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LEGATION OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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No. 239. Bangkok, June 20, 1935.

SUBJECT: Land Tenure by Americans in Siam. C. 10/3158

BY AIR MAIL

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Sir:

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The Honorable The Secretary of State, Washington, D. C.

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At the time the government surveying party were working in Lampang the mission requested informally that its properties be surveyed pending the official authorization as a step in granting title. The survey was completed in the manner suggested by the mission, that is, in five blocks which included all the minor holdings acquired at different times. Since the survey was made unofficially it could not be referred to by the Legation, but the data are on file in the Land Records Department of the Ministry of Lands and Agriculture and their authenticity can be established when the Ministry of Foreign Affairs consents to the issuance of titles.

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interpretation of the treaty, since the circumstances are specially provided for by the exchange of notes bearing the date of the treaty, and it is perhaps for this reason that it has been taken up by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at this time. The excuses mentioned
4-5/. by that Ministry for the delay of fifteen months in replying to the note of February 17, 1934, hardly seem sufficient and there is no reason to assume that the matter will proceed with greater celerity in the future, or that further objection will not be made to the maps and descriptions forwarded with the Legation's note No. 110 of May 31, 1935, although they appeared to be perfectly clear. Another possible source of dif-
ficulty is the fact that the records of purchase which the mission may formerly have possessed have for the most part disappeared in the course of time and there have been no permanent land records in Lampang
6/. in the past to which confirmatory reference could be made, although continuous undisturbed possession for mission purposes for many years could be readily established, except in the case of one small parcel acquired about 1929. The Legation is prepared to continue its cooperation with the American Presbyterian Mission in this case to the extent that may be considered advisable by the Department. Copies of the
1-2/. note from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs dated May 22, 1935, and of the Legation's reply by note No. 110 of May 31, 1935, are enclosed.

3/. There is also enclosed a copy of a letter from the firm Baguley and Tooth, attorneys for the Standard-Vacuum Oil Company in Bangkok, to the company, dated

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May 31, 1935, concerning the efforts made to obtain the transfer of title of a property at Ratboonah, in Dhonburi, across the Menam River from Bangkok proper.

Enclosures:
Office, dated May 22, 1935.
dated May 31, 1935.

On November 15, 1934, and again on December 17, 1934, this Legation addressed notes to the Ministry of

4-5/. Foreign Affairs, copies of which are enclosed, to which no specific reply has been received. It will be noted that the only question involved is the change of the name of the owner, to be effected by a deed of transfer from the Standard Oil Company of New York to the Standard-Vacuum Oil Company, which has taken over the assets and liabilities of the former company in Siam. The latter company is duly registered in Siam and is doing business on the same basis as its predecessors. Attention is called especially to the last paragraph of the letter from Baguley and Tooth.

and Solicitors, to the Standard-Vacuum Oil Company.
d. Copy of note No. [illegible] to the Siamese Foreign Office, dated
e. Copy of note No. [illegible] to the Siamese Foreign Office, dated
f. Translation of letter, dated June 16, 1927.

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6/. It is interesting to read the enclosed text of a letter from the Minister of Foreign Affairs to the Minister of Land and Agriculture, dated June 16, 1927, copies of which were furnished to the officers in charge of the various land registration offices shortly thereafter. The Siamese text was copied from the files of a land office and the translation was privately made in Bangkok.

Respectfully,

James M. Baker

James M. Baker,
American Minister.

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Enclosure No. 1 [illegible] dated [illegible], 1935
June 20, 1935, from the Legation of [illegible].

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Enclosures:

1. Copy of note No. C. 10/3158 from the Foreign Office, dated May 22, 1935.
2. Copy of note No. 110 to the Foreign Office, dated May 31, 1935.
3. Copy of letter from Baguley and Tooth, Advocates and Solicitors, to the Standard-Vacuum Oil Company, dated May 31, 1935.
4. Copy of note No. 65 to the Foreign Office, dated November 15, 1934.
5. Copy of note No. 72 to the Foreign Office, dated December 17, 1934.
6. Translation of letter, dated June 16, 1927.

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It would seem that the list of land [illegible] filed with Your Excellency's letter of [illegible] ery, 1934, somewhat differs from the list [illegible] Mission in 1922 and is too general and [illegible] rather difficult for the local authorities [illegible] It would facilitate the consideration of the matter if the Mission could be requested to file a list showing all the lands in their possession with [illegible] data and giving definite information [illegible] piece of land, such as its [illegible] whom and how and from whom it was acquired, etc. Upon receipt of this list, I shall [illegible] fresh enquiry to be made [illegible].

