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SUBJECT : Visit to Austria of Thai Prime Minister

REF :

The Government of Austria has announced that Thailand's Prime Minister, Field Marshal Thanom Kittikachon, will pay an official visit to Austria April 18-22. He will be accompanied by Foreign Minister Thanat Khoman and Minister of National Development Pote Sarasin.

COMMENT: A Chancellery source told us that "as of now there's nothing special on the agenda", and noted that Thailand and Austria have had close ties "since the days of the Austro-Hungarian Empire when the grandfather of the present King of Thailand visited Vienna".

The inclusion of Minister of National Development Pote Sarasin in the party suggests that Austrian aid to Thailand may be one of the subjects on the agenda. Austrian assistance to Thailand is small, consisting primarily of export credits and a token amount of technical assistance. In 1966, net disbursements totaled $1.8 million of which $153,000 was technical assistance.

Vice Chancellor Withalm will act as host in the absence of Chancellor Klaus, who will be in Japan during the visit.

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