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Mr. Henry Bardach
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Classification/Declassification Center
Bureau of Administration
Department of State
Room 1239, New State Building
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Bardach:

As you requested in your letter of 28 May 1985, we have once more gone through the nine documents on Thailand from the manuscript Foreign Relations of the United States, 1955-57, Volume XXV and XXVI, East Asia and the Pacific on which State's Historical Office has asked for reconsideration of CIA's excisions of 13 August 1984.

CIA can accede to State's requests with regard to Document Numbers 45 and 50. We can agree that CIA equities are adequately protected by the shorter excisions you propose.

In the case of Document Number 42, we note CDC's objection to release of the paragraph on the [redacted] [redacted] CIA concurs with CDC in that judgment, on grounds both of foreign policy sensitivity and protecting intelligence activities. [redacted]

In the remaining documents (Numbers 8, 65, 68, 71, 72, and 73)--in all of which the excised passages pertain to the SEA Supply Co. and its assistance to [redacted] CIA must continue to deny release of the passage indicated. We recognize that stories have appeared in the open press describing the activities of this company, but we nevertheless do not want to confirm such stories by official acknowledgment because of the problems that it could lead to in this still explosive part of the world. [redacted]

Sincerely,

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Chief, Classification Review Division
Office of Information Services
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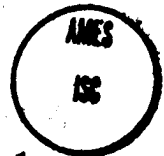
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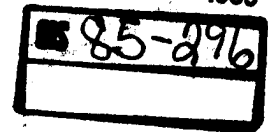
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Dear [Redacted]

I refer to your letter of August 13, 1984, giving CIA reaction to certain documents on Thailand, 1955-57, proposed for inclusion in the Foreign Relations of the United States series.

The Historical Office has asked CDC to request CIA reconsideration of some of its excisions, as described below:

Document No. 45 - HO requests that the excision be limited to the phrase beginning with "according" and ending with "July 25." CDC supports the HO request since the suggested shortened excision still would be sufficient to protect the intelligence source while permitting the declassification of the [Redacted] position on the proposed Mekong River bridge.

Document No. 50 - HO requests reducing the second excision on page 1 to the phrase beginning with "Certain" and ending with "that." CDC supports the HO request since intelligence sources still would be protected with the shorter excision.

Document No. 42 - HO requested restoration of excised paragraph 51 on the grounds that similar language had been printed in the Pentagon Papers, Book 10, page 852, paragraph 11c. CDC also had requested the excision on foreign policy grounds and cannot agree to the restoration.

Finally, HO requests reconsideration of the requested excisions concerning the SEA Supply Company on the grounds that its existence was and is no secret and its operations are an open secret, at best. Attached are some published references to SEA Supply provided by HO. A list of the documents in question follows:

Document 8, footnote 2 - The footnote contains no reference to CIA's connection with SEA Supply.

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I refer to your letter of August 13, 1984, giving CIA reaction to certain documents on Thailand, 1955-57, proposed for inclusion in the Foreign Relations of the United States series.

The Historical Office has asked CDC to request CIA reconsideration of some of its excisions, as described below:

Document No. 43 - HO requests that the excision be limited to the phrase beginning with "according" and ending with "July 25." CDC supports the HO request since the suggested shortened excision still would be sufficient to protect the intelligence source while permitting the declassification of the position on the proposed Mekong River bridge. [redacted]

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Finally, HO requests reconsideration of the requested excisions concerning the SKA Supply Company on the grounds that its existence was and is no secret and its operations are an open secret, at best. Attached are some published references to SKA Supply provided by HO. A list of the documents in question follows:

Document 8, footnote 1 - The footnote contains no reference to CIA's connection with SKA Supply.

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