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AIDE DE CAMP TO FIELD MARSHAL THANOM

Chalom Wismol

Pronunciation: CHAH-LAWM WIT-MAWN (Colonel)

May be addressed and referred to by his rank and first name.

Colonel Chalom Wismol has been attached to Supreme Headquarters since 1959 and has had many previous American contacts as Executive Officer in 1956-57 of a Thai infantry company stationed in Korea and when he attended the U.S. Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, in 1963-64.

An American acquaintance reported in 1966 that Colonel Chalom was anticipating an assignment to Washington as Thai Military Attache in 1967, but this has not yet occurred.

Chalom was born on November 4, 1924, in Rayong, near the Cambodian border of eastern Thailand. He entered the Thai Military Academy in 1941 following his graduation from high school, and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in 1947. He served as a line officer in the field until 1954 when he was appointed Aide de Camp to the Commanding General of the First Army (then Major General Thanom Kittikachorn). In 1957, after returning from service in Korea, he was assigned to the 21st Infantry Regiment and attended the Thai Command and General Staff College. Following his similar course in the United States, he returned to Thailand in 1964 and again became ADC to Thanom. He accompanied the Prime Minister on his visit to inspect Thai troops in South Vietnam in January 1968.

Chalom is married, and his wife's name is Suwanee. They have two sons and two daughters. He speaks excellent English.

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