

Telegram received from Bangkok dated  
August 2nd 1941.

Very Secret. I have just left Deputy  
M.F.A. whom I found in a state of great emotion.  
He delivered following message from Prime Minister.

Japanese pressure on Thailand is intense and  
the sands are running out. Japan is demanding  
recognition of Manchukuo and Nanking, financial  
co-operation by the Thai Government and not merely by  
private banks and also 35,000 tons of rubber and sixty  
or seventy per cent of total output of tin. No demand  
has yet been made for bases or for military agreement  
but it may come at any moment. At a meeting of the  
Cabinet it has been decided to resist forcibly any  
attempt by Japan to violate Thai neutrality. But  
the Thai Government recognize that resistance must be  
very brief unless material aid is forthcoming from  
Britain and from the United States. The Prime  
Minister asks for a public statement by London and  
Washington that they will not allow the sovereignty and  
neutrality of Thailand to be impaired, and he urges that  
this should be done immediately. He represents that  
if Thailand is forced to yield through lack of such  
support no one can blame her.

Meanwhile the Thai Government are being forced  
to yield to the demand for the recognition of Manchukuo  
and a statement to that effect will be issued next week.

/Tokyo



(Tokyo radio has anticipated this recognition by announcing that it has already taken place). But the Thai Government are definitely refusing to recognize Nanking; recognition could only mean diplomatic representation of Nanking in Thailand and consequently reinforcing of Japanese influence.

Japanese residents in Thailand are being watched. They number about 1,000 in addition to some hundreds of "tourists".

Japanese Embassy in Bangkok is on the point of being established. The Thai Minister London is being instructed to represent to you the desirability of Britain taking similar step in the interest of Thailand no less than of ourselves.

Thai garrisons are being strengthened on the Eastern frontier but the Prime Minister begs us urgently to supply him with one squadron of twelve pursuit aeroplanes. These are needed desperately and their supply by us would be a blow to Japanese.

The Deputy Minister stated that the Prime Minister would see me as soon as I had a message from you, which he hoped would be very soon. The Deputy Minister added that the Prime Minister was furious and was praying that a day might come when Thailand in her turn could "tread upon Japan".