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COUNTRY THAILAND/CAMBODIA
DOI 13 MAY 1975

SUBJECT COMMENTS OF THAI ARMY COMMANDER GENERAL KRIT SIWARA
CONCERNING THE USE OF FORCE BY THE U.S. TO FREE
THE AMERICAN CARGO SHIP "MAYAGUEZ"

ACR THAILAND, BANGKOK (14 MAY 1975)
FIELD NO. 50X1

SOURCE SEE BELOW

1. SOURCE OF PARAGRAPH 2: A 50X1
THAI 50X1

HAS ACCESS TO A WIDE VARIETY OF INFLUENTIAL GOVERNMENT, POLITICAL AND MILITARY FIGURES. HIS REPORTING RELIABILITY HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED.

2. ON 13 MAY 1975, ROYAL THAI ARMY (RTA) COMMANDER IN CHIEF GENERAL KRIT SIWARA SAID HE WAS EXTREMELY PLEASED THAT THE U.S. HAD REACTED DECISIVELY TO THE SEIZURE

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OF THE U.S. CARGO SHIP "MAYAGUEZ" BY CAMBODIAN NAVAL FORCES. KRIT SAID, IN HIS OPINION, IT APPEARED THAT THE U.S. INTENDS TO USE FORCE IF NECESSARY TO FREE THE "MAYAGUEZ." KRIT INDICATED HE WAS HEARTENED BY U.S. PRESIDENT GERALD F O R D 'S DECISION TO TAKE FIRM AND IMMEDIATE ACTION AND SAID THAT HE FELT THIS WOULD HAVE AN IMPORTANT, POSITIVE EFFECT ON THE THAI PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY THE THAI MILITARY. KRIT SAID THIS TYPE OF ACTION IS WHAT IS NEEDED TO RE-ESTABLISH U.S. CREDITILITY IN THE REGION. (50X1 COMMENT: KRIT DID NOT MENTION HIS ATTITUDE TOWARD U.S. USE OF BASES IN THAILAND IN ANY MILITARY ACTION TO FREE THE SHIP. HOWEVER, HIS ATTITUDE AS EXPRESSED ABOVE WOULD TEND TO INDICATE THAT HE PRIVATELY, ALTHOUGH FOR POLITICAL REASONS PROBABLY NOT PUBLICLY, WOULD SYMPATHIZE WITH SUCH ACTION.)

3. SOURCE OF PARAGRAPH 4: A 50X1 WITH ACCESS TO 1ST ARMY UNITS 50X1 HE IS A NEW SOURCE WHOSE REPORTING RELIABILITY HAS NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED.

4. KRIT AND A SMALL GROUP OF YOUNGER RTA UNIT COMMANDERS WHICH INCLUDED MAJOR GENERAL T H I A N C H A I SIRISAMPHAN OF THE SPECIAL WARFARE CENTER AND SPECIAL COLONEL Y U T T H A S A K KHLONGTUCHOK, DEPUTY COMMANDER, FIRST DIVISION, MET ON 13 MAY TO DISCUSS THE RTA'S POSITION TOWARD THE GOVERNMENT AND A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT ISSUES. THE GROUP WHOLEHEARTEDLY AGREED WITH KRIT THAT THE ABSOLUTE INTEGRITY OF THE ARMY SHOULD BE MAINTAINED AND THAT THE RTA BE PREPARED TO UNDERTAKE ANY ROLE IF CALLED UPON. FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC ISSUES WERE DISCUSSED AND IT WAS THE FULL CONSENSUS OF THE GROUP THAT THE RTA SHOULD BE GUIDED BY FOUR PRINCIPLES: TO MAINTAIN ABSOLUTE LOYALTY TO AND STAND READY TO PROTECT THE MONARCHY; TO MAINTAIN THE CLOSEST POSSIBLE TIES WITH THE U.S. NO MATTER WHAT COUNTERREVOLTING ATTEMPTS WERE MADE TO MODIFY THOSE BONDS; TO IDENTIFY AND SUPPRESS COMMUNISM WHEREVER IT WAS FOUND; AND TO SEEK TO IMPROVE AND REFORM THE ECONOMY, PARTICULARLY THE PLIGHT OF THE FARMER.

5. FIELD DISSEM: EMBASSY, DEFATT, USMACTHAI, USOM, USIS (DIRECTOR ONLY) AT BANGKOK. SENT TO CINCPAC, IPAC, CSG, PACAF, PACFLT, KUALA LUMPUR, VIENTIANE.
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