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> A rumor circulating in Bangkok is that the invitation arrived in October 1946, written on Nehru's personal stationery. It is said an official at the Foreign Office refused to accept it as it was addressed to the Institute of Pacific Relations. The letter is alleged to have been finally delivered to the Indian Cultural Lodge in Bangkok. When the Indian Consul arrived in Eangkok he questioned Foreign Minister Nai Direk Jaiyanama, who was apathetic in the matter. The Indian Consul then went to Prince Dhani, who declined to act in the matter as it sounded too "political". There the matter now rests.

comment: Siam appears to be trying to refuse the invitation without making the refusal appear undiplomatic, as Siam does not welcome the attempts India is making to take the leadership in Southeast Asia.)

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