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July 29, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR L. PAUL BREMER III
Executive Secretary
Department of State

SUBJECT: Ambassador to the United States from the
Socialist Republic of the Union of Burma
(8221579)

The President has reviewed and concurs in the recommendation of the Department of State that the appointment of U Kyee Myint as Ambassador-Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Socialist Republic of the Union of Burma to the United States would be agreeable to the Government of the United States. You are requested to so inform the Government of the Socialist Republic of the Union of Burma.

Michael O. Wheeler
Staff Secretary

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ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM: GASTOR J. SIGUR 

SUBJECT: Agreement for Burmese Ambassador

The Agreement regarding the appointment of U Kyee Myint of the Socialist Republic of the Union of Burma is attached for your approval. I agree with the view that Mr. Myint will be an acceptable ambassador.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you approve the Wheeler-Bremer memo at Tab I.

Approve  Disapprove _____

Attachments

- Tab I Wheeler-Bremer Memo
- Tab A Background Material from State

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

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July 24, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Appointment of U Kyee Myint of the Socialist Republic of the Union of Burma as Ambassador to the United States.

The Government of the Socialist Republic of the Union of Burma has inquired whether our Government agrees to the appointment of U Kyee Myint as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Burma to the United States (Tab 2). A biography of U Kyee Myint is attached (Tab 1).

The Department believes from the information available that U Kyee Myint is acceptable to the United States as Ambassador and recommends that the President agree to the proposed appointment. If he concurs, the Department will inform the Burmese Government.

L. Paul Bremer, III
L. Paul Bremer, III
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

1. Biography.
2. Note dated July 9, 1982 from Embassy of Burma.

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THE UNION OF BURMA
CHANCERY
2300 S STREET, N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20008 - 4089

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July 9, 1982

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I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that my Government had decided to appoint U KYEE MYINT as the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Socialist Republic of the Union of Burma to the United States of America. I would request Your Excellency to accept this letter as formal proposal for U KYEE MYINT as my successor. U KYEE MYINT's Curriculum Vitae is herewith attached for Your Excellency's convenience.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(U KYAW KHAING)
Ambassador

His Excellency Walter J. Stoessel,
Acting Secretary of State
Washington, D.C.

National Security Council
The White House

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SUBJECT: APPT OF U KYEE MYINT AS AMB TO US

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Subject: Return of Burmese Sculptures (Robert Elsworth)

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 11, 1983

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FOR: FRED F. FIELDING *BF*
FROM: DAVID B. WALLER *DBW*
SUBJECT: Burmese Sculpture

In response to your note on my attached memorandum of August 3, I do not think it necessary that we send a note to Robert Elsworth.

Since my memorandum, Elsworth and Eli Maurer, Assistant Legal Counsel, Department of State, have established direct communications. Maurer has learned that the four bronzes are approximately four inches high and are worth in the vicinity of a quarter of a million dollars. They were originally found in an excavation near Rangoon, where they were placed in an on-site museum. They were later illegally removed from that museum and sold. Elsworth innocently purchased them in or about 1966. As mentioned in my earlier memorandum, he thereafter sold them and later repurchased them as part of an overall estate.

As a result of his conversations with Elsworth, Maurer has discussed the possible return of the bronzes with the Burmese Desk Officer and the Burmese Ambassador. Subject to working out minor details, Maurer intends to have Elsworth come down from New York with the four bronzes. Maurer will arrange for appropriate State Department representatives to accompany Elsworth to the Burmese Ambassador's residence, where he will present the Ambassador with the bronzes.

According to Maurer, the State Department is very pleased to participate in accomplishing this transfer. They feel that Elsworth's motives are as altruistic as they appear. Through Maurer they have asked whether any White House people would like to go to the Ambassador's residence and participate in the transfer. With your concurrence, I will notify Elaine Crispin of that invitation in case anyone in the First Lady's Office, where this matter was originally directed by Elsworth, wishes to participate.

