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The Siamese Ambassador presents his compliments to His Excellency the Secretary of State and has the honour to acknowledge the receipt of His Excellency's Note of March 18, 1948, concerning the proposed exchange of Siamese rice for Japanese textile machinery.

The Ambassador is grateful for the good offices exercised by the State Department in this connection. He notes that while Japan receives no allocation of rice from the International Emergency Food Council, Korea and the Ryukyu Islands do; that the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers might be interested in the exchange of Siamese rice for Korea and the Ryukyu Islands with Japanese textile machinery and that a suggestion has been made to him, in case of his approval of the plan, to open negotiations through the offices of the American Mission in Bangkok.

The Ambassador has already informed the Siamese Government accordingly.

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