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"17. We suggest for your consideration the following proposals which we believe will induce the Siamese Government to buy American manufactured products through Continental Grain. May we not agree to accept payment in local currency for American products purchased by the Siamese Government provided that open dollar credits were opened in New York by UNRRA in advance of our rice purchases in Bangkok. In this manner our rice purchases could be covered by Siamese Government payments in advance or otherwise and therefore Company would not need to remit dollars to Bangkok for financing. However, it would be necessary for us to increase our local overdraft until payments by Siamese Government equal our rice disbursements, thus requiring us to incur loss of interest as well as risks of loss should tical be revalued. Other exports, including tin, could be handled in the same way: as the amount of rice and tin bought locally by us for shipment on foreign account payable to you in dollars increases, so would the volume of American products we are able

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able to offer Siamese Government for payment in tical increase. This proposal of course requires careful examination and all implications thoroughly considered."

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Seventeen. By way of inducement to Siamese Government to buy American manufactured products through Continental Grain we respectfully submit following proposals for your careful consideration. Provided UNRRA open dollar credits in New York in advance of our rice purchases in Bangkok could we not agree to accept payment in local currency for American products sold to Siamese Government. No need then to remit dollars to Bangkok to finance our rice purchases as these could be covered by Siamese Government payments in advance or otherwise. Only snag is that until these payments catch up with our rice disbursements we shall need to increase our local over-draft and besides losing interest incur risk of loss in event of revaluation of tical. Similarly with tin and other exports, the more of these we buy locally for shipment on foreign account payable to you in dollars the more American products we shall be able to offer to Siamese Government for payment in ticals. Needs careful working out. (*) see any other implications.

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