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1. Siam is bent on Laos and Cambodia getting their independence. If this is achieved, Siam hopes to establish the nucleus of a Southeast Asia Federation with these two countries. She does not intend to wait for Viet Nam or the end of the Viet Nam-French conflict.
2. TRAN Van Giàu (alias Dr. Hoang, alias NGUYEN Duc Quin) is not too favorably disposed to this idea. However, Nai Pridi said that he had notified HO Chi Minh of Siam's intentions and that HO would understand. He added that the the release of the few French troops in Laos and Cambodia in the event of a Laotian-Cambodian-Franco settlement would not really make any difference to the Viets.
3. Aung San and also Thakin Mya, head of the Socialist Party in Burma, approve of the idea but Nai Pridi did not say whether Burma would be in the Federation or not.

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[REDACTED] note: [REDACTED] for a description of the secret meeting held in Rangoon after the New Delhi Conference by some of the delegates, at which it was decided that Siam would be the leader of the proposed Federation.)

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