LEGATION OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Bangkok, July 12, 1940

My dear Luang Pibul:

I believe that you may be aware of the propaganda news "survey" circulated at intervals by the German Legation, and if so you may have noted the following paragraph in the "Survey of the Week" ended July 7, 1940:

> "The beginning of the week did not look very promising for Mr. Churchill. President Roosevelt segned a bill forbidding the export of any kind of arms for military purposes from the United States. This law stops American supplies of weapons to the extent to Britain as desired by Mr. Churchill. At the end of the week Britain also lost the hope of getting raw materials and machines, the sale abroad of which is prohibited, as they are needed for America's own defence. What that means to England everybody can picture to himself."

Fortunately for Great Britain, and other foreign countries including Thailand, the foregoing statements are not strictly in accordance with fact. The "bill"

His Excellency referred to

Major General Luang Pibul Songgram,

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referred to is the May Act of July 2, 1940, providing legal authority for the control of the exports from the United States of munitions, materials and machinery essential to the national defense. I believe that you will be interested to read the texts of a Proclamation and Regulations issued by the President under the above mentioned Act and I enclose copies herewith for your information.

Sincerely yours,

J. Holbrook Chapman