I avail myself of this opportunity, [illegible] Minister, to renew to [illegible] my highest consideration.

(SIGNED) [illegible]
Chief Counsellor
for Foreign Affairs

His Excellency
Monsieur James M. Baker,
Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary
of the United States of America.
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No. C.10/3158

Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Saranromya Palace,
22nd May, 1935.

Monsieur le Ministre,

I have the honour to refer to Your Excellency's letter dated the 17th February last, enclosing a list of the land holdings of the American Presbyterian Mission at Lampang together with a map showing the location of the holdings and requesting that title-deeds may be issued therefor in accordance with the letter from the Siamese Minister at Washington to the Acting Secretary of State dated the 16th December, 1920.

In compliance with Your Excellency's request, I have the honour to state that it would seem that the list of land holdings filed with Your Excellency's letter of the 17th February, 1934, somewhat differs from the list filed by the Mission in 1922 and is too general and vague. It is rather difficult for the local authorities to check. It would facilitate the consideration of the matter if the Mission could be requested to file a list showing all the lands in their possession down to date and giving definite information concerning each piece of land, such as its dimension, location and when and how and from whom it was acquired. On the receipt of this list, I shall be glad to cause a fresh enquiry to be made into this matter.

I avail myself of this opportunity, Monsieur le Ministre, to renew to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

(SIGNED) PHYA PHAHOL
State Councillor
for Foreign Affairs.

His Excellency
Phya Phahol Phulphayuhn Senā,
His Siamese Majesty's State Councillor
for Foreign Affairs,

His Excellency
Monsieur James M. Baker,
Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary
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No. 110

LEGATION OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Bangkok, May 31, 1935.

Excellency:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's letter of May 22, 1935, No. C. 10/3158, in reply to mine of February 17, 1934, with regard to the desire of the American Presbyterian Mission to obtain title deeds to its land holdings at Lampang.

In compliance with Your Excellency's suggestion that the Mission file a list showing all the lands in their possession down to date and giving definite information concerning each piece of land, in order to facilitate the consideration of the matter, I am forwarding herewith a list prepared by the Mission describing each of the fourteen pieces of land held at Lampang, together with a rough map locating the properties with respect to each other and a map suggesting a manner of simplifying the cadastral survey by dividing the total holdings into five blocks, rather than surveying each piece separately. It is hoped that with these data the local authorities will have no further difficulty in completing their investigation.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

(SIGNED) JAMES M. BAKER.

His Excellency
Phya Phahol Pholphayuha Sena,
His Siamese Majesty's State Councillor
for Foreign Affairs,
etc. Bangkok.

Enclosures:
List and two maps,
in duplicate.

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BAGULEY & TOOTH

B:J No. 82

Bangkok, Siam,
31st May 1935

Your ref: No. 80 (File 20-X)

Messrs The Standard-Vacuum Oil Company,
B A N G K O K.

Dear Sirs,

re Transfer of Property at Ratboonah

Replying to your letter of the 22nd May with regard to the transfer of your Ratboonah installation, the only records which we have of correspondence with Government Departments are as follows:-

1st Nov. 1934: Letter from Land and Mines Department stating that application from American subjects concerning rights over land should be presented to the Foreign Office through the American Legation.

29th Nov. 1934: Our letter to the Foreign Office asking when our clients could attend at the Land Office for completion of the transfer.

26th Dec. 1934: Our letter to the Foreign Office stating that no permission to the transfer had yet been received and asking to be informed whether there was any error in the application.

It would thus appear that the present position is one of immobility. The Land and Mines Department (under the Minister of Agriculture) refuse to move until the consent of the Foreign Office is received, and the latter appears unwilling to take any action at all.

We therefore had an interview with the Foreign Office on the 29th May to ascertain their views on the subject. We were informed that the Siamese Government had transmitted their interpretation of the last treaty to the Government of the United States of America for their concurrence, and until the two Governments had reached a decision no orders could be made in settlement of this matter.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/- Baguley & Tooth.

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No. 65

LEGATION OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Bangkok, November 15, 1934.

Excellency:

I have the honor to forward herewith Title Deed No. 1526 relating to a parcel of land at Ratboonah owned by the Standard Oil Company of New York, an American company, and a draft copy of an agreement by the terms of which title in the said land is desired to be transferred by the Standard Oil Company of New York to the Standard-Vacuum Oil Company, also an American company.

