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SUBJECT : BIOGRAPHIC DATA: Special Colonel Patana Payakaniti, Ambassador to The Republic of Vietnam

REF :

Ambassador Patana Payakaniti, a military officer with the rank of special colonel (equivalent to brigadier general), will take up his position in Saigon after approximately six and one half years as Thai Military Attache assigned concurrently to Bonn (resident) and Rome. This 55 year old officer has spent nearly 23 years in Europe and is reportedly fluent in French, English, German, Spanish and Italian. Ambassador Patana is described as an urbane gentleman who moves easily in social circles. He conveys the impression that he is close to General Praphat Charusathien. Patana was recently awarded the Commander's Cross of the Order of Merit of the FRG.

Patana was born on August 25, 1915, the son of a middle-grade noble (Luang Surinraksa--title not hereditary). He attended the Wat Rajathiwat and Thepsirin schools and then graduated first in his class from the Royal Thai Army Technical School (connected with the Chulachomklao Royal Thai Military Academy) in 1937. Following his graduation Patana attended a military academy in Italy and a military school in France followed by attendance at the Higher Institute of Diplomacy in Geneva.

Patana's career largely has been a combination of attache and military education assignments. In 1952 he was Assistant Secretary to Field Marshal Sarit Thanarat in the latter's role as Minister of Defense. He has been an

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assistant attache in France, Germany and Italy, and was a professor at the Royal Thai Army Command and General Staff College, the Army War College and Thammasat University.

Patana is married and has three children. He will be accompanied to Saigon by his wife Pongpring, age 40, who is the owner of the Bhannarangsi International Kindergarten on Sukhumvit Road in Bangkok. His eldest child, a son named Panyavut (nickname Tom) is approximately 19 and is a cadet at a military academy in Hanover, Germany. A daughter, Praoparn (nickname Penny) has attended the American School in Lugano, Switzerland. A brother-in-law Siri Orr is a Thai language instructor at the Defense Language Institute West at Monterey, California.

In a press interview with the English language Bangkok Post carried here on June 7 Patana was quoted as saying he considers his new assignment "as requiring abilities over and above those of an ordinary diplomat." He saw for himself "the duty of obtaining accurate information on the military and political situation in Vietnam so that our government may make the right assessment." He noted that he would be sending intelligence to the government on a daily basis and observed that "there are differences in the background of Thailand and Vietnam, and solutions to the situation here (Thailand) may have to be different from those in Vietnam. However, I must look for suggestions to prevent Thailand from falling into the same position as Vietnam." He also said he would "deepen the bonds of friendship between our countries because Vietnam is so vital to our national security."

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Curriculum Vitae

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Colonel Pattana Payackanitti

Born: 15 August 1917

Marital Status: Married

Education: Royal Thai Military Cadet Academy

Tulin Military Academy

Post-Graduate School of International Relations in Geneva

Ecole Superieure de Guerre in Paris

Career:

1946 - Served in various units of the Royal Thai Army

1950 - Instructor in the Royal Thai Army Command and General Staff College

1952 - Assistant Secretary to the Minister of Defence

1953 - Assistant Military Attache in Paris

1961 - Instructor in the Army War College

1965 - Military Attache to Germany

1970 - Concurrently Military Attache to Italy

Present Position: Attached to Directorate of Intelligence

Decorations: TRITABHORN (Commander) of the Most Exalted Order of the White Elephant

TRITABHORN (Commander) of the Most Noble Order of the Crown of Thailand

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SUB: NARCOTICS TRAWLER

1. FOLLOWING EDITORIAL CARRIED IN SAIGON POST APRIL 23. BEGIN QUOTE: LARGEST NARCOTICS HAUL. THOSE IN OUR MIDST WHO TAKE A LAX VIEW OF MOUNTING EFFORTS BY OUR GOVERNMENT IN THE WAR AGAINST NARCOTICS WOULD DO WELL TO REFLECT ON THE AMOUNT OF OPIUM AND MORPHINE BASE SEIZED BY DRUG CONTROL AGENTS ON BOARD A THAI FISHING TRAWLER OFF THE COAST OF BINH THUAN LAST THURSDAY.

2. SEIZED FROM THE TRAWLER PASGON SAMUT WHICH WAS APPREHENDED BY SOUTH VIETNAMESE NAVAL VESSELS WERE 12,220 POUNDS (5,554 KGS) OF OPIUM AND 281 POUNDS (127 KGS) OF MORPHINE BASE. THE NARCOTICS HAUL WAS THE LARGEST EVER MADE IN THIS COUNTRY AND WORTH ABOUT US$20 MILLION. TO ESTIMATE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE AND THE AMOUNT OF MISERY AND EVENTUAL DEATH THAT THIS NARCOTICS CARGO WOULD HAVE INVOLVED IS NEEDLESS. A KILO OF HEROIN EVEN WHEN REPEATEDLY DILUTED CAN BE THE PERDITION OF MANY.

