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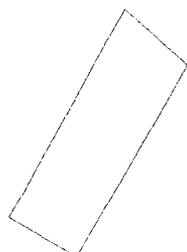
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IT SEEMS INCREDIBLE THAT THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CAN NOT GET TRACKAGE FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THAILAND FOR THESE FLIGHTS, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF THE VAST AND INCREASING AMOUNTS OF AID TO THAILAND. HOWEVER, SINCE IT IS SAID IT CANNOT BE DONE THEN IT APPEARS [] HAS NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO ACCOMPLISH CONCERNED SERVICES OUTSIDE THAILAND. AS WE BELIEVE EVERYONE KNOWS, SPACE AND FACILITIES ARE TERRIBLY CROWDED AT SAIGON. RELIEF IN THE WAY OF SPACE AND FACILITIES EXPANSION AND IMPROVEMENT COME TORTUOUSLY SLOW AND GAINS TYPICALLY ARE WIPED OUT BY THE INCREASING QUANTITIES OF AIRCRAFT BEING ASSIGNED THERE, SOME OF THEM LARGE AIRCRAFT. WE WILL DO WHAT WE CAN NOW IN THE WAY OF C-47 PERIODIC SERVICES AT SAIGON AND SEND THOSE WHICH CANNOT BE HANDLED TO VIENTIANE. WHILE WE TOO WOULD MUCH PREFER TO ACCOMPLISH ALL SERVICES ON SAIGON BASED AIRCRAFT AT SAIGON RATHER THAN SUFFER

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THE IMPORTANT PENALTIES OF FERRYING TO ANOTHER BASE IT IS A FACT THAT SAIGON IS HARD PRESSED FOR SPACE JUST NOW AND THE LOSS CAN BE OFFSET IN SOME SMALL DEGREE BY THE IMPROVEMENT IN SUPPORT FROM AN OCCASIONAL FLIGHT BETWEEN SAIGON AND VIENTIANE. AS MORE SPACE GETS PAVED AND OTHER FACILITIES IMPROVE AT SAIGON WE WILL WORK TOWARDS DOING ALL SERVICES THERE.

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