



OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

June 8, 1974

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PLACE: EOB
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
DATE: May 24, 1974

SUBJECT: Visit of U. S. Ambassador to Thailand, William R. Kintner

PARTICIPANTS: The Vice President
John O. Marsh, Jr. *jom*
Ambassador William R. Kintner,
U. S. Ambassador to Thailand

Ambassador Kintner met with the Vice President and, in general, covered the following items:

- (1) Background summary of the present situation in Thailand.
- (2) Status of the present government with special reference to their relationship with the press, pointing out that the press was becoming an increasingly difficult factor.
- (3) Emphasized need for foreign military assistance program.
- (4) Briefly described the economic situation in Thailand.
- (5) Stressed a desire for sugar quota legislation that would be favorable to Thailand.
- (6) Expressed concern over any base access restrictions.
- (7) Cited importance of Thailand in that area of the world, especially if we are to carry out a role as a Pacific power.
- (8) Urged that we not neglect the Pacific, because of its importance

and the fact that historically, we had substantial interest and presence there.

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