I am informed that the reason for the desire to transfer title in this land is the fact that the assets and liabilities of the Standard Oil Company of New York have been taken over by the Standard-Vacuum Oil Company.

It is hoped that Your Excellency may find it possible to obtain permission for transfer of title to be effected and that the appropriate authorities may be notified to that effect.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

(SIGNED) JAMES M. BAKER.

His Excellency
Phya Phahol Pholphayuha Sena,
His Siamese Majesty's State Councillor
for Foreign Affairs,
Bangkok.

Enclosures:
Title Deed No. 1526
Draft of Transfer Agreement.

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Enclosure No. 5 to despatch No. 239, dated June 20, 1935, from the Legation at Bangkok.

No. 72.

LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Excellency:

I have the honor to refer to my notes Nos. 22 and 65 of April 10, 1934, and November 15, 1934, respectively, with regard to the desire of the Standard-Vacuum Oil Company to acquire title to certain pieces of land in Siam.

It appears that the business now being conducted in Siam by the Standard-Vacuum Oil Company, an American company, is a continuation and outgrowth of the businesses initiated in Bangkok by the Standard Oil Company of New York in the year 1905 and by the Vacuum Oil Company about the year 1916. Mr. S. M. Kirkman, Manager in Bangkok for the Standard-Vacuum Oil Company, has furnished to this Legation data with regard to the changes in the corporate organization which have occurred and the firm names under which the business at present carried on in the name of the Standard-Vacuum Oil Company has operated in Bangkok continuously since the year 1905. I append these data in the expectation that they may be of assistance in clarifying the situation with respect to the properties, title to which the Standard-Vacuum Oil Company wishes to obtain, and in the hope that an early decision will be reached.

PERIOD OF OPERATION UNDER EACH FIRM NAME

Standard Oil Co. of N. Y.	1905 to Nov. 11, 1931
Standard Oil Co. of N. Y., Inc.	Nov. 12, 1931, to July 31, 1932
Socony-Vacuum Corporation	Aug. 1, 1932, to Mar. 31, 1934
Standard-Vacuum Oil Co.	Apr. 1, 1934, to present date.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

(SIGNED) JAMES M. ...

His Excellency
Phya Prabul Dhaibundha Sena,
Minister of Foreign Affairs,
Bangkok.

CORPORATE ORGANIZATION OF STANDARD-VACUUM OIL COMPANY

Standard Oil Company of New York (Subsidiary of Socony-Vacuum Corporation)	Incorporated in the State of New York August 10, 1882. Opened Bangkok office 1905.
Name changed to: Socony-Vacuum Corporation	July 30, 1931. Certificate of change of name filed with American Consulate General, Bangkok, January 30, 1932.

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Standard Oil Company of New York, Inc. (Subsidiary of Socony-Vacuum Corporation)	Incorporated in the State of New York August 21, 1931. Certificate of incorporation recorded at American Consulate General, Bangkok, January 5, 1932. All agents, dealers, etc., advised that from November 12, 1931, the business of the Standard Oil Company of New York would be carried on in the name of Standard Oil Company of New York, Inc.
Socony-Vacuum Corporation	Operated in this name from August 1, 1932, taking over interests of both Standard Oil Company of New York, Inc., and Vacuum Oil Company, Inc., subsidiaries.
Standard-Vacuum Oil Company (Jointly owned by Socony-Vacuum Corporation and Standard Oil Company (of New Jersey)	Incorporated in the State of Delaware September 7, 1933. Certificate of Incorporation recorded at American Consulate General, Bangkok, March 1, 1934. Took over business of Socony-Vacuum Corporation April 1, 1934.

CORPORATE ORGANIZATION OF VACUUM OIL COMPANY, INC.

Vacuum Oil Company	Incorporated in the State of New York, etc. Opened Bangkok Office about 1916.
Vacuum Oil Company, Inc. (Subsidiary of Socony-Vacuum Corporation)	Incorporated in the State of New York July 28, 1931, for the acquiring business of Vacuum Oil Company. Certificate of Incorporation filed with American Consulate General, Bangkok, November 13, 1931.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

(SIGNED) JAMES M. BAKER.

His Excellency
Phya Phahol Pholphayuha Sena,
His Siamese Majesty's State Councillor
for Foreign Affairs,
Bangkok.

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TRANSLATION

With highest regards to Your Excellency,

(Copy) No. 17/5760. I have ... Saranromya Gardens,
Bar,
Your 16th June B.E. 2470 (1927)
(SIGNED) TRIDOS PHABULD,
Minister of Foreign Affairs.

