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Ministry of Foreign Affairs,  
20 May 1946.

Your Excellency,

On the occasion of the departure from Siam of our delegation to the Agriculture and Food Conference in Washington, I have the honour to convey to Your Excellency, through Mr. Konthi Suphamongkhon, my personal representative, this message of greeting.

In the first place, I wish to express to Your Excellency my sincere congratulations on your assumption of the post of Secretary-General of the United Nations Organization. Your Excellency's nomination has made an extremely deep impression on all of us here, for it reflects the importance of the role to be played by small nations in this new international set up. Moreover, the manner in which Your Excellency has carried out your difficult task in handling complicated problems the United Nations Organization had to face thus far, has been an assurance of the greatest hope and is a matter for warmest gratification.

In the second place, I would like to take this opportunity to assure Your Excellency of the earnest desire of my country and people to join in the United Nations Organization. In fact, as Your Excellency may be already aware, Siam had been a faithful member of and a fervent believer in the former League of Nations, of which it had the great honour to be an original member. The regrettable failure of the League, in no way, lessened our firm conviction in the absolute necessity of an international organization to insure peace and security of the world.

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Since January 1945, when the Japanese troops were still occupying Siam, and immediately after secret contact with the Allied Powers had been secured, the Regent had sent out from Bangkok a delegate to plead for the support of the Allied Governments, through the United States Government, for a Siamese Government-in-Exile to be formed in Washington under the then Siamese Minister to the United States of America, the ultimate aim of which was to have been the participation in the United Nations Organization which was being established at that time. Unfortunately, however, the object of that mission was not achieved, owing to some technical difficulties and especially for security reason.

Now that the United Nations Organization has already opened the way for admission to membership, I again entrust Mr. Konthi Suphamongkhon with the mission of inquiring into the possibility of the rapid inclusion of Siam's name in the list of members of the Organization. I shall, therefore, be very grateful to Your Excellency, if Your Excellency will be kind enough to extend to him your good offices and advise him in this matter, and I venture to hope that, with Your Excellency's precious assistance, this legitimate aspiration of Siam will become a reality. Animated as ever by the noble ideals of the United Nations Organization, I do hereby affirm that Siam and the Siamese people are ready to assume their full responsibility in carrying out the obligations as set forth in the Charter of the United Nations.

In thanking Your Excellency in advance, I avail myself of this opportunity to express to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

(signed)

Minister of Foreign Affairs of Siam.

The Hon. Trygve Lie,  
Secretary General of the United Nations Organization.