> Let's discuss, HSP Do you think we should recommend attendance? 8/20, pls

*Fred: FYI - I notified Elaine of the invitation, discussed it with her, and we agreed not to involve white House people in the transfer. I then notified the State Dept. of that decision, + thanked them for the invitation. *DBW* 8/16/83*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 3, 1983

FOR: FRED F. FIELDING
FROM: DAVID B. WALLER *DBW*
SUBJECT: Burmese Sculpture

As agreed, I contacted the State Department to determine what assistance can be given Mr. Robert Elsworth in facilitating his return to the Burmese government of four bronzes apparently stolen from Burma a number of years ago (see attached memoranda).

Through Daniel McGovern, Principal Deputy Legal Advisor, I was put in touch with Assistant Legal Counsel Ely Maurer. Maurer has experience in matters of this sort, and following a discussion in which I briefed him on the facts, I put him in touch with Elsworth. We are "out of the loop" unless complications develop.

*DBW - thanks; also -
- How about a note to
Elsworth, explaining
the statute?
You advise, pls.
→ 8/4*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 22, 1983

FOR: FRED F. FIELDING
FROM: DAVID B. WALLER *DBW*
SUBJECT: Return of Burmese Sculpture

As you know from my July 13, 1983 memorandum, copy attached, Mr. Robert Elsworth has requested, through Mrs. Reagan, government assistance in returning to the government of Burma certain bronzes thought to have been smuggled out of Burma many years ago. As agreed, I contacted Elsworth yesterday in an effort to obtain additional facts.

Elsworth advised that while in Bangkok in 1976, he purchased four small bronzes from an art dealer. The dealer represented that the bronzes were South Indian in origin, but Elsworth thought at that time that they were Burmese. Elsworth had the bronzes shipped to the United States, and soon thereafter sold them to Mr. Christian Humann. While owned by Humann, photographs of two of the bronzes were published in an art book by Dr. Hugo Munsterberg.

Thereafter, in approximately 1979, Elsworth learned through the art community that four prized bronzes had been stolen in Burma, and that the two bronzes he had sold to Humann, which were pictured in Munsterberg's book, appeared to be two of the four that had been stolen. Although this matter was brought to Humann's attention, he took no action.

Upon Humann's death, Elsworth purchased his entire art collection, including the four bronzes. At approximately that same time, Dr. Fountain, Director of the Boston Museum, called Elsworth and advised him that the Burmese government had asked Fountain to make efforts on behalf of the Burmese to regain the bronzes.

Elsworth wants to return the bronzes at no cost to the Burmese. His concern is that the return be accomplished in a manner that will ensure that the bronzes reach the proper location (probably the National Museum in Rangoon - the Burmese equivalent of the National Gallery of Art), and not become sidetracked along the way. Indeed, Elsworth mentioned that although he lives across the street from the Burmese consulate in New York, he would not even consider simply giving the bronzes to them.

Based on the above, with your concurrence I intend to contact the State Department to determine what assistance can be given.

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July 13, 1983

FOR: FRED F. FIELDING
FROM: DAVID B. WALLER
SUBJECT: Return of Burmese Sculpture

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Elaine Crispen telephoned yesterday on behalf of Mrs. Reagan. Elaine advised that Mrs. Reagan had been asked to assist Mr. Robert Elsworth, a noted Oriental art collector and dealer, whom Mrs. Reagan met through Claudette Colbert while vacationing last year in Barbados. Mr. Elsworth is interested in arranging for the return to the Government of Burma of a 14th or 15th Century Burmese sculpture which he understands was smuggled out of that country many years ago. Elaine knows no other facts relating to this matter. She indicated that Mrs. Reagan would like to be of assistance if possible and appropriate, and seeks your guidance.

Based on the limited facts above, my initial reaction is that this should be handled through the State Department and our Ambassador to Burma. With your concurrence, I will call Elsworth to obtain additional facts, and upon confirmation that Elsworth's motives are non-commercial in nature, and as altruistic as Elaine has indicated, I will contact the Office of Legal Advisor at State in an effort to determine what assistance can be given Mr. Elsworth.

OK -
pls keep
me advised

✓ Fred, Without contacting Elsworth I am unable to answer your question. As indicated above I have included in this memorandum all information that Elaine had.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

December 13, 1983

Dear Bob:

I was so pleased that Claudette told me of your concern regarding the Burmese bronzes and was doubly pleased to learn about the welcome the government and people of Burma gave you on the return of those priceless pieces. It is rare that such treasures ever find their way back to their homeland.

