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FROM : Amembassy BANGKOK

DATE: APRIL 15, 1970

SUBJECT : Long Awaited Thai-Soviet Trade Pact Initialled: Formal Signing Expected in Mid-April

REF : A. Bangkok's A-159, March 13, 1970
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The long-heralded Thai-Soviet Trade Pact was initialed in its English language version on March 26, 1970, by Dr. Sompong Sucharitkul, Chief of the Foreign Trade Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Soviet Commercial Counselor, Nicolay P. Karpov. A formal signing is expected to follow in mid-April when Dr. Sompong returns from his current trip to Moscow as the guest of the Soviet Ministry of Civil Aviation.

According to a member of Dr. Sompong's staff who has been responsible for the negotiations, Mr. Sanan Natpracha (PROTECT) the Air Agreement will be signed in May as a subsidiary clause of the new trade pact. An Aeroflot office will open in Bangkok sometime during the summer, Mr. Sanan said.

The substance of the trade pact is identical to those previously signed by the Thai with Bulgaria (see Ref B) and with Rumania (see Ref C). Only the commodity lists of Soviet merchandise to be sold to the Thai will differ. Precisely what the Soviets will export to Thailand is not yet fully decided, and presumably this will be a topic for discussion with the Soviets by Dr. Sompong during his Moscow visit.

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SUBJECT: PM THANOM'S STATEMENTS ON PRC AND NVN

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1. AT JUNE 20 PRESS CONFERENCE PRIME MINISTER THANOM IN ANSWER TO QUERY AS TO RTG FOREIGN POLICY TRENDS RE PRC AND NVN, EXPRESSED BENIGN ATTITUDES TOWARD BOTH COUNTRIES. ON PRC, THANOM SAID BOTH THAILAND AND CHINA HAVE HAD RELATIONS BACK TO ANCIENT TIMES AND HAVE FELT AS IF THEY WERE BROTHERS. WITH REFERENCE TO PING-PONG TEAM PRESENTLY VISITING BANGKOK, AND PRC INVITATIONS LAST YEAR TO THAI PADDLERS AND CANTON FAIR, THANOM SAID RTG "IS GLAD TO SEE THAT [illegible]

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SUBJECT: CHARTCHAI VISIT TO VIENTIANE

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1. ASST SARASIN, WHO ACCOMPANIED DPTY FONMIN CHARTCHAI ON MARCH 20-22 VISIT TO VIENTIANE, TOLD US VISIT WAS HECTIC, BUT A GOOD ONE. ASA SAID PRINCE SOUVANNA PHOUMA IS OPTIMISTIC THAT NEW GOVERNMENT WILL BE FORMED BY THE 26TH, AND THAT HE (SOUVANNA) THOUGHT THAT PRINCE SOUPHANOUVONG WOULD COME TO VIENTIANE TO TALK WITH HIM NEXT WEEK. BOTH ASA AND GENERAL KRIANGSAK TOLD US THEY HAD FOUND SOUVANNA GENERALLY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE FUTURE, BUT THAT OTHER LAO (INCLUDING SISOUK NA CHAMPASSAK) WERE CONSIDERABLY LESS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT PROSPECTS. SISOUK TOLD THE THAI THAT THERE ARE 78,000 NVA TROOPS IN LAOS AT THE PRESENT TIME, AND THAT THE NORTH VIETNAMESE HAD TOLD HIM THAT THEY WOULD KEEP 15,000 TROOPS IN MR'S 2, 3, 4 EVEN AFTER THE

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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 2175

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, LA, TH
SUBJECT: THAI DEPUTY FONMIN VISITS VIENTIANE

PoL 7 Laos

REFERENCE: A. BANGKOK 4517 B. VIENTIANE 2102

BEGIN SUMMARY: THAI DEPUTY FONMIN CHARTCHAI CHUNHAWAN PAID AND OFFICIAL VISIT TO VIENTIANE MARCH 20-22. HE CONFERRED WITH SOUVANNA AND OTHER RLG LEADERS, ASSURED LAOS OF THAI SUPPORT AND INVITED LAOS TO SEND OBSERVERS TO THE NEXT ASEAN MEETING. CHARTCHAI APPRENTLY DID NOT TALK WITH NORTH VIETNAMESE OFFICIALS WHILE IN VIENTIANE; BUT PRC CHARGE ATTENDED OFFICIAL THAI FUNCTION FOR FIRST TIME. END SUMMARY.

