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To complete the Department's records, there is enclosed a copy of a letter to the Ambassador from Foreign Minister Thanat's Secretary enclosing a copy of a message Thanat sent to the Thai Embassy in Washington for the Embassy to convey to the Secretary.

In the message Thanat expressed his appreciation for the Secretary's August 26 message to him (STATE 143765) reassuring him on the U. S. commitment to Thailand embodied in SEATO.

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MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
Sarandrom Palace

September 11, 1969

Excellency,

I have been instructed by His Excellency the Minister of Foreign Affairs to acknowledge, with deep appreciation, the receipt of Your Excellency's Notes dated August 26, 1969 and No. 758 dated September 11, 1969 respectively, and to transmit for your information a copy of the message sent to the Royal Thai Embassy in Washington to be conveyed to the Honorable William P. Rogers, Secretary of State of the United States of America, containing matters relative to the above-mentioned Notes.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

(Birabhongse Kasemsri)
Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs

His Excellency
Mr. Leonard Unger,
Ambassador of the United States of America,
BANGKOK.

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...se convey my deep and sincere appreciation to the Honorable ... P. Rogers, Secretary of State of the United States of America, ... thoughtful and reassuring message which reached me on August 28, ... through the good offices of the American Embassy in Bangkok.

I am deeply gratified to know that both the President and the ...ecretary of State are keenly aware of the importance which the Royal Thai Government attaches to the continuing relationship of mutually beneficial cooperation between our countries in the interests of the security of Southeast Asia and those of our two nations.

I am also appreciative of the understanding shown by the Secretary of the Thai position on the urgent need to take some measures to counter the campaign of misrepresentation perpetrated against Thailand by certain Congressional and press circles in the United States. As Ambassador Unger may have reported to the Secretary, the result of our counteraction has apparently been effective in blunting the mounting assaults which would otherwise have unfavourably involved Thailand's good name in the embroglio of American domestic politics to the detriment of the cordial relations existing between our two friendly Governments and peoples.

The discussions which I have initiated with Ambassador Unger, and the meeting between the military representatives of both sides, have served to clarify the unhealthy situation and, I hope, to restore the perspectives to public understanding which have been lost in the confusion created by the unworthy campaigns to discredit our common efforts.

I look forward to meeting with the Secretary during the forthcoming United Nations General Assembly Session, and accept his invitation to attend a meeting of the representatives of the Troop Contributing Countries on September 20, 1969, at the United States Mission in New York.

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