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PASS TO [] FROM COLEMAN

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1. REF PARA 2, COLEMAN AND CHEN HAD SCHEDULED MEETING TODAY WITH RAL'S CHAOVATH, SADHAPETH AND BOUNPHENG AT RAL HEAD OFFICE.
2. MEASURES TAKEN REF PARA 3, APPARENTLY SUCCESSFUL AS NO DIRECT PROPOSAL WAS MADE TO TERMINATE AIR ASIA CONTRACT. HOWEVER IT WAS STATED CONTRACT TERMINATION HAD BEEN DISCUSSED WITH THE RAL PRESIDENT, NGON SANANIKONE, AS AN ECONOMIC MEASURE TO CURB EXPENDITURES.
3. SOME DISCUSSION WAS PRESENTED BY RAL FAVORING USE OF PRESENT RAL EQUIPMENT (ONE DC-4 AND TWO DC 3'S) FOR ALL SCHEDULES HOWEVER, AT THE SAME TIME RAL RECONGNIZED THIS WOULD DOWN GRADE WHAT PROGRESS AND PRESTIGE WHICH HAS BEEN ENJOYED BY USE OF AACL DC 6.
4. RAL MANAGEMENT NOW WELCOMES AACL OFFER OF FISCAL SPECIALIST AND PREPARED TO RECEIVE HIM ON OR ABOUT 12 MAY.

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5. DURING MEETING CHAOVATH HAD TELEPHONE CONFERENCE WITH NGON SANANIKONE AND THE TRANSLATED RESULTS OF THE CONVERSATION IMPLIED NGON SANANIKONE WELCOMES PROPOSAL OF COLEMAN, SUGGESTED IN REF PARA 3, AND IS HOPEFUL AACL CAN PRESENT SOME FEASIBLE PLAN WHICH WILL SOLVE RALS ECONOMIC PROBLEMS.

6. NGON SANANIKONE AND RAL MANAGEMENT NOW EXPECTING COLEMAN TO PROCEED TAIPEI ABOUT 9 MAY FOR CONSULTATION WITH AACL DIRECTORS. SOME OVERT MESSAGES WILL BE SENT VIA SITA CONCERNING THIS MATTER.

7. COLEMAN PROCEEDING BANGKOK 7 MAY WITH FINK AND RETURNING VIENTIANE 8 MAY FOR MEETING WITH NGON SANANIKONE MORNING 9 MAY. COLEMAN WILL SOUND OUT SANANIKONE ON HIS DESIRES FOR RAL FUTURE PLANS. HOWEVER EXPECT THIS MEETING MORE COURTESY AND

PROTOCOL THAN INFORMATION GATHERING AS IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT SANANIKONE WILL REVEAL MORE THAN HAS BEEN SAID TO DATE.

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