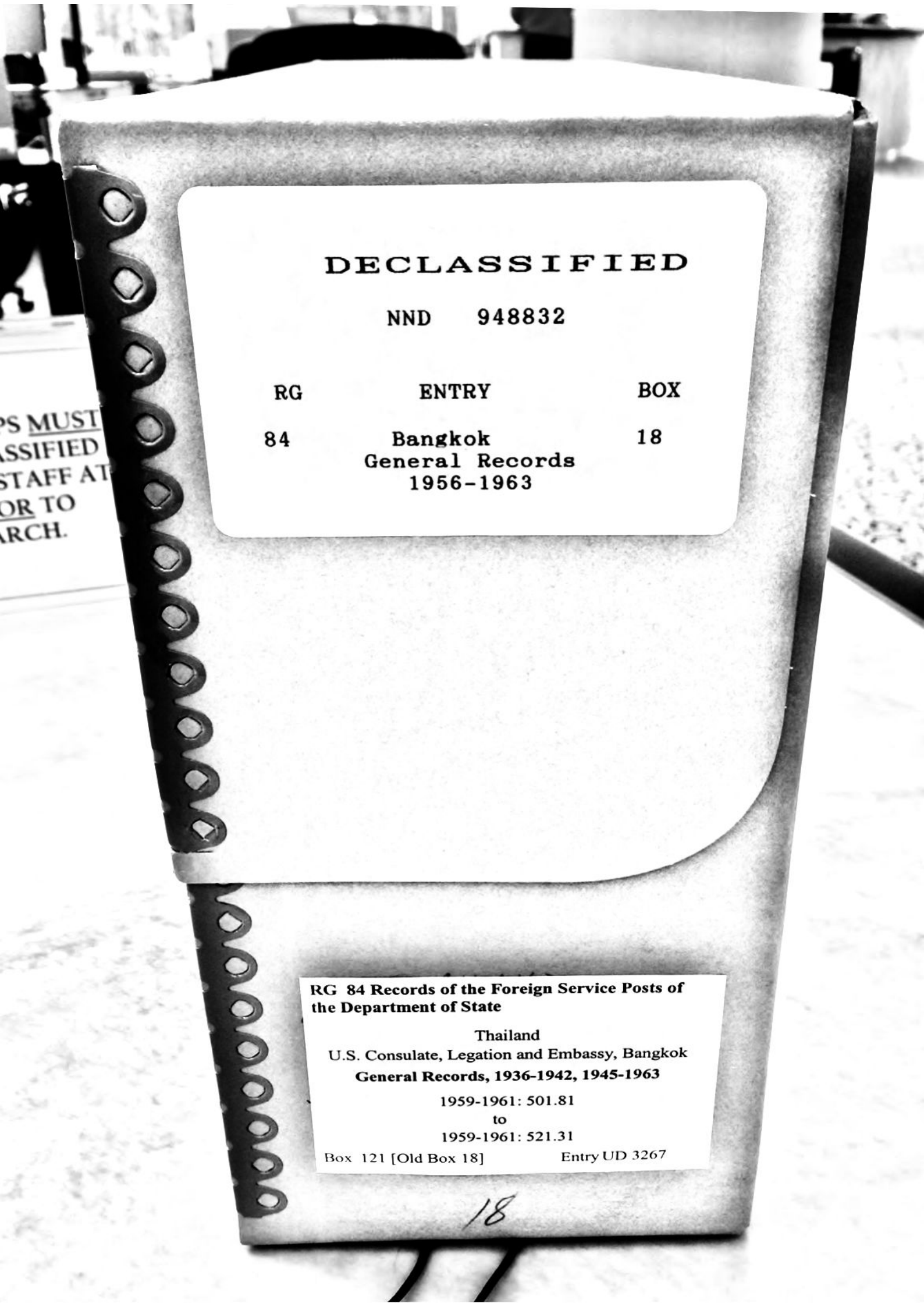
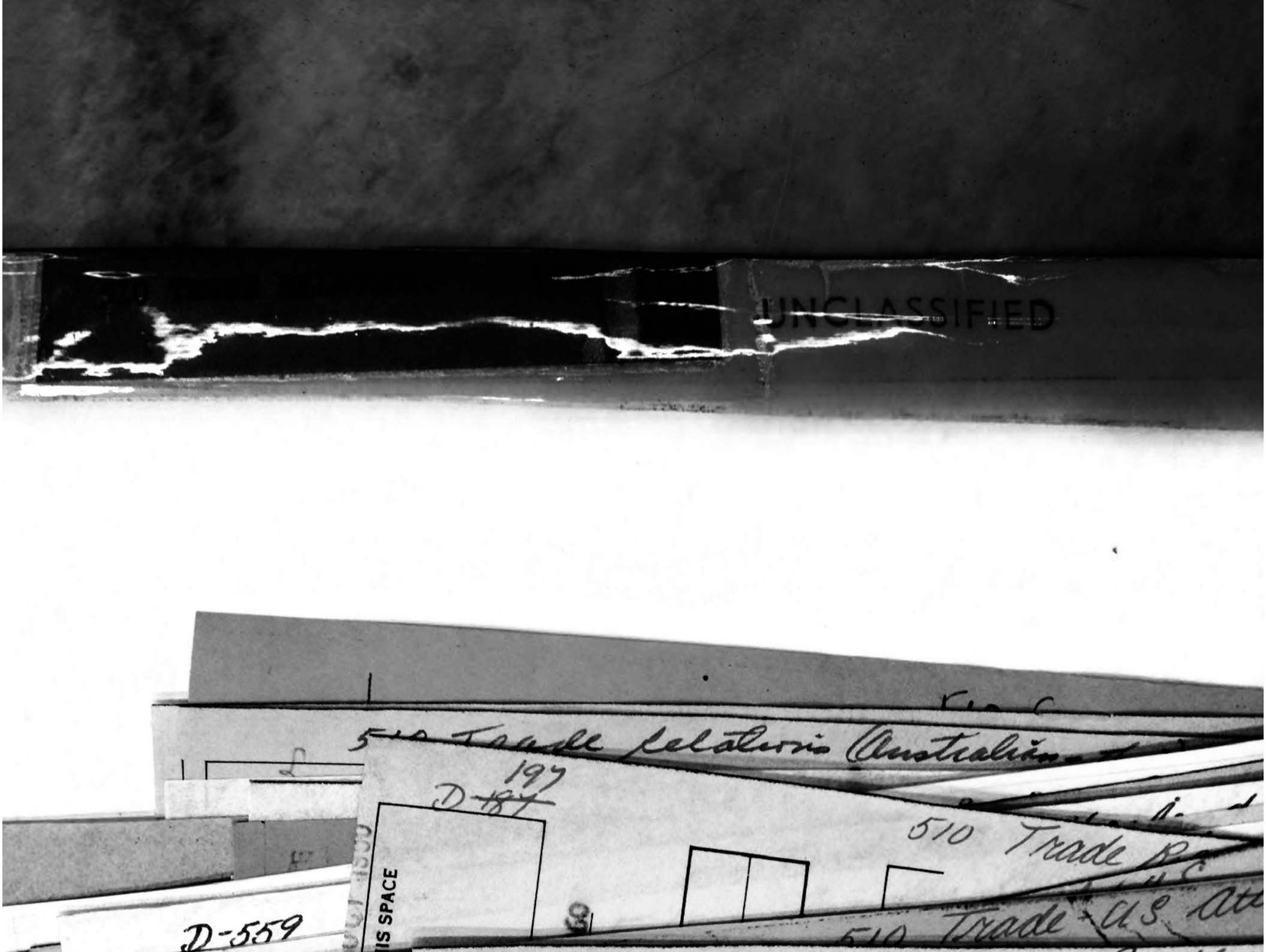

