# United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

March 28, 1959

Honorable John Foster Dulles
Secretary of State
Department of State
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of S. J. Res. 24 now pending before this Committee, which is referred to you for consideration.

It will be appreciated if you will submit to this Committee four copies of the recommendations of your Department with reference to this legislation.

Sincerely,

Richard B. Russell

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# S. J. RES. 24

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 21, 1959

Mr. GREEN introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

# JOINT RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Secretary of the Army to receive for instruction at the United States Military Academy at West Point two citizens and subjects of the Kingdom of Thailand.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Army is authorized to permit, within one year after the date of enactment of this joint resolution, two persons, citizens and subjects of the Kingdom of Thailand, to receive instruction at the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York; but the United States shall not be subject to any expense on account of such instruction.

SEC. 2. Except as may be otherwise determined by the

Secretary of the Army such persons shall, as a condition to receiving instruction under the provisions of this joint resolution, agree to be subject to the same rules and regulations governing admission, attendance, discipline, resignation, discharge, dismissal, and graduation, as cadets at the United States Military Academy appointed from the United States; but they shall not be entitled to appointment to any office or position in the United States Army by reason of their graduation from the United States Military Academy.

SEC. 3. Nothing in this joint resolution shall be construed to subject such persons to the provisions of section 4346(d) and section 4348 of title 10 of the United States Code.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

Dear Senator Russell:

With reference to your letter of March 23, 1959, requesting the Department's recommendations concerning S. J. Res. 24, the Department favors the proposed authorization for two Thai citizens to be admitted to the United States Military Academy at West Point, as outlined in this resolution. Thailand is allied with the United States in the Southeast Asia Collective Defense Treaty, has provided troops to defend Korea against Communist aggression and follows a vigorous policy of defending its own freedom against Communist attempts at infiltration and penetration. Furthermore, the United States under the Mutual Security Program is providing training and equipment to strengthen the Thai Armed Forces. Thai officers have previously studied at the Academy under the terms of special legislation. It would therefore be most suitable to authorize the entry of selected Thai into the United States Military Academy.

At the same time, the Department also believes that the resolution should be amended to provide authorization also for the training of two Belgian cadets at the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland. Public Law 318 - 83rd Congress, approved March 24, 1954, authorized the training of two Belgian citizens at Annapolis as well as the training of Thai citizens at West Point. Both groups have now completed their courses and the Belgian Government has indicated its desire to send an additional two students to be trained at Annapolis. Belgium is firmly allied with the United States in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, contributed troops in the defense of Korea against the Communist invasion, and, throughout the post World War II period, has cooperated closely with the United States. The Department believes that the interests of the United States are well-served by limited military training programs of this type.

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The Honorable
Richard B. Russell,
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services,
United States Senate.

The Department has been informed by the Bureau of the Budget that there is no objection to the submission of this report.

Sincerely yours,

For the Secretary of State:

William B. Macomber, Jr.
Assistant Secretary

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