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Siamese Emb.

The Secretary of State presents his compliments to His Excellency the Ambassador of Siam and has the honor to refer to his note No. 135/2491, January 30, 1948 concerning the exchange of Siamese rice for Japanese textile machinery.

The Ambassador is informed that Japan has received no allocation of rice from the International Emergency Food Council, but that Korea and the Ryukyu Islands, also under the direction of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, have such an allocation. It is quite possible that, since the Supreme Commander obtains foodstuffs for all three of these areas, he would be interested in making the rice available to Korea or the Ryukyus while causing the desired textile machinery to be produced in Japan.

Accordingly, a suggestion has been dispatched to the Supreme Commander indicating that, if he approves of the plan, he may open negotiations, presumably through the offices of the American Mission in Bangkok in the absence of a Siamese diplomatic or trade mission in Tokyo.

Department of State,
Washington, March 18, 1948

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