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SUBJ: PRAPHAT DECIDES NOT TO VISIT USSR

REF: BANGKOK 3038

1. DURING NEWS CONFERENCE APRIL 7, GENERAL PRAPHAT SAID THAT HE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO GO ON THE THAI INTERNATIONAL INAUGURAL FLIGHT TO MOSCOW IN JUNE AS HE HAD ORIGINALLY PLANNED (REFTEL 1) BECAUSE "THE SITUATION IS VERY SERIOUS AT PRESENT AND I DON'T THINK I'LL BE ABLE TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY AND GO ANYWHERE." IT APPEARED FROM HIS SUBSEQUENT REMARKS THAT HE WAS REFERRING TO THE PRESENT MILITARY SITUATION IN VIETNAM.

2. [redacted] PRAPHAT HAD DECIDED AGAINST MAKING THE TRIP BECAUSE HE FELT THAT WOULD SUGGEST A CLOSER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND THAILAND THAN ACTUALLY EXISTED. GP-1.

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