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Thailand's Trade With Soviet Bloc, January - June 1961

Under the present CERP the Embassy is responsible for reporting on the export of strategic materials to the Sino-Soviet Bloc. Under the previous program the Embassy submitted a semi-annual report on Thailand's total trade with the Sino-Soviet bloc. Statistics on Soviet bloc - Thailand trade for the first six months of 1961 were prepared without consulting the new CERP. Therefore they are forwarded as of possible interest.

The information contained in the attached tables was extracted from Thailand's Customs statistics. The exception is rubber exports. Most rubber and tin is shipped from provincial ports. This contrasts with other commodities which are imported and exported almost entirely through the port of Bangkok. There is a long delay before exports from provincial ports appear in the published customs statistics. Because rubber is an important commodity in Thailand's trade with the bloc, estimates of rubber exports from provincial ports have been obtained from market sources and included in the attached tables.

Comparing the first six months of 1961 with the first six months of 1960 shows the following points of interest:

Total imports have increased to almost 64 million Baht[1/], a 42% increase over the 45 million in the first six months of 1960. The largest increase are in imports from the USSR (10 million to 24 million), Poland (7.7 to 22.4) and Hungary (4.9 to 13.6). Imports from Czechoslovakia dropped from 21.8 million to 16,632.

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Thai exports to the bloc shows a 36% increase from 41 million in the first six months 1960 to 56 million in the first half of 1961. The largest increase is in rubber shipments to Poland which grew from 640,000 to 17.4 million. At the same time Czechoslovakia's rubber purchases dropped from 6.3 million to nothing.

Commodity Codes

0 Food
1 Beverages and Tobacco
2 Crude Materials, Inedible, except Fuels
3 Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and Related Materials
4 Animal and Vegetable Oils and Fats
5 Chemicals
6 Manufactured Goods Classified, Chiefly by Material
7 Machinery and Transport Equipment
8 Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles
9 Miscellaneous Transactions and Commodities.

