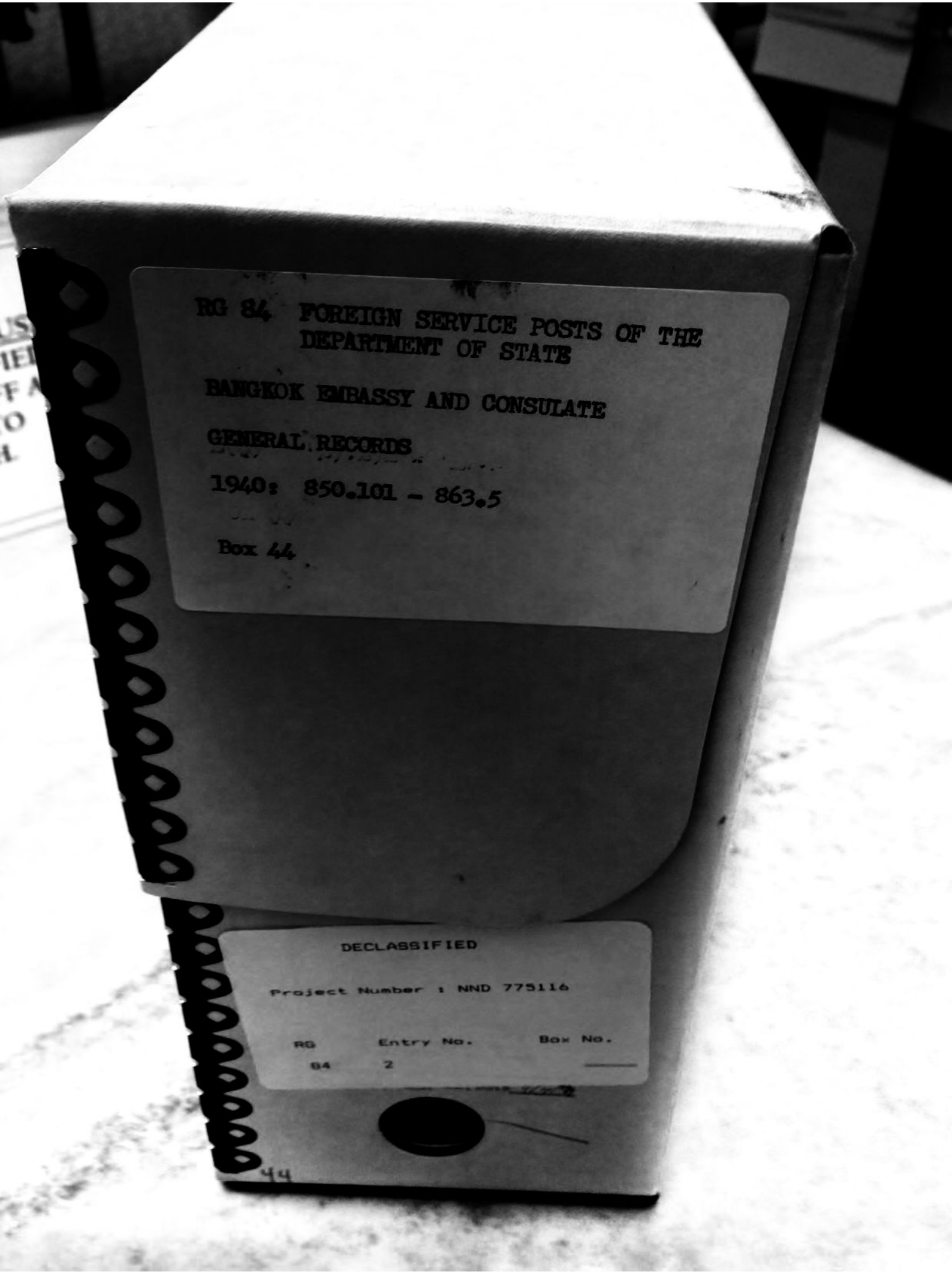

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TREASURY RULING REGARDING THE BRINGING INTO THE UNITED STATES OF SECURITIES; TREATMENT OF CONSULAR MAIL AND PACKAGES.

To

Certain American Diplomatic Officers.

Sirs:

There is enclosed for your information a copy of a circular communication sent on July 16, 1940 to certain Chiefs of Mission at Washington, referring to General Ruling No. 5 of the Treasury Department, dated June 6, 1940, and requesting that it be brought to the attention of their respective governments. A copy is also enclosed of General Ruling No. 5, which provides that the sending, mailing, importing or otherwise bringing into the United States, on and after June 7, 1940, from any foreign country, of any securities or evidences thereof or the receiving or holding in the United States of any securities or evidences thereof so brought into the United States is prohibited, except on condition that such securities and evidences thereof be immediately delivered for examination to a Federal Reserve bank as fiscal agent of the United States.

On July 22 instructions were issued that no examination under General Ruling No. 5 should be made with respect to the following: (1) Sealed letters addressed to a consular officer by his Government or by a diplomatic officer or another consular officer of his Government and bearing the official seal of his Government; (2) official consular pouches; and (3) packages addressed to a consular officer bearing the official seal of his Government and accompanied by certificates under such seal to the effect that they contain only official communications or documents.

Very truly yours,

For the Secretary of State:

BRECKINRIDGE LONG

Enclosures:
Copy of circular,
July 16, 1940;
General Ruling No. 5.

Index under:
Treasury Ruling Regarding the Bringing into the United States of Securities;
Treatment of Consular Mail and Packages.
Securities:
Treasury Ruling Regarding the Bringing into the United States of.
Mail, Consular;
Treatment of, and Packages.
Embassy or Legation File No. 851.

The Secretary of State presents his compliments to Their Excellencies and Messieurs the Chiefs of Mission and encloses copies of a Treasury Department ruling of June 6, 1940 entitled "General Ruling No. 5 under Section 5(b) of the Act of October 6, 1917 (40 Stat. 411), as amended, Executive Order No. 8389 of April 10, 1940, as amended, and Regulations Issued Pursuant Thereto, and Under All Other Authority of Law". Particular attention is invited to the statement that the sending, mailing, importing or otherwise bringing into the United States, on and after June 7, 1940, from any foreign country, of any securities or evidences thereof, or the receiving or holding in the United States of any securities or evidences thereof so brought into the United States is prohibited, except on condition that such securities and evidences thereof be immediately delivered for examination to a Federal Reserve bank as fiscal agent of the United States.

Their Excellencies and Messieurs the Chiefs of Mission are asked to bring this ruling to the attention of their respective governments, requesting cooperation to insure that official diplomatic and consular pouches, mail, and packages are not used in a manner inconsistent with the ruling, and that diplomatic and consular officers, their families, staffs, and suites, strictly observe the provisions of the ruling as to person and baggage.

Extra copies of the Treasury Department ruling are enclosed for the use of the Chiefs of Mission in bringing the ruling to the attention of the several consular officers in this country under their jurisdiction.

Enclosures:

Copies of ruling.

Department of State,

Washington, July 16, 1940

Buenos Aires, Argentina

La Paz, Bolivia

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Sofia, Bulgaria

Santiago, Chile

Chungking, China

Peiping, China

Nanking, China

Bogotá, Colombia

San José, Costa Rica

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Cairo, Egypt

San Salvador, El Salvador

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