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YOUR TEL NO 195 : PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE
 SOVIET UNION

1. THE THAI PRIME MINISTER, GENERAL PREM THINSULANONDA, INVITED ME TO CALL ON HIM THIS MORNING (10 APRIL), TO DELIVER THE PRIME MINISTER'S PERSONAL MESSAGE TO HIM IN TUR.
2. PREM ASKED ME TO CONVEY TO THE PRIME MINISTER HIS GRATEFUL THANKS, BOTH ON HIS OWN BEHALF AS WELL AS ON BEHALF OF THE THAI PEOPLE, FOR THE ACTION WHICH MRS THATCHER HAD TAKEN IN MOSCOW IN RAISING WITH GORBACHEV OUR CONCERN ABOUT SOVIET SUPPORT FOR THE VIETNAMESE OCCUPATION OF CAMBODIA. HE HAD FOR SOME TIME BEEN AT A LOSS TO KNOW HOW BEST TO SECURE MOVEMENT OVER THE CAMBODIAN ISSUE. NOW THAT THE SOVIET UNION WAS AT LEAST PREPARED TO TALK ABOUT THE PROBLEM, HE AGREED THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO MAINTAIN PRESSURE. HE FELT THAT THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT HAD HELPED TO OPEN THE WAY AND WHEN HIS FOREIGN MINISTER VISITED MOSCOW NEXT MONTH, ACM SHIDDHAU WOULD BE ABLE TO PURSUE THE MATTER FURTHER.
3. PREM WONDERED WHETHER IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE FOR THE UNITED STATES TO MAKE SIMILAR OVERTURES IN MOSCOW. HE WOULD BE TALKING TO US AMBASSADOR BROWN ABOUT THIS ON BROWN'S RETURN FROM WASHINGTON (IN ABOUT 6 WEEKS' TIME). HE HAVE MENTIONED THIS TO THE US CHARGE HERE, WHO HAS TOLD ME THAT SHULTZ HAS SAID ON US TELEVISION THAT HE WILL BE RAISING CAMBODIA DURING HIS TALKS IN MOSCOW NEXT WEEK.
4. PREM SAID THAT HE WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING SIR GEOFFREY HOWE ON 22 APRIL. BECAUSE HE WOULD BE FACING A NO-CONFIDENCE VOTE IN PARLIAMENT THAT DAY, HE ASKED THAT THE MEETING BE PUT FORWARD TO 0815. THIS HAS BEEN INCORPORATED IN THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S PROGRAMME.

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