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Memorandum for: NSC Secretariat
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Subject: Original of Letter to the President from Thai Head of Government

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Attached is the original letter to President Nixon from Thailand's National Executive Council Chairman, who is now Prime Minister, Field Marshal Thanom Kittikachorn, congratulating the President on his reelection and commenting on the Indochina situation. The text of the letter, which is dated "December 1972" and was received at our Embassy in Bangkok on December 13, was earlier transmitted in Bangkok 17465. We understand that General Haig is carrying a letter from the President, which may answer Thanom's letter, with him on his current trip to Southeast Asia.

The letter attached is provided for your information and files.

Secretariat Staff

Attachment:

Letter from Thanom,
December, 1972

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CINCPAC FOR POLAD

SUBJECT: REPATRIATION OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN THAILAND.

REF: A. BANGKOK 3453 Pol 7 Viet S
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1. REFTELS REPORTED DIFFERENCE OF VIEW BETWEEN RTG, WHICH WISHES TO SEND TO SVN ABOUT 3000 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN THAILAND WHO REGISTERED GVN EMBASSY BANGKOK, AND GVN, WHICH OPPOSES FORCED RELOCATION. ON MARCH 13 GVN SOCIAL WELFARE MINISTER TRAN NGON PHIEU (WHO ACCOMPANIED PRIMIN KHIEM TO BANGKOK LAST WEEK) RESTATED GVN POSITION TO SEMI-OFFICIAL VIETNAM PRESS IN WHAT IS APPARENTLY FIRST PUBLIC SAIGON AIRING OF THIS ISSUE.

2. PHIEU REPORTEDLY SAID RTG ENFORCED ITS ARGUMENTS FOR RELOCATION WITH ASSERTION THAT IT HAD NEVER APPROVED REFUGEES SETTLING PERMANENTLY IN THAILAND AND HAD ISSUED ONLY TEMPORARY RESIDENCE PERMITS FOR CONTROL PURPOSES. HE MAINTAINED, HOWEVER, THAT AFTER THEIR LONG (20 YEAR) RESIDENCE IN THAILAND, VIETNAMESE WHO BEHAVE PROPERLY AND POSE NO SECURITY PROBLEM "HAVE THE RIGHT ... IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL LAWS ... TO CONTINUE TO LIVE THERE". PHIEU ADDED THAT GVN IS READY

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CINCPAC FOR POLAD

SUBJECT: PRIMIN KHIEM'S VISIT TO THAILAND

REF : BANGKOK 3453

1. FONMIN LAM, WHO ACCOMPANIED PRIMIN KHIEM ON GOOD WILL VISIT TO THAILAND MARCH 10-12, TOLD MIN POL THAT FROM GVN STANDPOINT VISIT GENERALLY WENT WELL. LAM CONFIRMED PRESS REPORTS (REFTEL) THAT SUBSTANTIVE TALKS CENTERED ON RICE, FISHERIES, THAI TROOPS IN SVN AND VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN THAILAND. HE MADE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON EACH:

2. RICE. WHEREAS THIS YEAR THAIS ARE ALONE IN HAVING RICE SURPLUS, SVN WOULD PROBABLY BEGIN TO PRODUCE IN SURPLUS STARTING IN 1972. RTG EXPRESSED CONCERN RE US RICE EXPORT PRACTICES (PARTICULARLY VIS-A-VIS INDONESIA), AND PROPOSED ESTABLISHING JOING COMMITTEE TO STUDY VARIOUS ASPECTS OF RICE PROBLEM INCLUDING FUTURE COORDINA-

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