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Memorandum of Conversation

DATE: May 9, 1968
Time: 1:00 p. m.
Place: Madison Room
Dept. of State

SUBJECT: Cambodia (Part III of V)

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PARTICIPANTS: Thai

Foreign Minister Thanat Khoman
Ambassador Bunchana Attakorn
UN Ambassador Anand Panyarachun

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The Secretary
Assistant Secretary William P. Bundy
Ambassador Leonard Unger
Mr. Graham Martin, Special Assistant to the Secretary
Assistant Secretary John R. Petty, Treasury
Mr. Dana Orwick

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Thanat asked whether we would be sending Ambassador Bowles to Cambodia again. The Secretary replied we were not pressing to re-establish relations. We were not interested in sending an Ambassador who, as happened before, might not be able to present his credentials or, if he did present his credentials, would have to be prepared to be sent packing whenever it seemed to suit the whim or propaganda advantage of the Cambodians. The Secretary elaborated his attitude on the traditional rights and role of a legation. The purpose of legation is to provide for contact and maintenance of communication, particularly at times when there might be tense issues of border incursions, etc. A number of Arab countries broke relations with us at the time of the June war, alleging our assistance to Israel. The Secretary indicated he was quite content to wait for them to initiate action on restoration of diplomatic relations.

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