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March 8, 1971

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MEMORANDUM FOR STATE SECRETARIAT

SUBJECT: Invitation to King of Thailand
(S/S 7103239)

In reference to Mrs. Davis' memorandum to Mr. Eliot of March 5 (LDX) and persuant to her conversation with State Secretariat this evening, I am forwarding the letter from the President to the King of Thailand to be dispatched by the Department.

Also attached is a copy for your distribution.

Steven S. Shrader Jr.
John H. Murphy
NSC Secretariat

Attachments: 1. Letter to the King of Thailand
2. State Secretariat Copy

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MEMORANDUM FOR

Mr. Theodore L. Eliot, Jr.
Executive Secretary
Department of State

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Attached is the approved draft of the letter to the King of Thailand from the President which Ambassador Kennedy is to deliver. The signed original will follow. We suggest the following paragraph be included in the telegram following the text of the letter:

"White House does not plan to release text of letter. We would prefer no release until WH has received King's response. If Thai raise question of release, inform them you will have to coordinate timing with Washington."

Jeanne W. Davis
Staff Secretary

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APPROVED TEXT OF LETTER TO KING OF THAILAND

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While I can understand that the heavy responsibilities of Your Majesty's high office as well as the ceremonies connected with the twenty-fifth anniversary of Your Majesty's accession to the Throne may make it difficult for you to be absent from Thailand for any extended period of time this year, it has occurred to me that 1971 might also be an especially appropriate year for Your Majesty to visit again the land of your birth. I have noted with pleasure and appreciation the decision of Your Majesties to permit your daughter to continue her education in this country, and a visit might also make it possible for Her Royal Highness to participate in the visit and the voyage associated with it.

Mrs. Nixon and I have the fondest memories of the warm hospitality extended to us in Thailand during our 1969 visit. It would give us the greatest of pleasure to reciprocate this hospitality.

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Depending on the timing of a visit and your desires, we would be equally gratified if Your Majesties' schedule permitted either a state visit to Washington or a less formal and more intimate visit to our home in San Clemente.

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Sincerely,

Richard Nixon

His Majesty
King Bhumibol Adulyadej
Bangkok.

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SUGGESTED LETTER 3/8/71

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