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The new Thai Ambassador to Australia and New Zealand, Vivadh na Pombejra (pronounced Weewat na Pompet), left Thailand December 8 to take up his new post after a four-year stint as Ambassador to Denmark and Norway. His wife, Mom Rachawong (a Royal title) Nivatvarn (pronounced Neewatwan) and one of their two sons accompanied him.

The enclosed biographic sketch was prepared by the Embassy prior to Vivadh's posting to Denmark and Norway. Embassies Copenhagen and Oslo may wish to comment on Ambassador Vivadh's most recent assignment.

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A career diplomat with over 15 years of service in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Vivadh is a reasonably capable and effective officer who generally takes a conservative and orthodox approach to a given situation. He is quiet and reserved in manner, and does not push himself forward in a group, but he is usually quite friendly and cooperative with Americans and is favorably disposed toward the United States.

As SEATO Council Representative for Thailand since 1965, Vivadh participated in discussions of political matters in the SEATO area and set forth the Thai position on these matters. While important political issues were generally referred to Foreign Minister Thanat for decision, Vivadh handled routine matters on his own authority. On all occasions he expressed himself fully and adequately and was considered an effective spokesman. He enjoyed excellent relations with the other Council Representatives and with the Secretary-General and senior SEATO staff members.

Both Vivadh and his wife speak excellent English. Nivatvarn is the daughter of Prince Dhani Nivat, President of the Privy Council. They have two sons, Thirawat and Pacharapong. Vivadh enjoys good food, drinks moderately and entertains well.

Vivadh was born December 9, 1915. He attended Vajiravudh College (secondary) in Bangkok and received a B.A. degree from Thammasat University in 1937 and a B.S. in Economics from London University in 1939. From 1942 to 1945 he worked with the Political Warfare Division of the British Foreign Office in New Delhi, and was editor of the Thai Section of the BBC General Overseas Service in London from 1947 to 1950.

In 1951 Vivadh entered the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Bangkok and was assigned to the Eastern Political Department. From 1950 to 1954 he also taught English at both Chulalongkorn and Thammasat Universities.

He served at the Thai Embassy in Cairo from 1954 to 1958, and became Chief of the Foreign News Analysis Division, Information Department, in 1959. That same year he was a member of the Thai delegation to the 14th UN General Assembly. In 1961 Vivadh was assigned to Paris as First Secretary, and in 1965 was appointed Chief of the SEATO Division in MFA.