For the Ambassador:

Floyd L. Whittington
Counselor of Embassy
for Economic Affairs

Enclosures:

1. Thailand's Imports from The Soviet Bloc, January-June 1961.
2. Thailand's Exports To The Soviet Bloc, January-June 1961.
3. Thailand's Imports By Commodity Group, January-June 1961.
4. Thailand's Exports By Commodity Group, January-June 1961.

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ENCLOSURE 1.

Thailand's Imports From The Sino-Soviet Bloc
January-June 1961
Port of Bangkok only
(in Baht)

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Country	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total by Country
USSR	-	-	-	-	-	-	24,102,617 1/	92,230	26,382	268,849	24,490,078
Red China	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Poland	275,092	-	-	-	-	604,921	20,753,860 2/	726,777	84,439	974	22,446,063
Czechoslovakia	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,868	-	-	764	16,632
Hungary	-	-	-	-	-	100,430	13,188,629	129,360	184,338	2,434	13,605,191
North Korea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Vietnam	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bulgaria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rumania	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,294,505	5,802	-	-	3,300,307
Albania	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
East Germany	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total by Commodity	275,092	-	-	-	-	705,351	61,355,479	954,169	295,159	273,031	63,858,271
(Total Thai Imports from all countries)											(4,809,723,940)

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ENCLOSURE 2.

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Thailand's Exports To The Sino-Soviet Bloc
January-June 1961
Port of Bangkok only
(in Baht)

Country	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total by Country
USSR	-	-	34,927,323[1]	-	-	-	-	-	21	951,175	35,878,519
Red China	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Poland	-	-	17,471,539[1]	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,041	17,474,580
Czechoslovakia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hungary	-	-	330,008	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	330,008
North Korea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Vietnam	141,113	-	186	2,282,680[2]	-	-	-	-	-	300	2,424,279
Bulgaria	-	-	-	- -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rumania	-	-	-	- -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Albania	-	-	-	- -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
East Germany	-	-	-	- -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total by Commodity	141,113	-	52,729,056	2,282,680	-	-	-	-	21	954,516	56,107,386
(Total Thai Exports to all countries)											(3,682,187,390)

1/ Rubber (include Port of Bangkok and Provincial Ports)
2/ Fuel.

ENCLOSURE 3.

Thailand's Imports by Commodity Group
(in thousands of Baht)
January - June 1961
Port of Bangkok only.

Commodity Group	1961 (January - June)		
0	275/	307,410/	0.89
1	0/	79,385/	0
2	0/	81,070/	0
3	0/	459,179/	0
4	0/	6,286/	0
5	705/	492,091/	1.43
6	61,356/	1,812,909/	33.84
7	954/	1,168,355/	0.82
8	295/	244,695/	1.20
9	273/	158,344/	1.72
TOTAL	63,858/	4,809,724/	13.28

NOTE: First figure represents imports from the Sino-Soviet Bloc; second figure is total imports from all countries; third figure is percentage figure of imports from the Sino-Soviet Bloc. Thus, for example, from January-June 1961 (63,858/4,809,724/13.28) Thailand's total imports from the Sino-Soviet Bloc were 63,858 Baht; 1/ total imports from all countries were 4,809,724 Baht; the Sino-Soviet Bloc imports represented 13.28% of total imports.

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ENCLOSURE 4.

Thailand's Exports by Commodity Group
(in thousands of Baht)
January - June 1961
Port of Bangkok only

Commodity Group	1961 (January - June)
0	141/2,515,969/ 0.06
1	0/ 5,596/ 1/ 0
2	52,729/1,824,537/28.90
3	2,283/ 34,510/66.15
4	0/ 3,149/ 0
5	0/ 3,563/ 0
6	0/ 60,137/ 0
7	0/ 51,555/ 0
8	0/ 10,036/ 0
9	954/ 31,031/30.75
TOTAL	56,107/4,540,046/12.36

1/ Include rubber exports to all countries through Provincial Ports.

NOTE: First figure represents exports to the Sino-Soviet Bloc; second figure is total exports to all countries; third figure is percentage figure of exports to the Sino-Soviet Bloc. Thus, for example, from January - June 1961 (56,107/4,540,046/12.36) Thailand's total exports to the Sino-Soviet Bloc were 56,107 Baht; total exports to all countries were 4,540,046 Baht; the Sino-Soviet Bloc exports represented 12.36% of total exports.

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SUBJECT: Export of Strategic Materials to Soviet Bloc During First Quarter 1961

Thailand has made no exports of Battle Act Title I items to Soviet Bloc countries in the first quarter of 1961.

For the Ambassador:

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Thailand has made no exports of Battle Act Title I items to Soviet Bloc countries in the third quarter of 1960.

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