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- 5 OCT 71 MORNING ISSUE OF BANGKOK ENGLISH PAPER "THE NATION" CARRIES FRONT PAGE ARTICLE HEADLINED "TAC PROTESTS TO U.S. EMBASSY OVER RIGHTS VIOLATION."
- TEXT OF ARTICLE INDICATES THAT THAI AIRWAYS COMPANY (TAC) HAS STRONGLY PROTESTED TO THE U.S. EMBASSY AGAINST WHAT IT CALLED VIOLATION OF THE COUNTRY'S DOMESTIC AIRLINES'S RIGHTS BY AIR AMERICA AND CONTINENTAL AIR SERVICE. THE ARTICLE QUOTING TAC'S MANAGING DIRECTOR LT. COMMANDER PRASONG SUCHINA STATES THAT THE "U.S. EMBASSY ... HAS FAILED TO RESPOND DESPITE THE FACT THAT PROTESTS HAD BEEN LODGED ON MANY OCCASIONS." THE MANAGING DIRECTOR SAID "AIR AMERICA AND CONTINENTAL AIR SERVICE HAD BEEN PICKING UP PASSENGERS FROM UDORN THANI, CHIANG MAI AND VIENTIANE TO BANGKOK AND BACK.
- \_\_\_\_\_ HAS CONTACTED EMBASSY PRESS ATTACHE, WHO NOT AWARE OF ANY PROTEST LODGED WITH EMBASSY OR ANY INQUIRY ON MATTER. WILL ADVISE IF PROTEST LODGED OR INQUIRY MADE.
- \_\_\_\_\_ REALIZES POSSIBILITY OF THIS PROBLEM HAS

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