

37



INCO-DRUGS BURMA

~~SECRET~~  
Classification

XR

047398

Department of State

SOC 11-5 ASIA SE

TELEGRAM

63

B

INDICATE:  
 COLLECT  
 CHARGE TO

DISTRIBUTION

ACTION: Amembassy RANGOON  
  
INFO: Amembassy BANGKOK  
Amembassy PHNOM PENH  
Amembassy SAIGON  
Amembassy VIENTIANE  
AmConsul HONG KONG  
CINCPAC

EXDIS

Subject: Narcotics Traffic

Refs: A. State 38049  
B. Rangoon 686 *act*  
C. Rangoon 3949 (Nov. 21, 1969)  
D. Rangoon A-110, May 26, 1970

1. Appreciate your useful discussion of opium production and trafficking in Burma in your response to Ref A.
2. We agree that it is doubtful representations from us could cause GUB to take more effective action against production and traffic of opium in Northern Burma given complex links between those activities and the problems of security discussed Ref B. At same time, however, we feel

47398

(7)

DRAFTED BY: EA/TB:WFBeachner:fm	DRAFTING DATE 3/19/71	TEL. EXT. 21741	APPROVED BY: EA - Mr. X <del>XXXX</del> Wilson
------------------------------------	--------------------------	--------------------	---

CLEARANCES:	S. Johnson	S/NM:HWellman	Treasury (Info)
EA/TB:JBD	EA/VN: <del>XXXXXX</del>	OSD/GC:F. Bartimo	
EA/LC:F Burnet	BNDD:J. Parker (subs.)	S/S-O Mr. Rich	

~~SECRET~~

Classification

*Row*

DISTRIBUTION

ACTION: Page 2-

7

that there is value in discussing drug problems with GUB from time to time to underline our continuing interest in increasing cooperative efforts to reduce international flow of drugs. To this end, we suggest that you raise question of international traffic of drugs with Foreign Minister at time and in manner you feel appropriate. Following points could be made:

- A. You may wish to refer to your previous discussion with Maung Lwin (Ref C) and point out continuing high level USG interest in cooperating with other countries in attempts to stem illicit drug production and trafficking. Express our hope that there can be continuing and frank dialogue between our two governments on this subject and recall useful exchange of information between Mr. Dick of BNDD and GUB officials in May 1970 (Ref D).

└

DRAFTED BY:

DRAFTING DATE

TEL. EXT.

APPROVED BY:

CLEARANCES:

~~SECRET/ENDIS~~

Classification

FORM DS-322  
4-68

CHARGE TO

DISTRIBUTION

ACTION: Page 3-

7

- B. Convey our comprehension that problem of opiates trafficking in Southeast Asia is regional problem effecting several countries and that USG has already and will continue to discuss this problem also with the RTG and the RLG. Point out that the U.S. now has BNDD and Customs officers in Thailand working closely with Thai officials on matters relating to international illicit drug trafficking and that it is likely our cooperation with the RTG will increase in this and related fields.
- C. Indicate that from time to time our officials in Thailand through their activities there obtain information about illicit drug trafficking operations in neighboring countries including Burma. Suggest that this kind of information on Burma could be .

└

DRAFTED BY:

DRAFTING DATE

TEL. EXT.

APPROVED BY:

CLEARANCES:

~~SECRET/EXDIS~~

Classification

FORM DS-322  
4-68

DECLASSIFIED  
PA/HO, Department of State  
E.O. 12958, as amended  
June 22, 2004

COLLECT  
 CHARGE TO

DISTRIBUTION

ACTION: Page 5-

7

which SYG is establishing this month and so informing all UN member governments. FYI V. Kusevic, Director of the UN Division of Narcotics Drugs, who recently visited Washington indicated that he had discussed the possibility of pilot projects (unspecified) in Burma with GUB officials during a visit in late 1970 to Rangoon. He said that it is possible that the GUB will accept a planning mission in the "not-too-distant" future.

- E. Express USG satisfaction that Burma participated in recently concluded UN Conference for Adoption of Protocol on Psychotropic Substances at Vienna. GUB came to conference as observer but then became full participant and signed Final Act.

1

DRAFTED BY:

DRAFTING DATE

TEL. EXT.

APPROVED BY:

CLEARANCES:

~~SECRET/EXDIS~~

FORM DS-322  
4 - 68

Classification

DECLASSIFIED  
PA/HO, Department of State  
E.O. 12958, as amended  
June 22, 2004

CHARGE TO

DISTRIBUTION

ACTION: Page 6-

7

Attending for Burma were U Sein Hla Oo,  
Commissioner of Excise, as Representative  
and U Kan Nyunt, First Secretary, Prague, as  
Alternate.

END

**ROGERS**

1

BY:	DRAFTING DATE	TEL. EXT.	APPROVED BY:
-----	---------------	-----------	--------------

ES:

1
PM
SCI

~~SECRET/EXDIS~~  
Classification