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LETTER FROM L. D. BHAKDI, SIAMESE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES IN WASHINGTON, D.C.,
DATED 3 AUGUST 1946, HANDED TO A. SOBOLEV,
ACTING SECRETARY-GENERAL ON 5 AUGUST 1946

Siamese Legation,
Washington, D. C.
August 3, 1946

Sir,

In conformity with instructions received from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Siam, I have the honour to transmit to Your Excellency the following communication cabled from Bangkok:

"To the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

"Your Excellency,

"In my previous letter of May 20, 1946, in the name of the Siamese Nation and Government, I assured Your Excellency of our absolute faith in an international organization as a means of ensuring world peace and security, as well as of the readiness of my country to accept fully the responsibility and obligations set forth in the Charter of the United Nations. At the same time, I also enquired into the possibility of including Siam among the members of the United Nations.

"Now, since the Siamese Government and Nation are doing all in their power to prove their devotion to the noble principles upon which is founded the United Nations, and would under no circumstances fail to demonstrate their willingness to cooperate with other democratic nations in the maintenance of peace and the promotion of the welfare of the peoples of the world, I deem that the time is propitious to state the earnest desire of Siam to join the other democracies in the task of upholding the lofty ideals which have inspired the founders of the United Nations.

"In submitting to Your Excellency this formal request for the admission of Siam into the United Nations, I esteem it a great honour to declare that my Government and people are ready and determined to observe and fulfil the obligations arising from the Charter of the United Nations. It is my ardent hope that the sincerity of our pledge and our firm intention to contribute wholeheartedly to the common cause to which the United Nations is consecrating its efforts will be sympathetically taken into consideration.

"With Your Excellency's kind assistance and with the sympathetic understanding of the members of the United Nations, it is hoped that this

application for membership will receive favourable action, thus realizing the fervent desire of the Government and people of Siam.

"Accept, Sir, the Assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) DIRECK JAYANAM
Minister for Foreign Affairs of Siam
Bangkok, July 31, 1946."

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
(Signed) L. D. Bhakdi
Charge d'Affaires, a.i.

His Excellency
The Secretary-General of the United Nations,
Hunter College,
The Bronx, New York, N.Y.