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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: THAI FONMIN CHARTCHAI VISIT TO VIENTIANE

REF: VIENTIANE 1858

1. THAI AMBASSADOR INDICATED THIS MORNING CHARTCHAI ARRIVING VIENTIANE TOMORROW AFTERNOON, REMAINING HERE TO MORNING OF MARCH 22. HE WILL BE CALLING ON SOUVANNA, PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY PHOUI SANANIKONE, AND PRESIDENT OF THE KING'S COUNCIL KHAMMAO.

2. AMBASSADOR CONFIRMED THAT EARLY FEBRUARY HE SOUGHT OUT DRV CHARGE AND PROPOSED MEETINGS WITH DRV ANYWHERE IT CHOSE TO DISCUSS REPATRIATION VIETNAMESE IN THAILAND. AMBASSADOR INDICATED RTG WOULD PAY RETURN TRANSPORTATION AND WOULD PURCHASE VIETNAMESE HOMES. CHARGE AGREED "IN PRINCIPLE" TO SUCH TALKS BUT HE WOULD HAVE TO REFER TO HANOI QUESTION OF TIMING. AMBASSADOR HAS NOT REPEAT NOT HEARD FROM CHARGE SINCE AND HAS NOT REPEAT NOT RAISED SUBJECT AGAIN.

3. THAI AMBASSADOR ADDED THAT HE HOPES NOW THAT PEACE HAS RETURNED TO SOUTH VIETNAM GVN WOULD RECONSIDER ITS

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, TH, LA, VN
SUBJECT: DPTY FON MIN CHARTCHAI VISIT TO VIENTIANE

REF: VIENTIANE 1610 -Pol 7 Thai

1. RESPONSIBLE MFA OFFICIAL INFORMS US THAT LAO CABINET IS TODAY (MARCH 7) CONSIDERING PROPOSED VISIT BY THAI DEPUTY RPT DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER BRIG. GEN. CHARTCHAI CHUNHAWAN, AND THAT THAI WILL KNOW LAO DECISION TOMORROW. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH AMBASSADOR, CHARTCHAI HAS SPOKEN OF HIS RECENT VISITS TO PHNOM PENH, KUALA LUMPUR AND RANGOON, AND HIS PROPOSED VISITS TO VIENTIANE AND JAKARTA, IN TERMS OF HIS MAKING THE ROUNDS TO GET ACQUAINTED. CONSIDERING FACT THAT CHARTCHAI RETURNED JUST LAST YEAR FROM FIFTEEN YEARS OF DIPLOMATIC ASSIGNMENTS OUTSIDE OF ASIA, AND BECAME DPTY FON MIN ONLY THREE MONTHS AGO, THIS SEEMS A LOGICAL AND COMMENDABLE UNDERTAKING.

2. IN ADDITION, ON BASIS OUR CONVERSATIONS WITH MFA, WE BELIEVE THAI WANT TO DISCUSS WITH SOUVANNA THE CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT AND HOW IT WILL BE IMPLEMENTED.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAIGON 0842

SUBJ: DRV/THAI RELATIONS

1. A JAN 16 ARTICLE IN THE PARTY PAPER NHAN DAN TAKES A VERY HARD LINE ON THAILAND. UNLIKE PREVIOUS DRV STATEMENTS WE RECALL, THE NHAN DAN ARTICLE CONTAINS AN EXPLICIT THREAT, NOTING THAT THE "INDOCHINESE PEOPLES" WOULD "DULY PUNISH" THE BANGKOK AUTHORITIES "FOR EVERY ONE OF THEIR CRIMES IN SERVING THE U.S. IMPERIALISTS' AGGRESSIVE DESIGNS." FURTHER, IN ADDITION TO CONDEMNING THAILAND FOR SENDING TROOPS TO LAOS, NHAN DAN ALSO ATTACKS BANGKOK FOR SEEKING TO CONCLUDE AN AGREEMENT ON CROSS-BORDER OPERATIONS WITH PHNOM PENH.

2. THE NORTH VIETNAMESE PUBLIC ATTITUDE ON THAILAND HAS EVOLVED SINCE THE SPRING OF 1970, WHEN HANOI MAY HAVE BEEN INTERESTED IN PROBING THE POSSIBILITY OF SOME NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH BANGKOK. ALTHOUGH NORTH VIETNAMESE MEDIA AT THAT TIME ROUTINELY CONDEMNED THE RTG FOR ALLEGEDLY SENDING TROOPS TO LAOS, A DRV RED CROSS TEAM ALSO VISITED THAILAND TO DISCUSS THE REPATRIATION OF VIETNAMESE RESIDENTS THERE. NO AGREEMENTS WERE REACHED, BUT A JOINT COMMUNIQUE ON MAY 25, 1970 NOTED THAT THE TALKS HAD BEEN CARRIED OUT

