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SUBJECT Attack on Government by Pro-Phibul Elements

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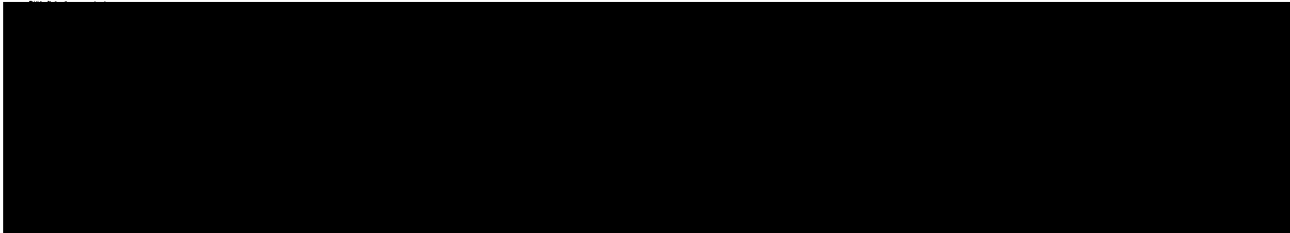
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SUPPLEMENT

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1. An attempted attack on the present government was made by members of the Budget Committee of the House of Elders in a memorandum attached to the report of the committee. Three members of the committee, Lt. Gen. Mangkorn Promyothi, Major Savek Nirandorn and Group Capt. Thian Kenradomying were all former followers of Marshal Pibul Songgram. The Secretary of the committee who helped draft the scathing memorandum was Nai Aroon Saengsawan Vatana, Assistant Secretary of the Constitutional Front Party. Chairman of the committee, Dr. Thong Pleo Cholaplum and the Minister of Finance, Wichit Lulithanon, another member, did not vote for the memorandum to the budget report.
2. The memorandum was a six-point attack on the present government. Administratively it proposed the dissolution of the Ministries of Commerce and Public Health, their work to be taken over by the Departments of Finance and Interior. The memorandum charged that government offices were greatly overstaffed and budgets were padded. Further, it charged an excessive number of missions had been sent abroad and attacked the low caliber of students sent abroad.
3. The memorandum died a legislative death as Parliament adjourned 31 December 1946.
4. Sentiment in Bangkok has been openly expressed desiring the return of Marshal Pibul to power to put the country into shape. He made a public denial in the 1 January edition of SRIKRUNG of any intention to reenter politics.

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[REDACTED] comment: Lt. Gen. Mangkorn Promyothi is a non-active member of the General Staff; he served as Minister of the Interior under Marshal Pibul. After the war he was held as a war criminal suspect, but was released by the general Dika Court ruling the War Crimes Act was retroactive and therefore unconstitutional.

Major Savek Nirandorn (previously reported as Nirananda) held the position as Secretary to the Regent until 16 August 1944. He worked with Marshal Pibul to prevent the fall of the Pibul govern.

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ment in February 1944. He is alleged to be wealthy and to have obtained his wealth from questionable sources. He has been connected with the Privy Purse scandal of 1937. At one time he served as the Director of the National and City Bank of Thailand.

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