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U. S. Will Speed Delivery of Arms To Thais' Forces

Muskie, in Asia for Talks, Assails Hanoi Incursion

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KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia, June 27 — Secretary of State Edmund S. Muskie told the Thai Foreign Minister here today that the United States would speed delivery of 35 tanks and other battlefield equipment as a tangible American response to the Vietnamese incursion into Thailand this week.

Relaying the message to the Foreign Minister, Air Chief Marshal Siddhi Savet-sila, Mr. Muskie also held out the possibility of more aid.

The Secretary flew here from a North Atlantic Treaty Organization meeting in Ankara to consult with the foreign ministers of the five members of the pro-Western Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

Concern Over Vietnamese Drive

The meeting has been dominated by concern over Vietnam's incursion into Thailand from Cambodia on Monday and Tuesday during operations against Cambodian guerrillas. The concern was reflected in Mr. Muskie's arrival statement, in which he said, "We meet in Kuala Lumpur over the next two days in the shadow of ongoing aggression — by the Soviet Union in Afghanistan and by the Vietnamese in Kampuchea."

The attack this week, he said, "not only violates Thai territorial integrity and threatens its security, but it may represent an expansion of the conflict and exacerbates the suffering of the Thai and Khmer peoples."

After the meeting Air Chief Marshal Siddhi said, "Very soon we can expect to see many American arms-supply planes coming into Bangkok."

Thailand received 15 modernized tanks of Korean War vintage late last year; the additional 35 will be delivered this summer. In addition, shipments of artillery, recoilless rifles and ammunition are to be expedited. Thailand receives \$50 million in military credits a year on regular Pentagon terms, and repayment is to be eased to allow Thailand to buy more with its money.

A Two-Day Stay in Thailand

As pieced together from intelligence reports, American officials believe that two companies from the Vietnamese 75th Division overran two border refugee encampments and occupied two Thai villages Monday. They withdrew Tuesday although artillery exchanges continued that day and a Thai spotter plane and helicopter gunship were shot down, probably by hand-held Soviet-made ground-to-air missiles.

After the raid the American Ambassador to Thailand, Morton I. Abramowitz, delivered a message from Mr. Muskie to Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach of Vietnam, who coincidentally stopped over in Bangkok on his return from an official visit to Indonesia. In the 25-minute meeting Mr. Thach was told of the American concern and unhappiness over the incursion.

Mr. Muskie also conferred with Malaysian leaders and the foreign ministers of Indonesia and Singapore today as well as with ministers from Japan, Australia, New Zealand and Canada.