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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
and  
THAILAND**

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement concerning  
protection of refugees. Bangkok, 30 September 1980**

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*Registered by the United States of America on 15 April 1982.*

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**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE  
et  
THAÏLANDE**

**Échange de notes constituant un accord relatif à la  
protection des réfugiés. Bangkok, 30 septembre 1980**

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*Enregistré par les États-Unis d'Amérique le 15 avril 1982.*

EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THAILAND CONCERNING PROTECTION OF REFUGEES

I

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

September 30, 1980

Excellency:

I have the honor to refer to recent discussions between the Embassy and officials of the Government of Thailand concerning a program to deter pirates in the Gulf of Thailand. In pursuance of these discussions, I have the honor to propose the following measures:

A. The Government of the United States will make available to the Government of Thailand \$2 million in fiscal year 1980 for the costs as follows:

- Approximately \$880,000 for the repair and refurbishing, to the extent feasible through United States sources, of a Coast Guard Cutter now in the Government of Thailand inventory of ships;
- Approximately \$168,000 for the operating costs of the Coast Guard Cutter;
- Approximately \$163,000 for the purchase of radios from United States sources and to pay for various support activities;
- Approximately \$514,000 for the purchase of two 0-2 patrol aircraft from United States sources;
- Approximately \$146,486 for the operating costs of patrol aircraft associated with the program;
- The balance of approximately \$100,000 to cover any increase in costs of the above items due to inflation and for other unforeseen costs associated with the program. Balances not necessary for one or more of these items as estimated above may be applied to any of the other items as necessary.

B. Details of carrying out the program will be the subject of further exchanges of correspondence between the Embassy and the Government of Thailand which will cover, *inter alia*, provision of appropriate assistance to distressed boat refugees in the Gulf of Thailand and provision of Thai Government aircraft and ships to patrol the Gulf of Thailand until the 0-2 aircraft have been received in Thailand and are put into operation and other necessary arrangements completed.

C. Any vessel repaired and refurbished, and any aircraft procured, with funds under this agreement shall be used for the agreed program to combat pirates in the Gulf of Thailand, and any other use shall be subject to prior consultation with the United States for as long as this program remains in effect.

If the foregoing is acceptable to you, I propose that this letter and Your Excellency's reply in return will constitute an agreement between our two countries for an anti-piracy program, based on the understanding that disbursements will depend on mutual agreement on the details of the program as referred to

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 30 September 1980 by the exchange of the said notes.

in paragraph B above. Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

[Signed]

MORTON I. ABRAMOWITZ  
American Ambassador

His Excellency Mr. Arun Panupong  
Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Bangkok

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MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
SARANROM PALACE

30 September B.E. 2523

No. 0605/56934

Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's Note of today's date, which reads as follows:

[See note I]

In reply, I have the honour to state that the foregoing proposals are acceptable to the Royal Thai Government and that the present Note and Your Excellency's Note under reply constitute an agreement between the United States and the Royal Thai Governments.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

[Signed]

(ARUN PANUPONG)  
Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs  
Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs

His Excellency Mr. Morton I. Abramowitz  
Ambassador of the United States of America  
Bangkok

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