You are to be congratulated on making the effort and generating such good will. I only hope your gesture will set an example.

Sincerely,

George Reagan

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Mr. Robert Ellsworth
960 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York 10021

*Elaine
Please
me.
Jim*

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE ATTACHMENT

December 8, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES G. ROSEBUSH

FROM:

RM ROBERT M. KIMMITT *Jim*

SUBJECT:

Return of Bronzes to Burma

The State Department has forwarded a reporting cable from our Embassy in Burma on the return of some priceless bronzes by Mr. Robert Ellsworth, a well-known New York antique dealer.

State indicates that Mrs. Reagan was familiar with his plans. We agree with the State Department that this was a significant gesture deserving recognition, should Mrs. Reagan be so inclined. A suggested draft is also included.

Attachments

- Tab A State Draft Reply
- Tab B State Memo dated 12/7/83 w/Cable Rangoon 5507

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

December 7, 1983

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT C. MCFARLANE
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Return of Bronzes to Burma

Robert Ellsworth, well known antique dealer in New York, recently returned some priceless bronze figures to the Burmese Government that had been stolen from Burma some 15 years ago. The event was exceptionally warmly received by the highest levels of the Burmese government as well as the Burmese people, becoming a media event of the first order that also reflected well on Burmese-American relations.

Mr. Ellsworth asked that we make Mrs. Reagan, whom he said was familiar with his planned action, aware of the success of his mission. The Embassy's reporting message on his trip is attached for this purpose.

Should she desire, it would be entirely appropriate to thank him for his gesture. A suggested note of thanks is also attached.

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Charles Hill
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

- Tab 1 - Rangoon 5507
- Tab 2 - Letter to Mr. Ellsworth

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SUBJECT: RETURN OF STOLEN BRONZES: WRAPUP OF A
SUCCESSFUL VISIT

REF: (A) RANGOON 4126 AND PREVIOUS (NOTAL,
(B) HONG KONG 21110

1. (LOU) SUMMARY: MR. ROBERT ELLSWORTH'S VISIT TO RANGOON TO RETURN FOUR UNIQUE ANCIENT BRONZE FIGURINES BLOSSOMED INTO AN ENORMOUS SUCCESS, DEEPLY GRATIFYING BURMESE FROM PARTY CHAIRMAN U NE WIN DOWN TO THE MAN IN THE STREET AND PROVIDING A REAL PSYCHOLOGICAL BOOST TO BURMESE-AMERICAN RELATIONS. ONCE THE INTEREST OF THE CHAIRMAN WAS AROUSED, THE RETURN GENERATED MAJOR AND ENTHUSIASTIC PUBLICITY. MR. ELLSWORTH'S GENEROUS GESTURE AND HIS FRIENDLY MANNER WON THE HEARTS OF THE BURMESE HE MET, WHILE HE IN TURN WAS ABLE TO INCREASE HIS KNOWLEDGE OF BURMESE ART. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE VISIT INCLUDED THE PRESENTATION OF THE BRONZES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ARCHAEOLOGY; VISITS TO THE SRI KSETRA SITE WHERE THE BRONZES WERE ORIGINALLY FOUND, TO BURMA'S ANCIENT CAPITAL OF PAGAN, AND TO NATIONAL MUSEUMS; AND A PRESENTATION TO HIM BY THE MINISTER OF CULTURE OF A SET OF REPLICAS OF THE BRONZES DONATED BY CHAIRMAN U NE WIN. ONLY A TIGHT TRAVEL SCHEDULE PREVENTED MR. ELLSWORTH FROM ACCEPTING A LAST MINUTE INVITATION TO CALL PERSONALLY ON THE CHAIRMAN'S WIFE. ACTION: WE HOPE THE DEPARTMENT WILL OFFICIALLY CONVEY U.S. APPRECIATION TO MR. ELLSWORTH. END SUMMARY.

