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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Farewell Letter to the Prime Minister of Thailand

Enclosed is a suggested text for a farewell letter to Prime Minister Thanom Kittikachorn and his wife. The letter reassures the Prime Minister of our determination to stand by Thailand in our mutual defense against aggression and our common efforts to achieve development.

Because of the informal nature of the Prime Minister's departure next Sunday morning, we recommend that Assistant Secretary Bundy hand this farewell letter to the Prime Minister in lieu of any more formal remarks.

Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosure:

Suggested letter.

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VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER THANOM KITTIKACHORN
OF THAILAND
May 8-9, 1968

DRAFT FAREWELL LETTER (Probable )
(Date: 5/10/68)

His Excellency
Field Marshal Thanom Kittikachorn
and Thanpuying Chongkol

Your Excellency and Thanpuying

As you depart the United States on this memorable tour of the Free World you carry with you the profound admiration and friendship of myself and Mrs. Johnson, and of all Americans. We know the great contribution you and your country are making to the cause of peace with freedom in the world today.

I hope your visit to the United States has helped to assure you of the strength of our determination to stand beside Thailand in our mutual defense against aggression and our common efforts to achieve continued development and progress.

Thailand is giving the world an outstanding demonstration of what can be done to improve the life of its people while protecting them from violence and intimidation. More than that, Thailand is making a major contribution to similar efforts by its neighbor countries in Southeast Asia. I look forward to increasing progress and prosperity in your part of the world for which you and your nation, guided by your gracious King, will deserve great credit.

Sincerely,

LBJ

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