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SUBJECT COMMENTS BY ALEKSEY ADZHUBEY TO THAI AND SOVIET BLOC OFFICIALS DATE DISTR. 15 JANUARY 1964

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SOURCE: (PARA 1 - A EUROPEAN BUSINESSMAN (B) WHO HAS OCCASIONAL CLOSE CONTACT WITH SOVIET BLOC TRADE AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

PARA 2 - [REDACTED]

APPRAISAL OF COMMENT: ADZHUBEY PROBABLY MADE THE COMMENTS AS REPORTED.

DURING A RECEPTION AT THE SOVIET EMBASSY, ALEKSEY ADZHUBEY CRITICIZED HIS GOVERNMENT'S ERROR IN OVEREMPHASIZING INDUSTRY AT THE EXPENSE OF AGRICULTURE. HE URGED THE SOVIET DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY TO INCREASE ITS CONTACT WITH THE THAI PEOPLE IN ORDER TO IMPROVE REPORTING ON LOCAL CONDITIONS. ADZHUBEY FELT THE THAIS SHOULD KNOW THE SOVIETS BETTER TOO. ADZHUBEY SAID SEATO, CENTO AND NATO ARE USELESS, THAT THERE IS TROUBLE IN VIETNAM AS WELL AS LAOS, AND THAT THAILAND SHOULD LEAVE THE CHINA PROBLEM TO THE USSR. LATER COMMENTS BY ADZHUBEY TO PRIME MINISTER THANOM AND FOREIGN MINISTER THANAT ON POOR PRESS COVERAGE OF SOVIET EVENTS AND RECEPTIONS CS-3/567,770.

AT A RECEPTION GIVEN IN HIS HONOR AT THE SOVIET EMBASSY, BANGKOK, 24 NOVEMBER 1963, ALEKSEY ADZHUBEY, IZVESTIYA EDITOR AND KHRUSHCHEV'S SON-IN-LAW, DELIVERED A SPEECH TO SOVIET BLOC REPRESENTATIVES WHO HAD BEEN INVITED TO STAY AFTER THE RECEPTION. ADZHUBEY EXPRESSED DEEP PERSONAL AND NATIONAL REGRET AT THE DEATH OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND EULOGIZED HIS SERVICE TO EASE WORLD TENSION. CONCERNING THE SOVIET UNION, ADZHUBEY EXPLAINED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD ERRED IN PLACING TOO GREAT AN EMPHASIS ON INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT WITH TOO LITTLE THOUGHT OR EFFORT FOR THE AGRICULTURAL NEEDS OF THE POPULATION. THIS LED TO THE SHORTAGE OF WHEAT IN RUSSIA AND IN CHINA IN GENERAL. ADZHUBEY EMPHASIZED THAT MEMBERS OF THE SOVIET BLOC COMMUNITY IN THAILAND SHOULD MAKE GREATER EFFORTS TO COMBAT THIS SITUATION TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THAILAND AND ITS PEOPLE. THIS CONCERNED MORE AND MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORTING ON LOCAL CONDITIONS. ON THE OTHER HAND, HE STATED, THAT SOME CONTACTS MAY NOT AGREE WITH THE SOVIET PHILOSOPHY - THERE ARE MANY OTHER AREAS ON WHICH RATHER DIFFERENT OPINIONS. THE SOVIETS SHOULD LEARN MORE ABOUT THAILAND, BUT IT IS MORE IMPORTANT FOR THE THAIS TO KNOW THE SOVIETS BETTER.

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- A. SEATO, NATO, AND CENTO ARE USELESS. THESE ORGANIZATIONS DO NOT PREVENT WORLD TENSION, AND IF A NUCLEAR WAR SHOULD BREAK OUT, ONE BOMB WOULD DESTROY EVERYTHING.
- B. FASCISTS IN THE UNITED STATES WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATH OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY. ADZHUBEY REFERRED TO HIS PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS WITH AN AMERICAN AUTHOR, JOHN STEINBECK, WHO REPORTEDLY SAID THAT FASCISTS WERE STIRRING UP THE INTERNAL POLITICAL SITUATION IN THE UNITED STATES.
- C. IN ANSWER TO A QUESTION POSED TO HIM REGARDING STRONGER SOVIET ACTION ON THE LAO PROBLEM, ADZHUBEY POINTED OUT THAT THERE IS ALSO TROUBLE IN BERLIN.
- D. WHEN ASKED IF THE USSR CAN HELP, SINCE THAILAND IS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT CHINESE COMMUNIST INTERVENTION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, ADZHUBEY ANSWERED, "LEAVE CHINA TO THE USSR."

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SUMMARY: DURING A RECEPTION AT THE SOVIET EMBASSY, ALEXSEY ADZHUBEY EXPLAINED HIS GOVERNMENT'S ERROR IN OVEREMPHASIZING INDUSTRY AT THE EXPENSE OF AGRICULTURE. HE URGED THE SOVIET DIPLOMATIC COMMITTEE TO INCREASE ITS CONTACT WITH THE THAI PEOPLE IN ORDER TO IMPROVE REPORTING ON LOCAL CONDITIONS. ADZHUBEY FELT THE THAIS SHOULD KNOW THE SOVIETS BETTER FOR THE SAKE OF NATO, CENTO AND NATO AND USNESS, THAT THERE IS CONTACT IN THAILAND AS WELL AS LAOS, AND THAT THAILAND SHOULD LEARN THE GREAT LESSON FROM THE USSR. LATER COMMENTS BY ADZHUBEY TO PRIME MINISTER THANAT AND TO PRIME MINISTER THANAT ON POOR PRESS COVERAGE OF SOVIET EVENTS ARE REFERRED TO IN CS-1509,710.

AT A RECEPTION GIVEN IN HIS HONOR AT THE SOVIET EMBASSY, BANGKOK, ON 30 NOVEMBER 1963, ALEXSEY ADZHUBEY, EMERSON EDITION AND KIROUSHNEY'S SON-IN-LAW, DELIVERED A SPEECH TO SOVIET BLOC REPRESENTATIVES WHO HAD BEEN ASKED TO STAY AFTER THE RECEPTION. ADZHUBEY EXPRESSED DEEP PERSONAL AND NATIONAL REGRET AT THE DEATH OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND PRAISED HIS EFFORTS TO LESSEN WORLD TENSION. CONCERNING THE SOVIET UNION, ADZHUBEY EXPLAINED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD ERRED IN PLACING TOO GREAT AN EMPHASIS ON INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT WITH TOO LITTLE THOUGHT OR EFFORT FOR THE AGRICULTURAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE POPULATION. THIS LED TO THE SHORTAGE OF WHEAT IN PARTICULAR AND FOOD IN GENERAL. ADZHUBEY EMPHASIZED THAT MEMBERS OF THE SOVIET DIPLOMATIC COMMITTEE IN THAILAND SHOULD MAKE GREATER EFFORTS TO CONTACT THE LOCAL POPULATION TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THAILAND AND ITS PEOPLE. THIS WOULD RESULT IN BETTER AND MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORTING ON LOCAL CONDITIONS. IT DOES NOT MEAN, HE STATED, THAT SOME CONTACTS MAY NOT AGREE WITH THE SOVIET NATIONAL PHILOSOPHY - THERE ARE MANY OTHER AREAS ON WHICH RAPPORT CAN BE BASED. THE SOVIETS SHOULD LEARN MORE ABOUT THAILAND, BUT IT IS EQUALLY IMPORTANT FOR THE THAIS TO KNOW THE SOVIETS BETTER.

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