2. (U) MR. ELLSWORTH ARRIVED IN RANGOON ON NOVEMBER 17, AND WAS MET BY AN EMBASSY OFFICER AND, UNOFFICIALLY, BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ARCHAEOLOGY. THE FOLLOWING DAY, NOVEMBER 18, HE SPENT THE MORNING MAKING AN UNOFFICIAL VISIT TO BURMA'S SMALL NATIONAL MUSEUM, WHERE HE WAS ABLE TO VIEW A NUMBER OF UNUSUAL EARLY BRONZES, AS WELL AS TO SEE PYU PERIOD RELICS ASSOCIATED WITH THE BRONZES HE WAS TO RETURN. AT 2:00 P.M. IN THE AFTERNOON, ACCOMPANIED BY THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES AND THE EMBASSY POL/ECON COUNSELOR, HE WENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ARCHAEOLOGY WHERE HE PRESENTED THE FOUR BRONZE FIGURES TO U OAK GAR, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE DEPARTMENT. OTHERS PRESENT INCLUDED NAI PAN HLA, SENIOR RESEARCH OFFICER AT THE DEPARTMENT OF ARCHAEOLOGY, WHOSE INTEREST AND ARTICLES PLAYED AN IMPORTANT PART IN ALERTING THE ARTISTIC WORLD, AND MR. ELLSWORTH, TO THE LOSS OF THE FIGURINES AND THUS, EVENTUALLY, TO THEIR RETURN. THE BRIEF AND EXTREMELY CORDIAL CEREMONY WAS COVERED BY BURMESE PRESS MEDIA, BURMA BROADCAST SYSTEM TELEVISION CAMERAMEN, AND A USIS PHOTOGRAPHER. IN THE EVENING, MR. ELLSWORTH, ALONG WITH VISITING AMERICAN ARCHAEOLOGIST DR. WILHELM SOLHEIM, WERE GUESTS OF HONOR AT AN INFORMAL DINNER GIVEN BY THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES AND ATTEND BY OFFICIALS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ARCHAEOLOGY, THE UNIVERSITY OF RANGOON, AND OTHER BURMESE ORGANIZATIONS. AFTER DINNER, THE AMERICAN GUESTS VISITED THE ANNUAL TAZAUNGAING FESTIVAL AT RANGOON'S SHWEDAGON

3. (U) THE PRESENTATION OF THE FIGURINES WAS THE LEAD ITEM ON BURMESE TELEVISION AND RADIO NEWS ON THE EVENING OF NOVEMBER 17, AND THE TV COVERAGE WAS REPEATED ON THE SUNDAY EVENING NEWS OF THE WEEK IN REVIEW PROGRAM. IT WAS ALSO THE LEAD ITEM, WITH PHOTOGRAPHS, IN THE BURMESE PRESS OF NOVEMBER 18; THE WORKING PEOPLE'S DAILY SUPPLEMENTING ITS NEWS COVERAGE OF THE VENT WITH A LONG FEATURE ARTICLE BY NAI PAN HLA, IN WHICH HE EXTENDED TO MR. ELLSWORTH HIS "FONDEST AND MOST WARM-HEARTED GREETINGS, SINCERE APPRECIATION, GRATEFUL THANKS AND DEEP SENSE OF GRATITUDE." BOTH NAI PAN HLA AND OTHER BURMESE OFFICIALS ALSO EXPRESSED THEIR GRATITUDE TO MR. BYRON HODGSON, SENIOR EDITOR OF THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC MAGAZINE, FOR HIS ROLE IN ENCOURAGING THE RETURN OF THE FIGURINES.

4. (U) ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, MR. ELLSWORTH MADE AN ALL DAY TRIP BY CAR TO SRI KSETRA, THE SITE NEAR THE TOWN OF PROME (SOME FIVE HOURS DRIVE FROM RANGOON) WHERE THE FIGURINES HAD BEEN DISCOVERED IN 1967, AND VISITED THE SITE MUSEUM FROM WHICH THEY WERE STOLEN A YEAR LATER. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY U NYUNT HAN OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND BY THE EMBASSY POL/ECON COUNSLOR. NAI PAN HLA, WHO WAS TO JOIN THE PARTY, WAS INSTEAD SUMMONED BY DAW NI NI MYINT, BURMESE HISTORIAN AND WIFE OF PARTY CHAIRMAN U NE WIN, TO SHOW HER THE BRONZES.

