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REPORT NO.

## INFORMATION REPORT

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COUNTRY

Siam

Navy Refusal of Phibul®s Demands for Surrender of Pridi, Now Ill at Sattahip

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SUBJECT

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- Pridi is at Sattahip, having returned via naval craft from southern Malaya. Vice Admiral Luang Sindhu Kamonnawin, Siamese Navy Commander-in-Chief, is taking personal responsibility for Pridi and has refused three demands from Phibul that Pridi be surrendered. Phibul has offered Sindhu anything he might name in return for Pridi. plus assurance of a fair trial for the latter. Sindhu has remained adamant and has stated that Pridi cannot be surrendered because he is seriously ill.\*
- The nature and seriousness of the illness is not known, but Pridi stayed with his relatives in Songkhla for six days awaiting a doctor for treatment of a rheumatic back, prior to Pridi's escape into Malaya following the 25X1A6a attempted coup of 26 February.
  - Comment. In the opinion of source, the Navy will never surrender Pridi and is prepared to continue to support him.

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