM

Their Majesties the King and Queen of Thailand will be in Washington June 27-29, 1967. They arrive at 5:00 p.m. on June 27 and will attend the President's dinner that evening. The following day they will be offered lunch aboard the yacht "Sequoia" and will attend a private dinner at the Thai Embassy in the evening. They will leave before lunch time on the 29th.

It was originally planned that the Vice President and Mrs. Humphrey would act as host and hostess at the luncheon on the 28th. We now know that the Vice President will not be available. In his absence, it would be most appropriate for you and Mrs. Rusk to offer this luncheon.

Recommendations:

1. That you and Mrs. Rusk offer lunch to Their Majesties the King and Queen and approximately thirty other Thai and American guests aboard the yacht "Sequoia" at 1:15 p.m. on Wednesday, June 28, 1967.

June 19, 1967

Approve DR (w) Disapprove _____

2. That if you approve offering the lunch, that you approve the attached guest list.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

As amended DR (w) June 19, 1967

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cc: Mrs. Rusk

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Following are miscellaneous notes on things you may have to field before my return which I now expect to be around end of first week in May.

1. Thanat brought up indefinite validity B-visa matter. I explained that omission of Thailand only because change back on January 1, 1968 might cause more hard feelings than if Thailand never included at all. Thanat asked whether Thailand eligible. I said it clearly was. He asked that it be included. It has been and I think you have cable. This may push him into withdrawing note completely. We will see.

2. A complete check of verbatim records of both Council and Milad meetings fails to reveal that Thai brought up question of missiles officially. It is thought that Dawee may have mentioned to Sharp but I have not been able to confirm this. I rather think Thanat ~~Dawee~~ took care of errand entrusted to him by his military colleagues in Cabinet by talking

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1. THANAT'S PRINCIPAL PREOCCUPATION IN WASHINGTON--IN THE BILATERAL AS WELL AS MULTI-LATERAL SESSIONS--WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF PEACE INITIATIVES AND U.S. MOVES RELATED THERETO. HE MISTRUSTS U-THANT AND WAS MOST CONCERNED ABOUT ANY NEGOTIATING SITUATION IN WHICH THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE EXERCISING A SVN PROXY. HE INSISTS SE ASIANS MUST HAVE A VOICE IN SEA SOLUTIONS. (SEE BANGKOK 12051). WE HOPE HE CAN BE REASSURED THAT HE WILL BE CONSULTED--AND WELL IN ADVANCE--ABOUT ANY U.S. POLICY MOVES IN THIS AREA.

2. THANAT CONTINUES TO BE CONCERNED THAT THE FREE WORLD IS NOT DOING AS WELL ON THE PROPAGANDA FRONT AS IT IS ON THE MILITARY FRONT. ARMED WITH FACT THAT LID HAS BEEN LIFTED ON ACKNOWLEDGEMENT UNITED STATES USE THAI BASES AND LAST WEEK'S AGREEMENT PERMIT BASING OF B-52S AT U-TAPAO, THANAT WILL CERTAINLY RAISE NOW FAMILIAR ISSUE OF U.S. PRESS TREATMENT OF MATERIAL

AND U.S. OFFICIAL RECOGNITION OF THAILAND'S CONTRIBUTION TO OUR EFFORTS SOUTH VIETNAM AND SEA. BELIEVING THAT THAILAND HAS GIVEN MUCH AND RECEIVED LITTLE IN RETURN, THANAT IS APT TO BE MORE VOCAL ON THIS SUBJECT WHICH IRRITATES HIM THAN HE HAS IN THE PAST. DEPARTMENT WILL NOTE THAT THIS HAS BEEN THEME OF SEVERAL RECENT PUBLIC ADDRESSES BY THANAT (BANGKOK'S 12118). ON HANDLING, WE CAN ONLY SUGGEST THAT HE BE LISTENED TO ATTENTIVELY AND REMINDED ONCE AGAIN THAT WE DO NOT CONTROL PRESS. (WE HAVE BEEN PASSING TO MFA CURRENTLY COPIES OF OFFICIAL SUPPORTING STATEMENTS AND FAVORABLE PRESS COMMENTS. IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO HAVE AT HAND A FOLDER OF SUCH STATEMENTS

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C O N F I D E N T I A L BANGKOK 12047

1. DR. SOMPONG, SECY TO FONMIN THANAT, HAS COMPLAINED BITTERLY TO EMBOFFS ABOUT A MARCH 8 AP REPORT OF FOREIGN AID ADMINISTRATOR GAUD'S TESTIMONY BEFORE HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE. PORTIONS OF AP REPORT PARTICULARLY DISTURBING TO MFA WERE: QTE THAILAND -- AN OLD WELL-ESTABLISHED GOVERNMENT WHICH HAS NOT MAINTAINED CLOSE LINKS WITH PEOPLE IN RURAL VILLAGES. THE PHILIPPINES--BY CONTRAST WITH THE OTHER THREE COUNTRIES, IT HAS A COMPARATIVELY LONG HISTORY OF DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS ON BOTH NATIONAL AND LOCAL LEVELS UNQTE.

