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TO: The Acting Secretary

FROM: EA - Arthur W. Hummel, Jr.

Thai Ambassador Anand: 3 p.m., September 12

Ambassador Anand will be accompanied by John Dexter, Country Director for Thailand and Burma. Anand speaks excellent English. Although he asked to pay a purely courtesy call, he may wish to discuss several substantive topics. Following are subjects he may raise and background for your use in responding:

1. Reduction of U.S. Military Forces in Thailand

Ambassador Anand returned in late August from Bangkok where he participated in the discussions with our Embassy, which began in July, on the gradual reduction of U.S. forces. He supports the Thai Foreign Ministry position that our forces be reduced as quickly as possible to the 32,200 level which pertained prior to the 1972 NVN spring offensive in Vietnam. Anand specifically made this point in an August 31 call on Dennis Doolin, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for ISA (DOD cable attached at Tab A). We are presently carrying out an initial reduction of up to 3,750 men, from a force level of 43,500 to about 40,000. We are now engaged in consultations with the RTG with a view to further reductions. The RTG in Bangkok and Anand with Doolin have in particular urged the earliest possible withdrawal of at least some B-52s.

Our position: While we are amenable to gradual reductions in the force level, we do not want to do anything that will lead the North Vietnamese to conclude that they can act with impunity in Indochina. We have the B-52 question under study and believe it should

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be possible to take out a few before long, but we do not wish to proceed with the appearance of precipitousness. Whether and what size military presence we may want to retain in Thailand on a long-term basis cannot be predicted at this time.

2. U.S. Assistance to Thailand

The Thai have come to expect as "normal" approximately $60 million a year in military assistance. The RTG has recently indicated that, as the direct U.S. military role in Southeast Asia diminishes, it wants us to increase our military aid. Ambassador Anand apparently understands better than many of the RTG leaders that this may be wishful thinking in view of Congressional attitudes.

Suggested Response: You may wish to emphasize the Congressional opposition to increased foreign aid, both military and economic, and to urge the Ambassador to discourage the RTG from setting its hopes too high.

3. Thai Relations with the U.S. Press and Congress

The Thai public and the RTG have long tended to over-react to what they regard as criticism of, or disregard for, Thailand by certain elements of the U. S. press and Congress. Most recently, Thai students and press strongly protested remarks made by Senator Goldwater in Des Moines on August 31 in which, according to a UPI item received in Bangkok, the Senator said the U.S. would be justified in carrying out bombing in Thailand in the event communist forces tried to overrun the country. A significant factor in the bad blood between the Thai and our press and Congress has been the lack of effective Thai representation in Washington heretofore. Ambassador Anand is the most articulate spokesman the Thai have had here in years.

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Suggested Response: You may wish to encourage Anand to continue cultivating influential members of the Congress and the press. Ambassador Unger, whom Anand knows well, has been active in this regard. There are no specific subjects we need to raise with Anand at this time.

You may wish to congratulate him for recent Thai actions on the narcotics front. Thai border patrol police captured opium king Lo Hsing-han in July and on August 26 seized nearly four tons of raw opium near the Thai-Burmese border.

Attached at Tab B is a biographic sketch.

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Tab A - SECDEF 061521Z Sept 73
Tab B - Biographic Sketch

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ANAND Panyarachun
(Phonetic: AHNAHN)

THAILAND



Ambassador to the
United States;
Permanent Representative
to the United Nations

Addressed as:
Mr. Ambassador

In September 1972 Anand Panyarachun, 40, became Permanent Representative to the United Nations, and on 2 October he presented his credentials as Ambassador to the United States. He had previously served since 1967 as Ambassador to Canada and Acting Permanent Representative. His tenure in New York, where he spends most of his time when the General Assembly is in session, has been marked by friendship and cooperation with the United States on issues of common concern, skillfully balanced by a position of complete independence.

Anand has demonstrated the ability of a more seasoned diplomat, winning the respect of the USUN Mission and of many nonaligned Asian and African nations. He has actively cultivated representatives of countries like Yugoslavia and Romania that pursue a course independent of the Soviet Union. More recently, he has sought frequent contacts with representatives of the People's Republic of China.

A graduate of Trinity College, Cambridge University, Anand has been in the Foreign Ministry since 1957. During 1959-64 he was secretary to Foreign Minister Thanat Khoman.

Suave and sophisticated, Anand is an effective, articulate speaker known for his candor and logic. He speaks nearly perfect English. Married to *Mom Rachiwong* Sodsee, a very attractive woman who is an asset to his career, Anand has two daughters, who attend the National Cathedral School for Girls in Washington.

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To: P - Ambassador Porter

From: EA - Marshall Green mg

Appointment Request: Ambassador Anand

His Excellency Anand Panyarachun, Ambassador of Thailand to the United States (and Thailand's Permanent Representative to the United Nations), wishes to pay you a courtesy call. Although he presented his credentials last October, he was absent from Washington for most of the fall because of his duties in New York, and was in Bangkok and Paris on consultation for several weeks earlier this year.

As is customary among Thai, he uses his first name for most purposes, and is addressed as Ambassador Anand (pronounced Ah-nahnd). He is completely fluent in English. He would be accompanied by John Dexter, Director for Thailand and Burma Affairs.

Your staff has tentatively set aside time for a call as noted below.

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