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SUBJ: STAFFDEL LOWENSTEIN-MOOSE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION  
REGARDING SEATO MILITARY PLANS

REF: STATE 228514 #32682

1. AT ROUTINE MACTHAI BRIEFING STAFFDEL LEARNED THAT COMUSMACTHAI WAS DESIGNATED FIELD FORCE COMMANDER FOR THREE SEATO CONTINGENCY PLANS. THIS HAS PROMPTED STAFFDEL TO REQUEST FROM EMBASSY A) NAMES OF THESE THREE PLANS, B) SITUATIONS PLANS ARE DESIGNED TO COUNTER; AND C) A LOOK AT THE PLANS THEMSELVES.

2. POMIL COUNSELOR TOLD STAFFDEL SEATO PLANS ARE NOT DESIGNATED BY NAME BUT ONLY BY NUMBER AND BROADLY CHARACTERIZED RANGE OF CONTINGENCIES SEATO PLANS DESIGNED TO MEET, BUT DECLINED FURTHER PARTICULARS ON BASIS PARA 6A(2) REFTEL STAFFDEL SAID THEY THOUGHT WASHINGTON INSTRUCTIONS REFERRED ONLY TO "THE BILATERAL PLAN"; COUNSELOR SAID IN HIS OPINION IT ALSO REFERRED TO MULTILATERAL PLANS. STAFFDEL PERSISTED IN REQUEST AND ASKED THAT WASHINGTON BE QUERIED RE (B) AND (C) ABOVE.

3. REQUEST DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE ASAP. FYI. THREE SEATO PLANS WHICH PRESENTLY CALL FOR DESIGNATION OF COMUSMACTHAI AS FIELD FORCE COMMANDER ARE 5/71 DESIGNED TO ASSIST ROYAL LAO GOVT. TO COUNTER COMMUNIST INSURGENCY; 8/71 DESIGNED TO ASSIST RTG TO COUNTER INSURGENCY; AND 9/71 DESIGNED TO DEFEND THAILAND AGAINST MAJOR NVN AGGRESSION. END FYI. UNGER  
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