2. BY USE OF WIRELESS FILE EXCERPTS FROM ADMINISTRATOR GAUD'S TESTIMONY, WE HAVE SUGGESTED TO SOMPONG THAT THE AP STORY SEEMS TO BE A DISTORTION OF THE ACTUAL TESTIMONY IN ITS EMPHASIS AND DRAWING OF CONTRASTS. SOMPONG'S RESPONSE WAS TO INQUIRE AS TO WHAT PROTESTS ADMINISTRATOR GAUD HAS MADE, OR INTENDS TO MAKE, TO AP CONCERNING DISTORTION OF HIS TESTIMONY. WE TRIED TO FINESSE THIS BY SAYING THAT MOST OF OUR SENIOR WASHINGTON OFFICIALS ARE SO USED TO DISTORTIONS BY THE PRESS THAT TRYING TO CORRECT THEM ALL WOULD LEAVE NO TIME FOR ANYTHING ELSE.

3. EMBASSY HAS NOW RECEIVED --AFTER ABOVE DISCUSSION--FULL TEXT OF ADMINISTRATOR GAUD'S STATEMENT. IT APPEARS AP STORY WAS FAIRLY ACCURATELY BASED ON GAUD'S INTRODUCTORY REMARKS, PARTICULARLY FOLLOWING: QTE THE COUNTRIES WE ASSIST IN SOUTHEAST ASIA ARE DIVERSE. THEIR STAGES OF INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT MAY VARY CONSIDERABLEY. SOUTH VIETNAM IS THE VICTIM OF TWENTY YEARS OF WAR WHICH HAS RETARTED CREATION OF GOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS AS WELL AS DISRUPTING ITS ECONOMICAL DEVELOPMENT. IN LAOS, THE UNITED STATES IS HELPING TO MAINTAIN THE SECURITY AND INDEPENDENCE OF THE NATION IN LINE WITH THE GENEVA ACCORDS OF 1962. LAOS IS HANDICAPPED BY ETHNIC AND POLITICAL DIVISIONS, A LACK OF ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE AND EXTREME SHORTAGES OF TRAINED MANPOWER. THE NORTH VIETNAMESE CONTINUE TO SUPPLY THE PATHET LAO IN THEIR INSURGENCY MOVEMENT AND TO STATION SIZEABLE MILITARY FORCES WITHIN LAOS. THEY ALSO USE LAOS AS A SUPPLY ROUTE TO SOUTH VIETNAM. THAILAND HAS AN OLD AND WELL-ESTABLISHED STRUCTURE OF GOVERNMENT, BUT IT HAS NOT BEEN LINKED CLOSELY WITH THE PEOPLE IN THE RURAL VILLAGES. THE KING REPRESENTS

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1. THE EDITORIAL QUOTED IN PART BELOW, STRIKINGLY PARALLEL TO POINTS THANAT MADE IN MEETING REPORTED REFTEL, AND OBVIOUSLY BASED ON FOREIGN OFFICE BACKGROUNDER, EMPHASIZES USEFULNESS OF SOME ACTION ON RECOMMENDATION CONTAINED LAST SENTENCE REFTEL:

QUOTE AVOID HURTING FEELINGS - (SIAM NIKORN, FEB. 12)

IT WOULD NOT BE STRANGE OR OUT OF THE ORDINARY SHOULD THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT CONTACT THE THAI GOVERNMENT WITH A REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO USE THE U TAPAO AIRFIELD IN RAYONG PROVINCE, CONSTRUCTION OF WHICH HAS BEEN FINISHED NOW, IN ORDER THAT ITS B-52'S MIGHT LAND AND TAKE OFF FROM THAT AIRFIELD, OR EVEN BE BASED THERE. AS IS GENERALLY KNOWN, THIS AIRFIELD WAS BUILT FOR US BY THE U.S., AND



ITS SIZE LED TO SPECULATION FROM THE FIRST OF THE KINDS OF PLANES THAT COULD USE IT, AND THE REASON THE U.S. HAD IN BUILDING IT. THEREFORE, THERE SEEMS TO BE NO PROBLEM OR SUSPICIONS SHOULD THE GIANT B-52'S, SO DREADED BY THE VIET CONG, USE THIS AIRFIELD. THE ONLY QUESTION ASKED IS WHEN THEY WILL USE IT.

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QUOTE WHAT IS OF IMPORTANCE IS HOW PROPER ETIQUETTE COULD BE INSTILLED INTO AMERICAN POLITICIANS WHO OPPOSE THE POLICY OF THEIR OWN GOVERNMENT, ESPECIALLY WHEN SPEAKING OF OTHER COUNTRIES THAT ARE AMERICA'S ALLIES AND FRIENDS. WHEN CARRYING ON ELECTION CAMPAIGNS THEY CRITICIZE, CENSURE, OR CONDEMN THE POLICY OF THEIR OWN COUNTRY, THEY SHOULD NOT GO SO FAR AS TO ATTACK OTHER COUNTRIES, SUCH AS ALLEGING THAT THAILAND IS COOPERATING WITH THEIR GOVERNMENT IN



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1. Following memcon of Secretary's discussions with Foreign Minister Thanat prior to and during luncheon January 9 is uncleared, noforn, and subject to change.

2. Thai Contingent for Vietnam - The Secretary said US deeply appreciative RTG decision to send reinforced battalion to fight in Vietnam. He said he knew it was not an easy decision. He said it was very helpful in total context of our Vietnam policy, especially with those who profess to speak for Asians on that subject.

3. Possible Follow-up on Manila - Foreign Minister asked whether US was prepared to go ahead with Ambassadorial-level meetings among the troop-contributing nations in Saigon. The Secretary replied affirmatively and said we were also prepared seriously to consider the idea of having a meeting at the Foreign Minister level as Foreign Minister had suggested during Secretary's recent Bangkok visit.

~~Secretary then threw out for consideration, as idea neither he nor~~

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