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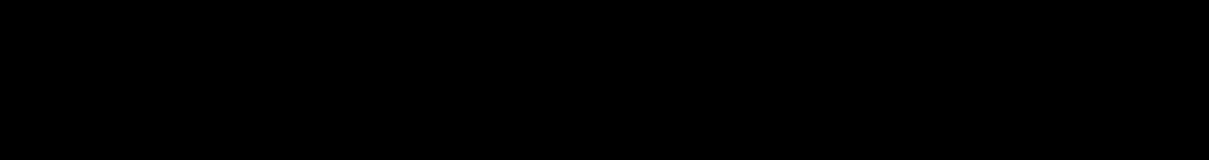
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1. The Thai Army will receive military aid from the United States in the form of weapons for mechanized units, tanks, and anti-aircraft guns. A training program for the Army will be organized later. The present strength of five Army divisions, consisting of three battalions each, will be increased to five battalions each. In addition, a supply of arms will be kept in reserve for any emergency which might necessitate calling reserves to active duty.
2. The Navy base at Songkhla will be furnished additional equipment and will be made into a base larger than the Navy base at Sattahip. Sattahip will be used only as a submarine base, with accommodations for smaller vessels. Since it is impossible to send the four submarines which have been inoperable to Tokyo for repair, it is expected that steps will be taken to negotiate with the United States to have them repaired in the Philippines. Aid will also be given to the Navy in the form of ships to be used in coastal patrols. The Navy Air Force will also be expanded.
3. The Thai Air Force will receive up-to-date equipment for meteorological surveys for use in military and civil aviation. The Air Force's bases at Prachuap Kirikhan and Lampang will be expanded to enable these bases to carry on effective reconnaissance. Only three planes are currently based at Prachuap Kirikhan and Lampang.

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