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NEW ZEALAND EMBASSY

BANGKOK, THAILAND.

1 March 1973

Your Excellency,

In view of the desire of our two Governments to purchase land and buildings for residential and office accommodation of their respective Embassy in the territory of the other, I have the honour, under instructions of my Government, to propose that if and when either of the two Governments desires to make such purchase for the purposes specified above, that Government shall, on condition of reciprocity, have the right to acquire ownership of such land and buildings for these purposes.

If the foregoing is acceptable to the Government of Thailand, I suggest that the present letter and your reply in similar terms should constitute an agreement between our two Governments with effect from the date of your reply.

Accept, Your Excellency, the assurance of my highest consideration.

(Signed) E. H. Halstead

(Hon. Eric H. Halstead, E.D.)
Ambassador

His Excellency
Field Marshal Thanom Kittikachorn,

Foreign Minister,

Ministry of Foreign Affairs,

BANGKOK

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No. 0603/9951

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
SARANROM PALACE

Bangkok, 16 March B.E. 2516

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to your Note dated 1 March 1973
which reads as follows :

"In view of the desire of our two Governments
to purchase land and buildings for residential and office
accommodation of their respective Embassy in the territory
of the other, I have the honour, under instructions of my
Government, to propose that if and when either of the two
Governments desires to make such purchase for the purposes
specified above, that Government shall, on condition of
reciprocity, have the right to acquire ownership of such land
and buildings for these purposes.

If the foregoing is acceptable to the Government
of Thailand, I suggest that the present letter and your reply
in similar terms should constitute an agreement between our
two Governments with effect from the date of your reply "

I have the honour to confirm that the foregoing is
acceptable to the Government of Thailand and that your letter and
this reply should be regarded as constituting an agreement between
our two Governments with effect from the date of this reply.

Accept, Your Excellency, the assurance of my highest
consideration.

Field Marshal

Thanom Kittikachorn

(Thanom Kittikachorn)

Minister of Foreign Affairs

His Excellency the Hon. Eric H. Halstead, E.D.
Ambassador of New Zealand,
New Zealand Embassy,
BANGKOK.

The New Zealand Embassy presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and has the honour to seek the Ministry's assistance in clarifying the position regarding exemption from payment of stamp duty should the Embassy purchase a Chancery or a Head of Mission's residence in Bangkok.

The Ministry will be aware that the Thai Ambassador to New Zealand is purchasing a residence in Wellington. The amount of stamp duty involved is NZ\$784, and the Ambassador has sought exemption from payment of this duty. Exemption of the residence of a Head of Mission from stamp duty is of course one of the requirements of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, which New Zealand has ratified. However, it is understood that Thailand has signed but has not yet ratified the Vienna Convention and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Wellington, has accordingly requested the Embassy to seek formal confirmation that, on the basis of reciprocity, the Embassy would be exempted from payment of stamp duty if a Chancery or a Head of Mission's residence were purchased in Bangkok. The Embassy would appreciate confirmation of the position at an early date so that a final reply to the Thai Ambassador regarding his request for stamp duty exemption may be given without undue delay.

The New Zealand Embassy avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs the assurances of its highest consideration.

New Zealand Embassy,
Bangkok.
31 July 1975



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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the New Zealand Embassy and has the honour to refer to the Exchange of Notes dated 1st and 26th March 1973 regarding the right of both Governments to purchase land and building for residential and office accommodation of their respective Embassy in the territory of the other, and to the Embassy's Note No. 1975/69 of 31st July 1975 informing the Ministry that the Thai Ambassador to New Zealand is purchasing a residence in Wellington and has sought exemption from payment of the duty amounting to NZ\$ 784, and seeking the Ministry's confirmation as regards exemption from payment of taxes and transfer fees by the Thai Government should the Embassy purchase a Chancery or a Head of Mission's residence in Bangkok.

In reply, the Ministry has the honour to confirm to the Embassy that, on the basis of reciprocity, the Thai Government is prepared to grant the New Zealand Government exemption from taxes and transfer fees on the purchase of land and building for residential and office accommodation of its Embassy in Bangkok provided that the Thai Embassy in Wellington is accorded the same treatment in this matter.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the New Zealand Embassy the assurances of its highest consideration.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Saranrom Palace,



The New Zealand Embassy,
BANGKOK.