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SUBJECT: AIR TRANSPORT SERVICES IN SUPPORT OF THE U.S. MISSION TO CAMBODIA

FOR DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR MURPHY

REFSI A) (B) PHNOM PENH (C) PHNOM PENH

FOR REASONS OF ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY, AS STATED REFTTEL (B), IT IS CLEAR THAT BANGKOK IS NOT A DESIRABLE ALTERNATIVE SITE FOR LOCATION AIR OPERATIONS TO PROVIDE CAMBODIA MISSION WITH SAME AIR SERVICES AS THOSE CURRENTLY PROVIDED BY AIR AMERICA FROM SAIGON. THEREFORE, RELUCTANTLY CONCLUDE THAT DIRECT SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT FOR CAMBODIA OPERATIONS WITH AIR VIET NAM/CASI MUST BE UNDERTAKEN, GIVEN CIRCUMSTANCES OUTLINED REFTTEL (A). WE HAVE CONTACTED GKR WHICH HAS INDICATED THIS ARRANGEMENT ACCEPTABLE BUT GKR WOULD PREFER THAT AIR VIETNAM PLANES WITH AIR VIET NAM MARKINGS NOT BE USED FOR SERVICES WITHIN CAMBODIA. BELIEVE THIS PROBLEM CAN BE RESOLVED BY HAVING CASI ACTUALLY HANDLE ENTIRE CAMBODIAN OPERATION AS AIR VIET NAM SUBCONTRACTOR, WITH PAYMENT TO BE MADE IN DOLLARS IF NECESSARY, DEAN

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