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EM THE COMPLACENT AMONG US MAY POINT OUT THAT THE TRAWLER'S NARCOTICS CARGO WAS NOT DESTINED FOR SOUTH VIETNAM, BUT FOR HONG KONG AS ALLEGED BY THE NINE MEN ABOARD UPON QUESTIONING BY LOCAL NARCOTICS AGENTS. THIS MAY BE TRUE. NEVERTHELESS, THE PROXIMITY OF THE TRAWLER TO OUR PATROLLED COASTLINE EMPHASIZES THE LENGTHS TO WHICH NARCOTICS RINGS WILL GO FOR LUCRATIVE SMUGGLING. HONG KONG, WITH
MUCH LESS COASTLINE THAN SOUTH VIETNAM, IS HARD PRESSED IN TRYING TO STOP THE SMUGGLING OF NARCOTICS AND DANGEROUS DRUGS THROUGH VESSELS OFF ITS SHORES.

4. AS THE SAIGON ADMINISTRATION AND CAPITAL SECTOR PURSUE THE CAMPAIGN TO ERADICATE TRAFFICKING AND USE OF NARCOTICS, IT MUST BE REMEMBERED THAT THE COOPERATION OF GOVERNMENTS IS A VITAL NEED IN THE WORLDWIDE BATTLE AGAINST THIS SOCIAL EVIL.

5. SOUTH VIETNAM DOES NOT CULTIVATE THE OPIUM POPPY NOR IS THERE ANY RECORD OF HEROIN BEING MANUFACTURED WITHIN THE COUNTRY. THUS ALL OPIUM AND ITS DANGEROUS DERIVATIVES WHICH SERVE THE INCREASING NUMBER OF LOCAL ADDICTS WHICH HAS BEEN POINTED OUT IN RECENT PRESS REPORTS, COME FROM ABROAD.

6. HONG KONG AUTHORITIES ARE NO DOUBT THANKFUL THAT THE NARCOTICS CARGO ON THE THAI FISHING TRAWLER WAS INTERCEPTED BY THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE NAVY.

7. WE SHOULD SIMILARLY BE THANKFUL THAT WE HAVE FRUSTRATED ANOTHER LARGE OPERATION BY TRAFFICKERS IN NARCOTICS, REGARDLESS OF THE POINT OF DESTINATION. IT COULD HAVE BEEN SOUTH VIETNAM, NOT HONG KONG, AS THE SMUGGLING TARGET. END QUOTE.
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1. I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT ALL HERE ARE AGREED THAT THE KEY FACTOR IN LAST WEEK'S SUCCESSFUL CAPTURE OF THE THAI NARCOTICS TRAWLER OFF NHA TRANG WAS THE REMARKABLE JOB OF TRACKING THE VESSEL DONE BY YOUR P-3 CREWS. YOU HAVE OUR GRATITUDE AND ADMIRATION FOR AJOB WELL DONE.

2. THE INVESTIGATION WHICH FOLLOWED THE FIRST SEIZURE IS GOING WELL AND I AM GLAD TO SEE THAT A SECOND HUNT IS UNDERWAY. IN ORDER TO MAKE THE BEST USE OF THE INTELLIGENCE WE ARE GETTING FROM THE INVESTIGATION AND FROM CURRENT OPERATIONS WE INTEND TO CALL A MEETING HERE IN SAIGON IN MID-MAY OF PERSONNEL WHO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED. WE HOPE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SEND ONE OR TWO OF YOUR OFFICERS FROM CTG SEVEN TWO POINT THREE. WE WILL BE SENDING FURTHER DETAILS SOON.

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SUBJECT: VAGABOND CLIPPER MEETING

IN ORDER TO MAKE BEST USE OF OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE PRODUCED FROM THE RECENT TRAWLER CAPTURE AND TO PLAN FOR FUTURE INTERCEPTS WE WOULD PROPOSE TO HOLD A WORKING MEETING WEDNESDAY MAY 16 AT 0930 AT THE EMBASSY. IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL IF THE DCM, BNDD REGIONAL DIRECTOR AND PERHAPS AGENT HANDLER FROM EMBASSY BANGKOK COULD ATTEND AND CINCPAC SEND TWO OFFICERS FROM CTG SEVEN TWO POINT THREE WHO HAVE BEEN WORKING ON VAGABOND CLIPPER OPERATIONS. WE ALSO BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE SAGION DAO NAVY DIVISION OFFICER CONCERNZQ AND SEVEN TWO POINT THREE OFFICERS MEET ON AFTERNOON OF MAY 16 TO DISCUSS FUTURE OPERATIONS WITH VNN COMMANDERS WHO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH TRAWLER INTERDICTION. IF FOREGOING DATE IS INCONVENIENT WE WILL BE HAPPY TO ADJUST TO SUIT BANGKOK OR SEVEN TWO POINT THREE.
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1. ON APRIL 19, 1973, VIETNAMESE NAVY STOPPED THAI TRAWLER SUSPECTED OF VIOLATING VIETNAMESE WATERS. SUBSEQUENT SEARCH OF VESSEL DISCLOSED IT CARRIED NARCOTICS. VESSEL WAS SEIZED AND TOWED TO NHA TRANG, VIETNAM.