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PASS WHITE HOUSE FOR DR. KISSINGER

SUBJECT: THAI RELATIONS WITH DRV AND PRC

REF: A) BANGKOK 23401 B) BANGKOK 1359

1. SUMMARY: CONVERSATION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER THANAT FEBRUARY 23 DISCLOSED THAT, CONTRARY TO HIS EARLIER UNDERSTANDING (REF A), PRINCIPAL NORTH VIETNAMESE DELEGATE HAS NOT RPT NOT RETURNED TO BANGKOK. THANAT INDICATED POLITICAL TALKS WITH NVN DELEGATION HAD SO FAR PRODUCED NO WORTHWHILE RESULT ALTHOUGH BROADER SUBJECTS HAVE BEEN TOUCHED UPON. HE ALSO DISCUSSED INDICATION FROM PEKING, WHICH HE SAID WAS TO BE CLASSED AS "RUMOR", OF REACTION TO THAI EFFORTS TO INITIATE DIALOGUE (ALSO DISCUSSED REF A). HE SUMMED UP "CONDITIONS" PEKING REPORTED TO HAVE ATTACHED AS DEMAND FOR SAME TREATMENT BY THAILAND THAT U.S. RECEIVES. END SUMMARY

2. REFERRING TO BRIEF PRESS ITEM INDICATING THAI DELEGATE ANTICIPATES VIETNAMESE REFUGEE REPATRIATION WILL RESUME IN ONE OR TWO MONTHS, I ASKED THANAT WHETHER THIS MEANT THAT THE DRV DELEGATION HAD RETURNED AND THE TALKS RESUMED. TURNING TO HIS SECRETARY BIRABHONGSE, THANAT SAID HE HAD HEARD THAT VU HOANG HAD RETURNED, BUT BIRABHONGSE RESPONSED "APPARENTLY NOT". WHILE THANAT ASKED BIRABHONGSE TO CHECK FURTHER, LATTER IN FACT SEEMED QUITE CERTAIN. (WE HAD HAD EARLIER INDICATIONS FROM CAS SOURCES THAT VU HOANG HAD NOT RPT NOT IN FACT RETURNED.)

3. WITH THAT OPENING, I ASKED IF PRESENCE OF THE DRV DELEGATION HAD OPENED OR WOULD OPEN THE WAY TO ANY DISCUSSIONS OF A BROADER

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SUBJ: THAI-NORTH VIETNAMESE NEGOTIATIONS.

1. KOSOL SINDHVANANDA, CHIEF, SEA DIVISION, MFA TOLD EMBOFF JANUARY 13 THAT THAI HAVE NO INFORMATION ON WHEN VU HOANG WILL RETURN TO BANGKOK, OR WHY HE IS REMAINING SO LONG IN HANOI (SINCE NOV. 20). KOSOL COMMENTED ON THE US BOMBING OF NORTH VIETNAM (NOV. 21), AND SAID IT MAY HAVE BAD EFFECT ON THE WAY HANOI VIEWS THE TALKS. IN THIS CONTEXT HE OBSERVED THAT THE PREVIOUS REFUGEE REPATRIATION PROGRAM HAD BEEN SUSPENDED FOLLOWING THE TONKIN GULF INCIDENT.

2. KOSOL SAID IT IS HARD TO SAY WHICH SIDE HAD INITIATED THE POLITICAL TALKS WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE OUTSIDE THE FORMAL MEETINGS ON REPATRIATION: APPARENTLY BOTH SIDES WERE INTERESTED. HE SAID THE VIETNAMESE WANT TO BEGIN TRADE RELATIONS; THEY ARE INTERESTED IN BUYING DRIED FISH AND CORN FROM THAILAND. EMBOFF ASKED IF THAI ARE WILLING TO ENTER INTO SUCH TRADE WITH NVN, TO WHICH KOSOL REPLIED, "WE FEEL THAT THEY MUST GIVE EVIDENCE OF THEIR GOODWILL BUT WE FEEL THAT WE HAVE SHOWN OUR GOODWILL THROUGH OUR DECISIONS NOT TO SEND TROOPS TO CAMBODIA AND TO WITHDRAW TROOPS FROM SOUTH VIETNAM, AND NOW THEY MUST GIVE US A FIRM INDICATION OF GOODWILL ON THEIR SIDE." (I.E., CESSATION OF SUPPORT FOR INSURGENTS IN THE NORTHEAST). RESPONDING TO A QUES-

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