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SUBJECT: AIR AMERICA MAINTENANCE FLIGHTS

REF: A. STATE 53709 (AIDTO CIRCULAR X-1782); B. BANGKOK 3207

1. RE USE OF AIR AMERICA MAINTENANCE FLIGHTS BY U.S. GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AND DEPENDENTS, WE WISH TO URGE THAT A THIRD CONDITION BE INCLUDED IN LIST OF REQUIREMENTS OUTLINED PARA 3 OF REFTEL A TO EFFECT THAT SUCH USE SHOULD IN ALL CASES CONFORM WITH CIVIL AVIATION REGULATIONS OF COUNTRIES WHERE AIR AMERICA OPERATES.

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2. CURRENT AGREEMENT WITH RTG FOR AIR AMERICA OPERATIONS HERE PROVIDES FOR CARRIAGE USG PERSONNEL ON OFFICIAL DUTY ONLY. IF MAINTENANCE FLIGHTS USED ON SPACE AVAILABLE BASIS WITH TAKE-OFF OR LANDING IN THAILAND FOR OCCASIONAL TRANSPORTATION OFF-DUTY PERSONNEL OR DEPENDENTS, WE FORESEE RECURRENCE OF UNPLEASANT INCIDENTS WHICH LED TO REVOKE OF AIR AMERICA'S BLANKET CLEARANCE RIGHTS IN THAILAND.

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3. AS NOTED REFTEL B, AIR AMERICA NOW HAS SOME HOPES OF CLARIFYING THEIR OPERATIONS TO RTG, REMOVING MISTRUST AND EVENTUALLY OBTAINING REINSTATEMENT OF BLANKET CLEARANCE PRIVILEGES. WE STRONGLY BELIEVE IT IS IN INTERESTS OF AIR AMERICA AND SEA MISSION ELEMENTS TO WHICH AIR AMERICA UNDER CONTRACT TO AVOID ANY ACTIONS WHICH WOULD JEOPARDIZE THIS IMPROVEMENT IN AIR AMERICA-RTG RELATIONS. UNGER

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