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SOURCE: PARA 1 - A EUROPEAN BUSINESSMAN (B) WHO HAS OCCASIONAL CLOSE CONTACT WITH SOVIET ELOC TRADE AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

PARA 2 - [AN OFFICIAL THAI SERVICE.]

APPRAISAL OF CONTENT: ADZHUBEY PROBABLY MADE THE COMMENTS AS REPORTED.

DURING A RECEPTION AT THE SOVIET EMBASSY, ALEKSEY ADZHUBEY EXPRESSED HIS GOVERNMENT'S ERROR IN OVEREMPHASIZING INDUSTRY AT THE EXPENSE OF AGRICULTURE. HE URGED THE SOVIET DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY TO INCREASE ITS CONTACT WITH THE THAI PEOPLE IN ORDER TO IMPROVE REPORTING ON LOCAL CONDITIONS. ADZHUBEY FELT THE THAIS SHOULD KNOW THE SOVIETS BETTER TOO. ADZHUBEY SAID SEATO, CENTO AND NATO ARE USELESS, THAT THERE IS TROUBLE IN BURMA AS WELL AS LAOS, AND THAT THAILAND SHOULD LEAVE THE CHINA PROBLEM TO THE USR. LATER COMMENTS BY ADZHUBEY TO PRIME MINISTER THANOM AND FOREIGN MINISTER THANAT ON POOR PRESS COVERAGE OF SOVIET EVENTS ARE MENTIONED IN CS-3/567,770.

AT A RECEPTION GIVEN IN HIS HONOR AT THE SOVIET EMBASSY, BANGKOK ON 24 NOVEMBER 1963, ALEKSEY ADZHUBEY, INVESTIYA EDITOR AND KHRUSHCHEV'S SON-IN-LAW, DELIVERED A SPEECH TO SOVIET ELOC REPRESENTATIVES WHO HAD REMAINED TO STAY AFTER THE RECEPTION. ADZHUBEY EXPRESSED DEEP PERSONAL AND NATIONAL REGRET AT THE DEATH OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND EULOGIZED HIS EFFORTS TO EASE WORLD TENSION. CONCERNING THE SOVIET UNION, ADZHUBEY STATED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD ERRED IN PLACING TOO GREAT AN EMPHASIS ON INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT WITH TOO LITTLE THOUGHT OR EFFORT FOR THE AGRICULTURAL NEEDS OF THE POPULATION. THIS LED TO THE SHORTAGE OF WHEAT IN PART OF THE COUNTRY AND FOOD IN GENERAL. ADZHUBEY EMPHASIZED THAT MEMBERS OF THE SOVIET DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY IN THAILAND SHOULD MAKE GREATER EFFORTS TO CONTACT THE THAI POPULATION TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THAILAND AND ITS PEOPLE. THIS WOULD IMPROVE REPORTING AND MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORTING ON LOCAL CONDITIONS. IN THIS MATTER, HE STATED, THAT SOME CONTACTS MAY NOT AGREE WITH THE SOVIET DIPLOMATIC PHILOSOPHY - THERE ARE MANY OTHER AREAS ON WHICH THE SOVIETS SHOULD LEARN MORE ABOUT THAILAND, BUT THE MAIN POINT IS FOR THE THAI TO KNOW THE SOVIETS BETTER.

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