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Subject: Transmitting News Articles and Editorials in Thai Newspapers Concerning Thai Territorial Controversy in Indochina.

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The Honorable
The Secretary of State
Washington

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose for the Department's information several copies of Thai newspapers, namely, Srikrung, which is said to be controlled by the Japanese, and the Bangkok Chronicle, containing news articles and editorials in regard to the territorial controversy between Thailand and Indochina.

The Department's attention is called to the fact that the enclosure No. 6 of the news article in the Bangkok Chronicle contains the gist of a speech which was broadcast last Sunday by Luang Vichitr Vadakarn, Minister of State and Director of the Fine Arts Department who, as indicated in my telegram No. 211, December 17, 7 pm., is one of the most militant members of the Thai government. It is believed that Luang Vichitr is one of the two or three leaders who is pressing the matter of cession of territory in Indochina to Thailand even to the extent of waging war for this territory if necessary, pursuant to the Japanese program in Indochina.

Respectfully yours,

Hugh G. Grant
American Minister

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Enclosure No. 1 to despatch No. 85 dated December 18, 1940 from the American Legation at Bangkok, Thailand, on the subject "Transmitting news articles and editorials in Thai newspapers concerning Thai territorial controversy with Indochina.

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