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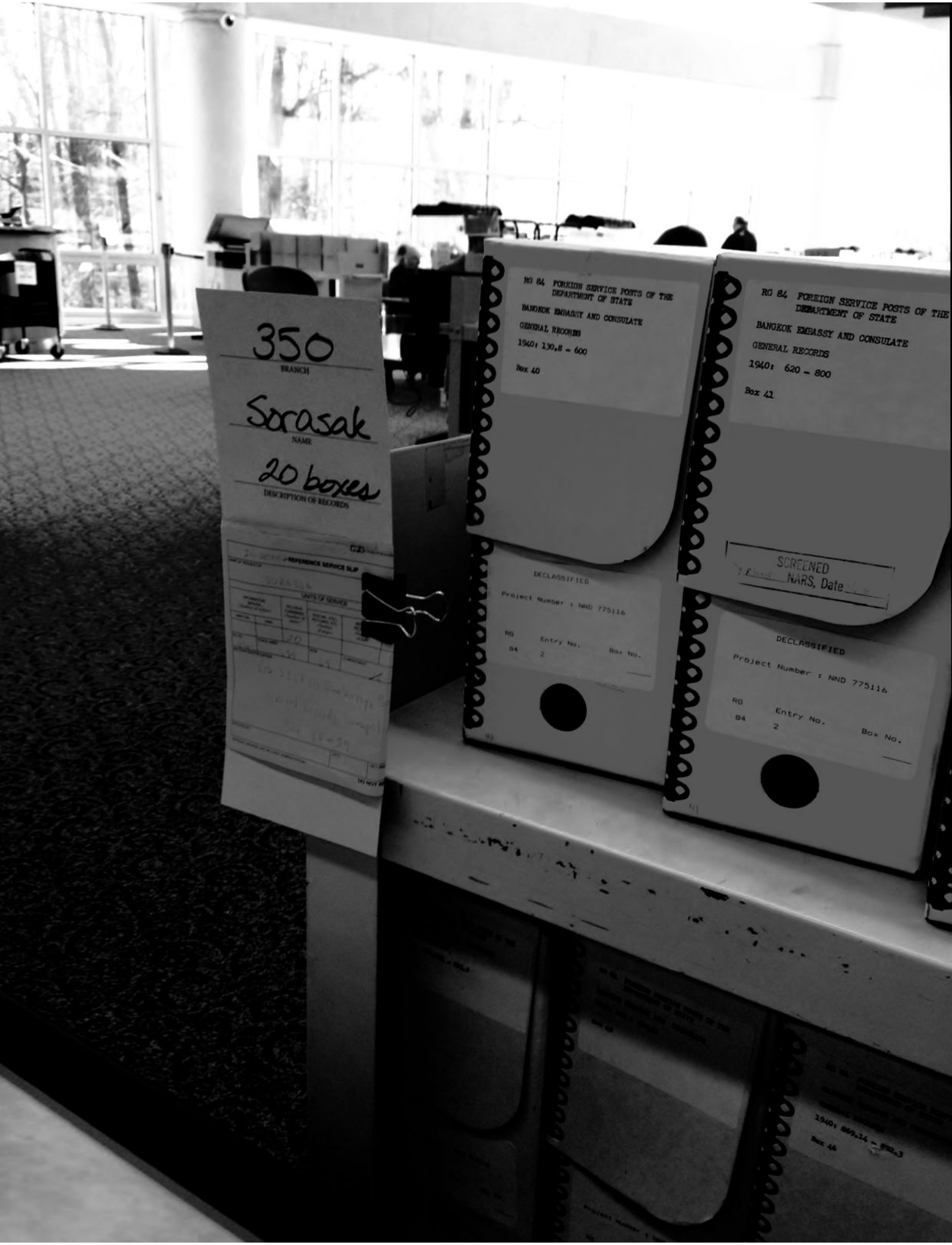
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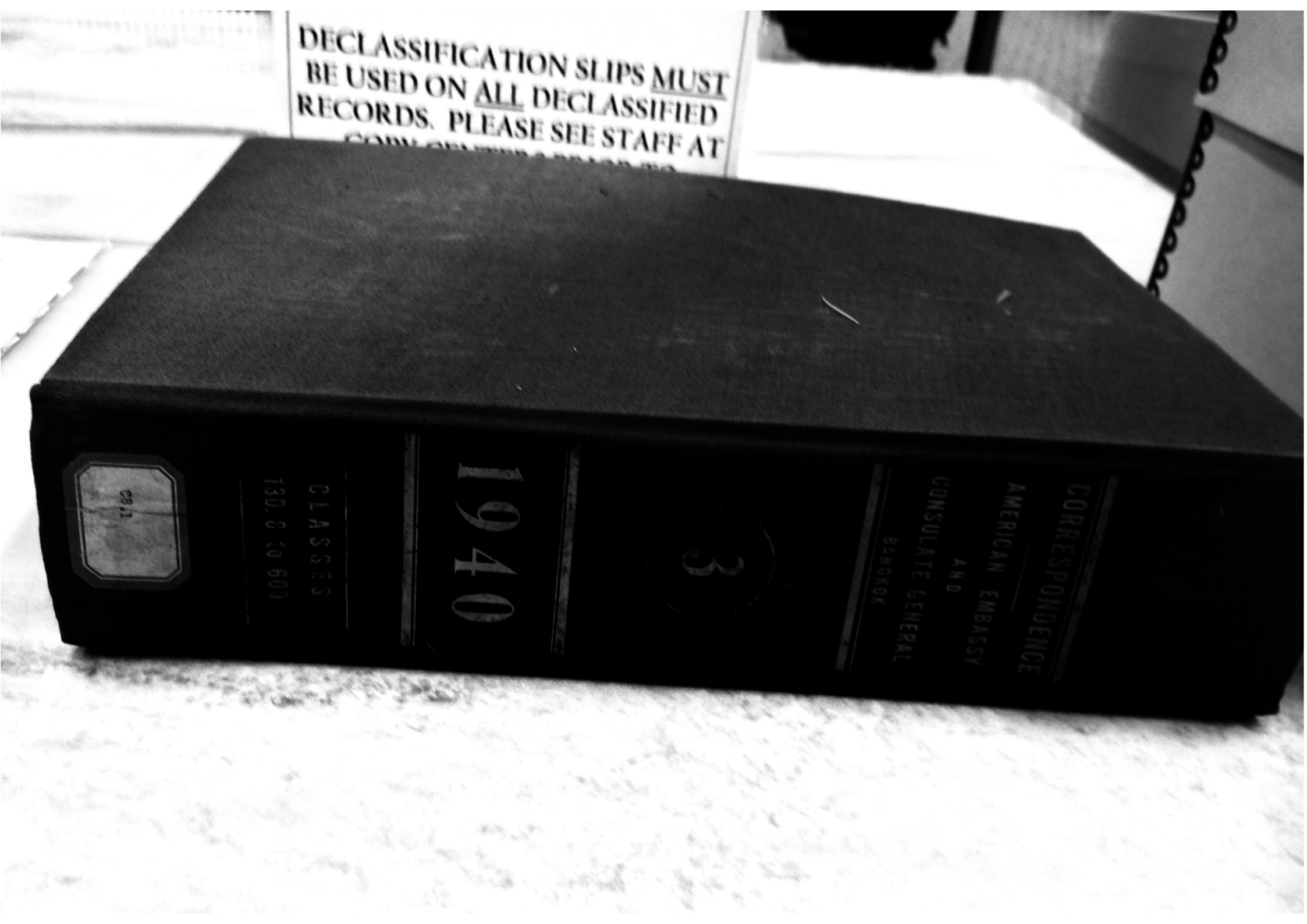
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SECTION I - GENERAL ECONOMIC SITUATION

