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JULY 29, 1975
MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER
FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM
SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ITEMS

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THAI PRIME MINISTER COMMENTS ON FUTURE OF SEATO AND U.S. BASES: THAI PRIME MINISTER KHUKRIT MADE THE FOLLOWING REMARKS ABOUT SEATO AND U.S. BASES IN THAILAND AT A PRESS CONFERENCE ON JULY 27 FOLLOWING HIS RETURN FROM THE PHILIPPINES AND SINGAPORE:

- "WE DISCUSSED SEATO WITH THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT BECAUSE WE ARE COFOUNDERS OF SEATO UNDER THE MANILA PACT. WE BOTH AGREED THAT SEATO HAS EXISTED LONG ENOUGH.... WE AGREED ON A PHASE-OUT OF SEATO, THAT IS TO SAY, THE ORGANIZATION WILL CONTINUE ITS UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GRADUALLY ITS OPERATIONS WILL END. THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT SEATO WILL BE CLOSED DOWN TOMORROW OR THE DAY AFTER, THE ENGLISH TERM IS A "PHASE-OUT," MEANING A GRADUAL DIS-SOLUTION.
- "THE MANILA PACT WILL REMAIN BUT WILL HAVE NO EFFECT.... THAILAND AND THE PHILIPPINES HAVE AGREED THAT ANY FOREIGN BASES IN THEIR COUNTRIES ARE ONLY TEMPORARY. THAILAND HAS ASSURED THE PHILIPPINES THAT IT IS FIRM IN ITS DECISION ON U.S. MILITARY BASES AND ALL SUCH BASES WILL BE COMPLETELY WITHDRAWN FROM THAILAND BEFORE MARCH 20 OF NEXT YEAR...." (QUINN)

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