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13th January 1945

The Political Section of the Allied Commission presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and, with reference to their memorandum No. 6/1592/600 of the 27th December, has the honour to state that it has been informed by the appropriate Allied authorities that the Swiss Federal Government have agreed to assume the protection of Siamese Interests in Italy.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Palazzo Chigi,
ROME.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 386

11 January 1945

SUBJECT: Siamese Interests in Italy.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394

1. Reference is made to your 323 of 3 January 1945.
2. A request was received from the British Resident Minister's Office of this Headquarters as to whether or not there were any free Thai in Italy. Upon receipt of your 323 of 18 December 1944, the information was transmitted to the Office of the British Resident Minister.
3. The next information this Section received was that transmitted to you in our G-5: 386 of 17 December 1944.
4. It appears that this matter was handled entirely by the Foreign Office and the Swiss Government.

For the Act'g Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

F. J. Slaughter
F. J. SLAUGHTER
Captain, A.G.D.

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Ref: 323

3rd January 1945

Subject: Siamese Interests in Italy.

To: G-5, Allied Force Headquarters.

1. Reference your memorandum G-5 386 of December 17th, 1944.
2. This Headquarters is informed that the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs are unaware of the Swiss Government's offer to represent Siamese Interests in Italy. If by "Foreign Office" in the memorandum under reference is meant the "British Foreign Office", this Headquarters fails to understand why the latter should have accepted the Swiss Government's offer. Further details would be appreciated.

For the Chief Commissioner

H.S./red (18/4)

H.L.d'A. HOPKINSON,
Acting Vice-President,
Political Section.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 513 TBJ/BMR/lasc

G-5: 386

17 December 1944

SUBJECT: Siamese interests in Italy.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
A.P.O. 394

This Headquarters has been notified by the Foreign Office that they have accepted the Swiss Government's offer to represent Siamese interests in Italy.

For Acting Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

T. B. Jackman
T. B. JACKMAN,
Lt. Colonel.

W.S.
Ought we to
notify (1) the Swiss leg
& (2) the Army? *W.A.*

AH

I should think so!

Mus
22.12.44

Ministero degli Affari Esteri

6/1392/600

MEMORANDUM FOR THE POLITICAL SECTION A.C.

Reference is made to Memorandum n° 6/1230/543 of December 13th.

From further informations the following Thai subjects appeared to be living in Rome:

- 1°) - SANCH Sakdhanra of the late Jong, born at Bangkok on January 1st 1921, bachelor. - Rome, 15 Via Treviso.
- 2°) - SARNALAKGANA Kana, of Phana and Chana Sripanya, born at Bangkok on February 13th 1916, single. In Italy from July 13th 1937; living in Rome; Casa dello studente; albergo Indovici; 43 Via Lima.
- 3°) - PAYACHANITHI Wattana of Luang and Orenug Sundara, born at Bangkok on August 24th 1917; student. Arrived to Italy from Berlin on May 17th 1941. Address in Rome: 2 Via Mariana; 1/3 Piazza Ruggiero da Sicilia.
- 4°) - VONGSIRANY Chiew Boon son of Joamas and Tan Maria, born at Bangkok on March 20th 1921 - arrived to Rome on November 17th 1939, coming from Thailand - 12 Via del Gianicolo. Catholic priest.
- 5°) - KHAMBUSON Joseph son of Irvig and of Kiamki Anna, born at Chanyabury on May 29th 1909, bachelor, in Italy from July 13th 1935; formerly living in via del Gianicolo; from August 24th 1935 in Castel Gandolfo. Catholic priest.

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs has no knowledge 3888
 of the political attitude of the above persons with regards to "the Free Thai movement". The Ministry for Foreign Affairs have been informed, moreover, that in 1943 a small group of Thai students who were attending the University in Rome went to Switzerland following instructions of the Thai Legation.

Rome, December 27th 1944



Ref: 122

18 December 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: C-5 Section, Allied Force Headquarters, APO 812;
Copies to: U. S. Political Advisor,
British Resident, Minister.

SUBJECT: Presence of "Pro Thai" Subjects in Liberated Italy.

1. Reference is made to C-5 Section's memorandum No. C-5: 306 dated 29 November 1944.

2. Further reference is made to telephone conversation between Political Section and C-5 Section on 1 December 1944 in which Political Section stated that the Swiss Legation, Foreign Interests Division, had reported on 5 November 1944 that it had no knowledge of there being any "Pro Thai" in liberated Italy, and that the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs had informed the Political Section that the Italian Ministry of Interior was making an investigation in this matter.

3. There has been received from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs memorandum No. 6/1264/546 dated 13 December 1944 which states that

"From enquiries made, only four Thai subjects appear to be living in Rome, of which three are Catholics residing at the Missionary Pontifical University of Propaganda Fide (Via del Giordano 12). The fourth Thai subject is Mrs. Vanda THAKHAI, born in Florence, Italian by birth and widow of a Thai diplomatic official by name of Samsakitch. Her address is Via Lima 35, Rome.

