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SECRETARY GENERAL OF GOVERNMENT HOUSE

Lieutenant General Swaeng Senanarong

Pronunciation: SAH-WEHNG SEHN-AHN-AH-RAWNG

Address him or refer to him by his military title and first name.

Lt. General Swaeng Senanarong, Secretary General of Government House (the executive office of the Prime Minister) is concurrently Assistant Chief of Staff to Field Marshal Thanom in his capacity as Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces and has been closely associated with the Prime Minister for many years.

Intelligence reports suggest that Swaeng has served as a watch dog for Prime Minister Thanom, part of the time engaged in opposing efforts by Deputy Prime Minister Praphat to get his own followers into key military positions. Late last year Swaeng was reported to be trying to form a political grouping favorable to the Prime Minister and in competition with Praphat. Swaeng has also chaired a government subcommittee investigating corruption, and reportedly urged the Prime Minister to publicize information concerning corruption on the part of Praphat and his aides. There has, in fact, been a great deal of press insinuation and public gossip on that subject in Bangkok.

Swaeng was born on February 16, 1917 in Thonburi, near Bangkok, and was graduated from the Thai Military Academy in 1940. Subsequently he studied at the University of Brussels, the Italian Military Academy, and the French Military Staff College. In 1952 and 1953 he served as Military Attache in France and Belgium, returning to Thailand in July 1953 to become Assistant Secretary to the Minister of Defense. He became Secretary-General of Government House in January 1958, when Thanom was Prime Minister, and then was Deputy Secretary-General from November 1960 to December 1963, when he again became Secretary-General. He holds the decoration of Knight Grand Cordon of the Most Noble Order of the Crown of Thailand.

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Swaeng has travelled widely, accompanying the Prime Minister on his foreign tours and also travelling on missions of his own. He is married and has two daughters. His English is very good, and he presumably also speaks French and Italian.

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