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ADVISE RUTH TO COOPERATE WITH ALLIES IN ALL WAYS, ACKNOWLEDGING WITH APPRECIATION HIS MESSAGES. FOR YOUR INFO, JAPS IN SIAM WILL BE ORDERED BY IMPERIAL GENERAL HEADQUARTERS BY DIRECTION OF MACARTHUR TO SURRENDER TO MOUNTBATTEN OR HIS DESIGNEE. AFTER CONFERENCE WITH SAC AND IF IT SEEMS DESIRABLE TO PREVENT MISCHANCE OF CONFLICTING ACTION BY THAI, RUTH MAY BE ADVISED OF THE FOREGOING BY YOU AT YOUR OWN DISCRETION. FOR YOUR INFO, STATE HAS BEEN ADVISED BY BRITISH EMBASSY:

(A) THAT FOREIGN OFFICE HAS ~~BEEN~~ GIVEN AUTHORITY TO MOUNTBATTEN PERSONALLY TO ADVISE RUTH TO ANNOUNCE AT SOONEST POSSIBLE AFTER FINAL JAP SURRENDER DISAVOWING THAI DECLARATION OF WAR UPON GREAT BRITAIN AND UNITED STATES AND ALL MEASURES ENSUING FROM SUCH DECLARATION WHICH MIGHT BE OF PREJUDICE TO ALLIES, REPUDIATING ALLIANCE AND ALL PACTS MADE WITH JAPS,

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PLACING COUNTRY AND ITS ARMED SERVICES AT ALLIES' SERVICE, AND ANNOUNCING HIS READINESS TO SEND REPRESENTATIVE TO CONTACT ALLIES TO KANDY. AUTHORITY WAS GIVEN IN INSTRUCTIONS TO MOUNTBATTEN FOR SUGGESTION THAT RUTH'S ANNOUNCEMENT MIGHT INCLUDE STATEMENT THAT AT EARLIER DATE RUTH HAD ADVISED BRITISH AND AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS THAT DESIRE OF THE RESISTANCE MOVEMENT WAS TO START OVERT ACTION AGAINST THE JAPS AND ONLY WHEN ALLIES IT FOR OPERATIONAL REASONS WAS IT REFRAINED.

(B) THAT MOUNTBATTEN HAS ALSO BEEN ADVISED THAT IF RUTH ASSUMES INITIATIVE ADVISED, THE BRITISH, ACCOUNT OF SUPPORT GIVEN BY THAI RESISTANCE MOVEMENT AND ACCOUNT OF REQUEST OF ALLIES LAST MAY NOT TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST JAPS, ARE DISPOSED NOT TO PRESS FOR SEPARATE UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER BUT TO SHAPE THEIR POLICY IN ACCORDANCE TO THAI WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE FOR THE FUTURE AND TO MAKE REPARATION FOR THE PAST.

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(C) THAT BRITISH PROPOSE, IF THEIR ADVICE IS FOLLOWED AND REPRESENTATIVE COMES TO KANDY, TO COMMUNICATE WITH STATE BEFORE NEGOTIATIONS BEGIN RE TERMS ON WHICH THEY WOULD BE PREPARED TO LIQUIDATE STATE OF WAR WITH THAILAND. RECOMMEND CHECKING WITH SACSEA TO SEE IF RUTH HAS RECEIVED BRITISH ADVICE. IF HE HAS AND IF IT SEEMS DESIRABLE TO DO SO, RUTH MAY BE ADVISED BY BISHOP THAT MOUNTAINBATTEN'S FOREGOING PERSONNEL MESSAGE HAS BEEN MADE A MATTER OF INFORMATION TO AMERICAN GOVERNMENT BY THE BRITISH.

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