"Enquiries are being made in order to ascertain whether other Thai subjects are living in other parts of liberated Italy."

For the Chief Commissioner:-

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WILLIAM E. SCHATT
Vice-President, Political Section



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE POLITICAL SECTION A.C.

Reference is made to Memorandum 353 of November 4th of the Political Section concerning the presence of "Free Thai subjects" in liberated Italy.

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Rome, 13th December, 1945



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This correspondence has been just turned over to us by the Displaced Persons S/C. The unnumbered telegram from AFHQ to ALCOM was dispatched to Displaced Persons for action and you will note that Political Section was not included on the distribution list. Displaced Persons immediately telegram to AFHQ for the correspondence and it was, upon receipt of the letter in question noted that the correspondence was originally directed to the Political Section.

Information is requested immediately by phone and to be confirmed by letter to AFHQ.

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*Original correspondence to us is attached
herewith.*

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G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 386.

28 November 1944

SUBJECT: Protection of Property by Neutral Countries.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

1. Ref. your cable 7140 of 27 November. Attached herewith is copy of letter this headquarters, file G-5: 386 of 31 October and copy of memo from USPOLAD which was inclosed.

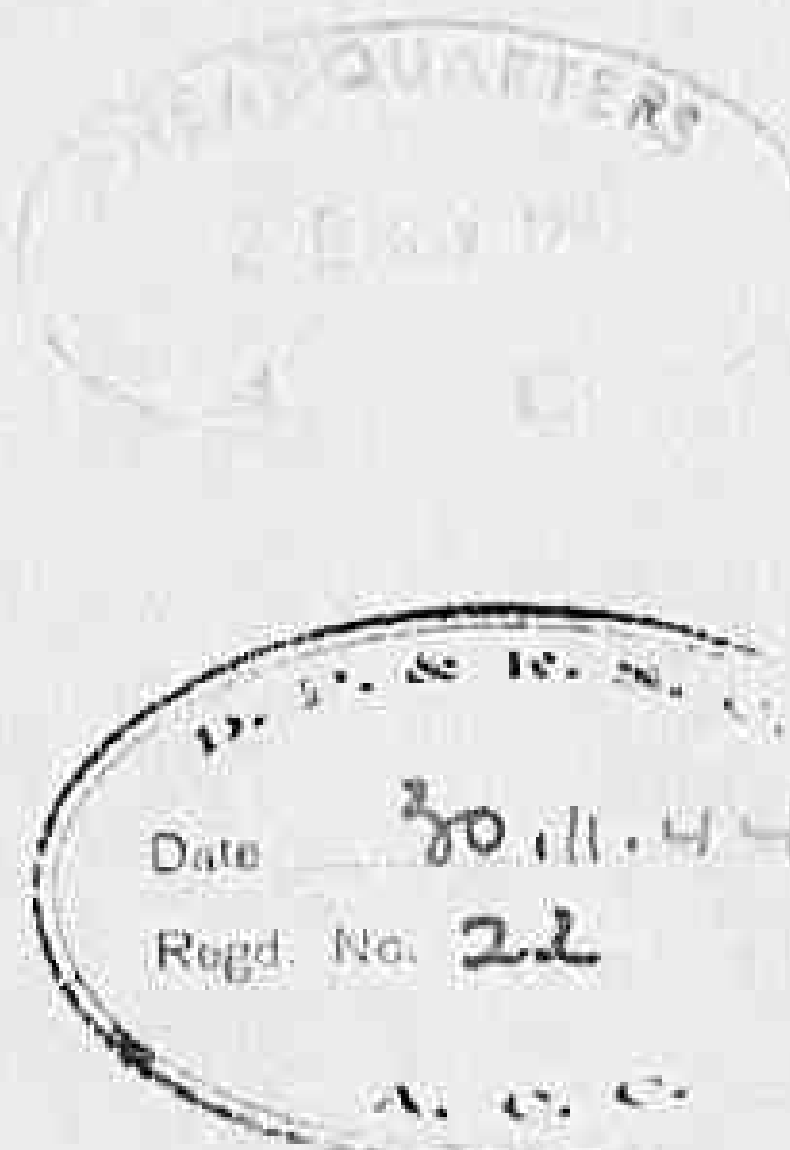
2. It is requested that the information be furnished by phone and confirmed in writing to this headquarters without delay.

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

Incl:
as above.