5. (U) ON SUNDAY, AT THE SUGGESTION OF THE EMBASSY, MR. ELLSWORTH MADE A DAY TRIP BY AIR TO PAGAN, BURMA'S ANCIENT CAPITAL AND TREASURED ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND ARTISTIC SITE. HE WAS PERSONALLY ESCORTED AROUND PAGAN BY U BO KAY, THE CURATOR OF THE SITE, WHO ALSO GUIDED HIM THROUGH THE LARGE SITE MUSEUM AND ASSISTED HIM IN PHOTOGRAPHIC OBJECTS OF ESPECIAL ARTISTIC INTEREST. ON HIS RETURN, MR. ELLSWORTH REPORTED THAT MANY ORDINARY CITIZENS IN PAGAN, WHO HAD READ OF THE RETURN OF THE BRONZES, APPROACHED HIM TO EXPRESS THEIR PERSONAL THANKS.

6. (U) ON MONDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 21, MR. ELLSWORTH THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES, AND THE EMBASSY POL/ECON COUNSELOR

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MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES G. ROSEBUSH

FROM: *JK* ROBERT M. KIMMITT *JK*
SUBJECT: Return of Bronzes to Burma

The State Department has forwarded a reporting cable from our Embassy in Burma on the return of some priceless bronzes by Mr. Robert Ellsworth, a well-known New York antique dealer.

State indicates that Mrs. Reagan was familiar with his plans. We agree with the State Department that this was a significant gesture deserving recognition, should Mrs. Reagan be so inclined. A suggested draft is also included.

Attachments

- Tab A State Draft Reply
- Tab B State Memo dated 12/7/83 w/Cable Rangoon 5507

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Dear Mr. Ellsworth:

I was so pleased to learn about the welcome that the Burmese government and Burmese people gave to you on the return of those priceless bronzes. It is rare that such treasures ever find their way back to their homeland. You are to be congratulated on making the effort and generating such good will. I only hope your gesture will set an example.

Sincerely,

Nancy Reagan

Mr. Robert Ellsworth
960 Fifth Avenue,
New York, New York.



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December 7, 1983

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT C. MCFARLANE
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Return of Bronzes to Burma

Robert Ellsworth, well known antique dealer in New York, recently returned some priceless bronze figures to the Burmese Government that had been stolen from Burma some 15 years ago. The event was exceptionally warmly received by the highest levels of the Burmese government as well as the Burmese people, becoming a media event of the first order that also reflected well on Burmese-American relations.

Mr. Ellsworth asked that we make Mrs. Reagan, whom he said was familiar with his planned action, aware of the success of his mission. The Embassy's reporting message on his trip is attached for this purpose.

Should she desire, it would be entirely appropriate to thank him for his gesture. A suggested note of thanks is also attached.

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Charles Hill
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

- Tab 1 - Rangoon 5507
- Tab 2 - Letter to Mr. Ellsworth

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REF: (A) RANGOON 4126 AND PREVIOUS (NOTAL,
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1. (LOU) SUMMARY: MR. ROBERT ELLSWORTH'S VISIT TO RANGOON TO RETURN FOUR UNIQUE ANCIENT BRONZE FIGURINES BLOSSOMED INTO AN ENORMOUS SUCCESS, DEEPLY GRATIFYING BURMESE FROM PARTY CHAIRMAN U NE WIN DOWN TO THE MAN IN THE STREET AND PROVIDING A REAL PSYCHOLOGICAL BOOST TO BURMESE-AMERICAN RELATIONS. ONCE THE INTEREST OF THE CHAIRMAN WAS AROUSED, THE RETURN GENERATED MAJOR AND ENTHUSIASTIC PUBLICITY. MR. ELLSWORTH'S GENEROUS GESTURE AND HIS FRIENDLY MANNER WON THE HEARTS OF THE BURMESE HE MET, WHILE HE IN TURN WAS ABLE TO INCREASE HIS KNOWLEDGE OF BURMESE ART. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE VISIT INCLUDED THE PRESENTATION OF THE BRONZES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ARCHAEOLOGY; VISITS TO THE SRI KSETRA SITE WHERE THE BRONZES WERE ORIGINALLY FOUND, TO BURMA'S ANCIENT CAPITAL OF PAGAN, AND TO NATIONAL MUSEUMS; AND A PRESENTATION TO HIM BY THE MINISTER OF CULTURE OF A SET OF REPLICAS OF THE BRONZES DONATED BY CHAIRMAN U NE WIN. ONLY A TIGHT TRAVEL SCHEDULE PREVENTED MR. ELLSWORTH FROM ACCEPTING A LAST MINUTE INVITATION TO CALL PERSONALLY ON THE CHAIRMAN'S WIFE. ACTION: WE HOPE THE DEPARTMENT WILL OFFICIALLY CONVEY U.S. APPRECIATION TO MR. ELLSWORTH. END SUMMARY.

