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THE SECRETARY OF STATE,

WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Sir:

I have the honor to refer to my despatch No. 296 of February 27, 1947, transmitting the air transport agreement concluded between the United States and Siam on February 26, 1947, and to enclose copy of [illegible] a statement I issued to the press on that occasion.

[illegible] that the conclusion of this agreement will [illegible] Respectively yours, [illegible] that it will [illegible] the [illegible] of passengers and cargo, and that it [illegible] and the United States.

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Enclosure: Press Statement of February 26, 1947.

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AIR MAIL Enclosure to Despatch No. 311, dated March 14, 1947, Bangkok, entitled "Transmitting Statement Issued on Occasion of Signing of Air Transport Agreement on February 26, 1947."

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February 26, 1947.

Statement by the American Minister

I am happy that an air transport agreement has been concluded today between the United States and Siam. The establishment of air services between the United States and Siam constitutes another friendly link, an air link, between the two countries. The agreement is fully reciprocal and makes provision for recognized United States airlines to maintain an air service between the United States and Siam and for recognized Siamese airlines to maintain a similar air service for the transportation of passengers and cargo between Siam and the United States.

The institution of regular air services between the two countries will greatly facilitate the travel of passengers. We can look forward to more travelers from the United States visiting Siam, spending dollars in Siam, and learning more about Siam and the Siamese people. Conversely, we hope that more travelers from Siam will visit the United States and become acquainted with the country and its people. Air services between the two countries should also facilitate the transportation of valuable goods and items which are urgently needed.

I feel, therefore, that the conclusion of this agreement will do much to improve understanding between the two countries, that it will facilitate the transportation of passengers and cargo, and that it will be of mutual benefit to Siam and the United States.

Edwin F. Stanton