F. J. Slaughter
F. J. SLAUGHTER,
Captain, A.G.D.

No.	D. P. & S. G. A. G. D.	Seen
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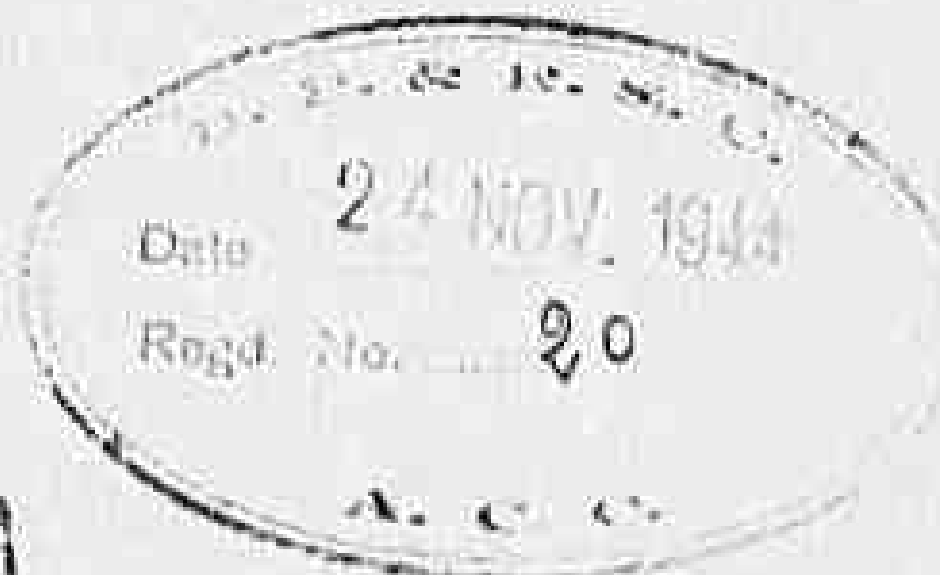
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ACTION

Information requested as to when a reply may be expected to our 386 of 31 October requesting information as to whether or not there are any free Thai in liberated ITALY. Please expedite.

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G-5 Section
APO 512

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31 October 1944

G-5: 386.

SUBJECT: Protection of Properties by Neutral Countries.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.
(Attention: Political Section).

1. Attention is invited to the inclosed copy of letter from the U.S. Political Adviser, this headquarters.
2. It is requested that the information desired in Para. 2 of the attached letter be furnished.

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

Incl:

Memo dtd Oct 28 from USPOLAD.

F. J. SLAUGHTER,
Captain, A.G.D.

Copy to: U.S. POLAD.

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COPY

POLITICAL ADVISER
to the
ALLIED COMMANDER IN CHIEF
Mediterranean Theater

October 28, 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5.

SUBJECT : Protection of properties by neutral countries.

The Office of the British Resident Minister has shown us a copy of your letter of October 25, reference No. 386, in which you state that there is no objection to the representation by Switzerland of the interest of Thailand in liberated Italy. The British Resident Minister's Office has requested our view on this matter and in reply to a telegram which we sent to Washington, the State Department has now informed this office that there would appear to be no need for representation by Switzerland of Thai interests in liberated areas in Italy so far as the United States is concerned if there are Thai representatives available who are known to be "free Thai" and pro-United Nations. The United States Government would not object should the Thai Government under these circumstances desire to engage the services of the Swiss Government as a channel of communication with Allied-controlled Italy. If there are no "free Thai" representatives, or on the other hand, the Department of State has no objection to the representations by Switzerland of the interest in Thailand.

It would be appreciated if G-5 Section could ascertain through the appropriate authorities whether there are any "free Thai" in liberated Italy.

For the U.S. Political Adviser:

Thomas S. Estes

Copy to British Resident Minister.

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Foreign Interests.

MEMORANDUM.

to the Allied Control Commission, Political Section, Rome.

The Swiss Legation, Foreign Interests Division, presents its compliments to the Allied Control Commission, Political Section, and in reply to the letter from the Political Section, dated November 4, 1944, has the honour to state that it has no knowledge of there being any "Free Thai" in liberated Italy.

Rome, November 6, 1944.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
POLITICAL SECTION
APO 394

Ref: 323

4 November 1944

SUBJECT: Presence of "Free Thai" Subjects in Liberated Italy

MEMORANDUM TO: Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The Political Section of the Allied Commission would appreciate being informed if the Royal Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs has knowledge of the presence in Liberated Italy of any Nationals of Thai who are known to be "Free Thai" and pro-United Nations.

WILLIAM W. SCHOTT
Vice President, Political Section

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
POLITICAL SECTION
APO 394

Ref: 323

4 November 1944

The Political Section of the Allied Commission presents its compliments to the Legation of Switzerland, Foreign Interests Section, and has to request that it be informed if the latter has knowledge of the presence in liberated Italy of any Nationals of Thai who are known to be "Free Thai" and pro-United Nations.

Dr. Carlo Sommaruga
Juridical Counsellor
Foreign Interests Section,
Legation of Switzerland
Via Veneto, 121
Rome

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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For Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

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Memo dtd Oct 28 from US Polad.

Copy to: U.S. Polad

J. Slaughter
J. SLAUGHTER,
Captain, A.G.D. 1276
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