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SUBJECT : His Majesty's Visits to Ceylon, Korea and Turkey

REF :

According to Thai Foreign Ministry Protocol Division Chief M.L. Thawisan, His Majesty has decided to postpone the state visits he had originally planned to make this year to Korea and Ceylon. He is also considering postponement of his visit to Turkey.

Thawisan explained that the promulgation of the new Constitution (June 20) subsequent important political developments within the country and the general situation in Southeast Asia have led the King to conclude that he should not be absent from Thailand during this possibly critical time. An additional factor in the expected decision to postpone the visit to Turkey is the Foreign Ministry's recommendation to the Palace that it would not be appropriate for His Majesty to visit Turkey on the dates proposed by the GOT. His Majesty was invited to visit during a period that would permit him to attend the August 30 "Victory Day" celebrations. Thawisan said that since this occasion celebrates an event in which several thousand Greeks were killed, His Majesty's attendance might be misunderstood "by other countries friendly to Thailand".

We understand that both the Korean and Ceylonese governments have but the Turkish Government has not been informed of these postponements.

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