2. INITIAL INVENTORY REVEALED APPROXIMATELY SIX TONS OF RAW OPIUM AND APPROXIMATELY 280 LBS. OF MORPHINE BASE. MORPHINE IN BRICK FORM WITH "999" BRAND NAME. VIETNAMESE AUTHORITIES ARRESTED ALL NINE CREW MEMBERS.

3. NAME OF TRAWLER PASGON SAMUT, REGISTRATION NUMBER 149728.

4. VETNAMESE NATIONAL POLICE NARCOTICS BUREAU ARE INVESTIGATING. DECONTROL UPON RECEIPT.

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SUBJECT: VAGABUND CLIPPER

TRAWLER BROUGHT INTO NHA TRANG HARBOR AT 0430 LOCAL THIS MORNING. US OFFICIALS PERMITTED TO BOARD AT 0745. PRELIMINARY SEARCH OF VESSEL TURNED UP 92 KILOS OF MORPHINE BASE AND 156 GUNNY SACKS (APPROXIMATELY 60 LBS. EACH) OF RAW OPIUM. IT APPEARS THAT NARCOTICS MAY ALSO BE SECRETED IN BULKHEAD AND HOLD AND VESSEL WILL BE DISMANTLED FOR FURTHER SEARCH. NINE THAI SUBJECTS WERE ON BOARD AND NOW IN CUSTODY. SOME APPEAR TO BE ETHNIC CHINESE.
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SUBJECT: PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF TRAWLER CAPTURE

AFTER COORDINATION WITH ALL PARTIES INVOLVED WE AGREED THAT STATEMENT TO PRESS WILL BE MADE BY NATIONAL POLICE CAPT. HUONG WHO WILL REPORT THAT THAI VESSEL WAS OBSERVED INSIDE RVN TERRITORIAL WATERS AND APPROACHED BY VIETNAMESE PATROL BOATS ON SUSPICION OF ILLEGAL FISHING OR SMUGGLING ACTIVITY. WHEN SIGNALED, THE TRAWLER REFUSED TO STOP UNTIL VIETNAMESE CRAFT FIRED SHOT ACROSS TRAWLER'S BOW. TRAWLER WAS THEN BOARDED AND DISCOVERED TO BE CARRYING IMMENSE CARGO OF NARCOTICS. TRAWLER HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO NHA TRANG WHERE SEARCH AND INVESTIGATION CONTINUES.
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C O N F I D E N T I A L BANGKOK 3453

SUBJECT: VISIT OF GVN PRIME MINISTER TRAN THIEN KHIEM

SUMMARY

GVN PRIME MINISTER KHIEM AND PARTY, INCLUDING FONMIN LAM, VISITED BANGKOK MARCH 10-12 FOR TALKS WITH THAI GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. PRESS COVERAGE THUS FAR IS FAVORABLE, AND BOTH SIDES SAY VISIT WENT WELL. PRINCIPAL TOPIC OF DISCUSSION WAS POSSIBLE THIA RICE SALES TO VIETNAM ON CONCESSIONAL TERMS; POSSIBLE JOINT COMMERCIAL FISHING VENTURE; VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN THAILAND; AND WITHDRAWAL OF THAI TROOPS FROM VIETNAM. END SUMMARY

1. PRIMIN THANOM LED THAI DELEGATION WELCOMING GVN PRIMIN KHIEM UPON ARRIVAL MARCH 10. THAT AFTERNOON KHIEM HAD AUDIENCE WITH KING. FORMAL MEETINGS WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS BEGAN MARCH 11. MARCH 12 THE TWO PRIMINS FLEW TO CHIANG MAI FOR BRIEF VISIT, AFTER WHICH KHIEM DEPARTED FOR SAIGON.

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS SUPPLEMENTED BY ACCOUNT GIVEN POL COUNSELOR BY FOREIGN MINISTRY PRESS OFFICIER PRACHA GUNAKASEM, TALKS THROUGH MARCH 11 CONCERNED FOUR PRINCIPAL AREAS OF POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC INTEREST:

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