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The major consequence of the Tokyo meeting was the conclusion that the canal project was feasible from every point of view, technical and economic, and that a second phase study should be undertaken after the results of the pre-feasibility study had been accepted by the RTG on September 1 and subsequently approved by it.

Enclosed are copies of papers from the Tokyo meeting that were sent to the Embassy by the Kra Canal Survey Office in Bangkok. Enclosure three in this package has been removed because it duplicated the two copies of "Thailand's Kra Canal Project" forwarded to the Department by transmittal slip on on July 2. Included among the papers from the Tokyo meeting are copies of short speeches delivered by the Thai, European, Japanese and American members of the Senior Review Group and of the Technical Advisory Group. Included also among the papers by the American participants are two by Dr. Teller of the Livermore Laboratories and by Dr. Willard Libby, respectively. Among the Thai participants was Dr. Svasti Srisukh, Secretary General for the Office for Atomic Energy for Peace. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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