Economic conditions in Thailand during 1939 were satisfactory. The foreign trade of the country increased, the industrialization program of the Government was furthered, the road building scheme made good progress, extension of the railway system continued, irrigation work was carried on, the Bangkok port improvement project was begun, and the farm cooperative movement was expanded. Despite the war in China and, during the latter part of the year, the war in Europe, business activity was well sustained. Trade relations with foreign countries were maintained and strengthened. A large amount of economic legislation designed to improve economic conditions in the country was passed and put into effect.

Government revenues were increased by means of an advance in many import duty rates and the introduction of a new Revenue Code incorporating certain new forms of taxation. Although large expenditures were made from public funds for national defense and industrial projects involving the outlay of capital funds, the financial position of the treasury remained sound. Conversion of Sterling securities in the Currency Reserve into gold immediately prior to the outbreak of the European war netted the Government a large profit.

The prosperity of the country is largely dependent upon the success of the rice crop. 1938 was a good crop year and this was reflected in the rice trade of 1939. The demand for Thai rice in the principal markets continued throughout the year. The 1939 rice crop was normal, thereby guaranteeing satisfactory trade prospects in this important commodity during the ensuing year. The next most important products that enter into the export trade of the country - tin and

rubber

rubber - were produced and exported in increasingly large quantities at favorable prices during 1939.

Economic nationalism as a Government policy was an important development during 1939. This policy manifested itself in the formation of a large number of native Thai trading companies, and plans to inaugurate still more Government-owned industries, some of which are monopolistic in character. While some doubt exists as to the soundness of the Government's industrialization program, the results obtained during 1939 were not without promise, and it may be said that a fair measure of progress was achieved.

Summing up, 1939, despite the discouraging international situation, was on the whole a good year for Thailand.

SECTION II

	Imports		Exports		Favorable balance
	Baht	U.S.$	Baht	U.S.$	U.S.$
37	114,777,368	31,649,818	176,170,695	79,276,768	27,626,952
38	118,837,327	53,239,122	198,198,265	92,792,822	33,353,700
39*	171,098,832+	71,057,548	170,345,465	70,744,472	

* First ten months of 1939.

\+ Includes Government imports of gold bullion valued at Baht 64,832,897 (about US$26,920,949).

Imports

Imports through the port of Bangkok include about 90 per cent of the import trade of the country. The values of the principal commodities imported into Bangkok during the first ten months of 1939, with comparative figures for the entire year 1938, are given below:

	Baht	
Textile manufactures, mostly cotton goods, 1938	90,726,788	
1939 (10 months)	17,493,880	

SECTION II - FOREIGN TRADE

Imports into Thailand during the first ten months of the calendar year 1939 from all countries had an approximate total value of Baht 171,098,832 (about US$71,057,345), compared with actual total imports for the year 1938 of Baht 118,837,327 (about US$53,239,122).

Exports from Thailand during the first ten months of 1939 to all countries amounted in value to approximately Baht 170,345,465 (about US$70,744,472), compared with an actual value of Baht 198,198,263 (about US$88,792,822) in 1938.

Total imports and exports for the year 1937, 1938 and 1939 are tabulated below for purposes of comparison:

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		Baht	U.S.$
Textile manufactures, mostly cotton goods,	1938	20,794,790	9,316,066
	1939 (10 months)	17,423,228	7,235,867

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