To H.E. First Grand Councillor Chao Phya Boladeb,
Minister of Land and Agriculture.

Certified ... copy:
(Sd.) Phya ... Sunthi.

Your Excellency,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of Your Excellency's letter No. 22/1016 dated 26th May this year stating that the contents of the amended treaty signed with foreign countries as to what nations are entitled to own land are rather difficult for you to understand in their general sense. The Ministry of Land and Agriculture takes it that

(1) The Nations which are entitled to own land as the Siamese are the English, French, Japanese, Danes, Spanish, Portuguese, Dutch, Norwegians, Italians, Belgians and Luxemburg;

(2) The Nations which are not entitled to own land as the Siamese are the Germans and Americans;

and that you should like to have my confirmation as to whether or not my understanding is correct, so that you may give instructions to your subordinates to act accordingly.

In reply I beg to advise that

(1) The names of the nations mentioned by Your Excellency as being entitled to own land as the Siamese are correct with the exception that another nation should be included, namely the Swedish who also enjoy the rights of the most favoured nations as called for by the new treaty.

(2) Your assertion that the Germans and the Americans are not entitled to own land as the Siamese, as is stated in the treaty, is quite correct; but with regard to the Americans Your Excellency would have known that in practice the Americans are allowed to buy land in Siam by submitting their application to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and although this may contradict with the rules laid down in the old decree of the 4th reign His Majesty's Government still gives permission to such applications as an indication

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of our friendly attitude towards the American Nation.

No. With highest regards to Your Excellency,

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,
(SIGNED) TRIDOS PRABHAND,
Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Certified correct:

(Sd.) Phya Amnuey Tabienkij.
23/6/27.

A true copy of the signed original

With reference to your note no. 107 and no. 120 of April 2, 1927, and no. 487 of June 2, 1927, in regard to the particular manner in which Siamese vessels [illegible] the Holding Act [illegible] particular reference to note [illegible] Siamese vessels reported [illegible] above mentioned, that the Siamese Government desires a formal statement from this Government in regard to the right of Siamese subjects to own land in the several States of the United States.

The Department has ascertained concerning the [illegible] of the several States regarding land ownership in order to be able to inform the Siamese authorities in response to their inquiry. When replies have been received from those authorities the Department will endeavor to supply the Siamese Government with the information desired.

For your further information it may be stated that the Department is giving consideration to the question of

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No. 107

The Honorable

James M. Baker,

American Minister,

Bangkok.

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Sir:

Reference is made to your despatches No. 197 and No. 198 of April 4, 1935, and No. 239 of June 20, 1935, in regard to the attitude assumed by the Siamese Government toward the holding of land in Siam by American citizens. Particular reference is made to the statement of the Foreign Minister, reported in your despatch No. 198 above mentioned, that the Siamese Government desires a formal statement from this Government in regard to the right of Siamese subjects to own land in the several States of the United States.

The Department has addressed communications to the authorities of the several States requesting that authoritative information be supplied in regard to State laws affecting the right of Siamese subjects to own land. When replies have been received from these authorities the Department will endeavor to supply you with the data requested by the Siamese Government.

For your further information it may be stated that the Department is giving consideration to the problem of land

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land tenure by American citizens in Siam, and will ex-
pect to inform you of its conclusions at a later date.
Your interest in this matter, as evidenced by your
despatches, is appreciated by the Department.

Very truly yours,

For the Secretary of State:

William Phillips

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September 19, 1935

In reply refer to
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Same letter to all Governors — Sept. 19
on H.S.R.

The Honorable

The Governor of Alabama,

Montgomery.

Sir:

In connection with pending discussions between the Governments of the United States and Siam in regard to the ownership and leasing of land in Siam by American citizens, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Siam has requested an official statement with regard to the right of Siamese subjects - who are ineligible to American citizenship - to own land in the several States.

In order that the Department may make an authoritative statement in compliance with the request of the Siamese Foreign Office, the authorities of the several States are being requested to furnish official texts of their respective laws applicable to the question of ownership or lease of land by Siamese subjects, together with any supplementary information that may be deemed useful in replying to the inquiry of the Siamese Foreign Office.

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I should accordingly be grateful if you would be good enough to furnish the Department copies of, or adequate excerpts from the laws of Alabama which determine whether Siamese subjects may own or lease land in that State, together with any supplementary information which may be pertinent to the inquiry of the Siamese Foreign Office.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Cordell Hull

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