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Ref are SCAP cable CX-61748, 23 June and Emb dospatch 207 May 26.

Dept fully supports trade mission proposal in ref cable. While Siam has already declared rice available for allocation by IEFC, understood here high ranking officials Siamese Govt may be taking for granted allocation by IEFC Rice Committee all or most of 100,000 tons rice to SCAP for Japan and expecting to purchase Jap locomotives with proceeds of sale. While US Committee member will support allocation for SCAP fully, it is thought if Committee allocates rice to SCAP for Japan, the allocation will be nominal and may well include shipments from sources other than Siam. In your discretion this opinion may be expressed to appropriate Siamese officials.

It is Dept's policy to foster revival of trade between Japan and other Far Eastern countries including Siam, and it is hoped possible failure by Japan to obtain all the rice desired from Rice Committee will not have discouraging effect on this general objective. ~~Repeated to USPOLAD, Tokyo.~~

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