2. (U) MR. ELLSWORTH ARRIVED IN RANGOON ON NOVEMBER 17, AND WAS MET BY AN EMBASSY OFFICER AND, UNOFFICIALLY, BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ARCHAEOLOGY. THE FOLLOWING DAY, NOVEMBER 18, HE SPENT THE MORNING MAKING AN UNOFFICIAL VISIT TO BURMA'S SMALL NATIONAL MUSEUM, WHERE HE WAS ABLE TO VIEW A NUMBER OF UNUSUAL EARLY BRONZES, AS WELL AS TO SEE PYU PERIOD RELICS ASSOCIATED WITH THE BRONZES HE WAS TO RETURN. AT 2:00 P.M. IN THE AFTERNOON, ACCOMPANIED BY THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES AND THE EMBASSY POL/ECON COUNSELOR, HE WENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ARCHAEOLOGY WHERE HE PRESENTED THE FOUR BRONZE FIGURES TO U OAK GAR, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE DEPARTMENT. OTHERS PRESENT INCLUDED NAI PAN HLA, SENIOR RESEARCH OFFICER AT THE DEPARTMENT OF ARCHAEOLOGY, WHOSE INTEREST AND ARTICLES PLAYED AN IMPORTANT PART IN ALERTING THE ARTISTIC WORLD, AND MR. ELLSWORTH, TO THE LOSS OF THE FIGURINES AND THUS, EVENTUALLY, TO THEIR RETURN. THE BRIEF AND EXTREMELY CORDIAL CEREMONY WAS COVERED BY BURMESE PRESS MEDIA, BURMA BROADCAST SYSTEM TELEVISION CAMERAMEN, AND A USIS PHOTOGRAPHER. IN THE EVENING, MR. ELLSWORTH, ALONG WITH VISITING AMERICAN ARCHAEOLOGIST DR. WILHELM SOLHEIM, WERE GUESTS OF HONOR AT AN INFORMAL DINNER GIVEN BY THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES AND ATTEND BY OFFICIALS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ARCHAEOLOGY, THE UNIVERSITY OF RANGOON, AND OTHER BURMESE ORGANIZATIONS. AFTER DINNER, THE AMERICAN GUESTS VISITED THE ANNUAL TZAUNGDAING FESTIVAL AT RANGOON'S SHWEDAGON

3. (U) THE PRESENTATION OF THE FIGURINES WAS THE LEAD ITEM ON BURMESE TELEVISION AND RADIO NEWS ON THE EVENING OF NOVEMBER 17, AND THE TV COVERAGE WAS REPEATED ON THE SUNDAY EVENING NEWS OF THE WEEK IN REVIEW PROGRAM. IT WAS ALSO THE LEAD ITEM, WITH PHOTOGRAPHS, IN THE BURMESE PRESS OF NOVEMBER 18; THE WORKING PEOPLE'S DAILY SUPPLEMENTING ITS NEWS COVERAGE OF THE EVENT WITH A LONG FEATURE ARTICLE BY NAI PAN HLA, IN WHICH HE EXTENDED TO MR. ELLSWORTH HIS "FONDEST AND MOST WARM-HEARTED GREETINGS, SINCERE APPRECIATION, GRATEFUL THANKS AND DEEP SENSE OF GRATITUDE." BOTH NAI PAN HLA AND OTHER BURMESE OFFICIALS ALSO EXPRESSED THEIR GRATITUDE TO MR. BYRON HODGSON, SENIOR EDITOR OF THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC MAGAZINE, FOR HIS ROLE IN ENCOURAGING THE RETURN OF THE FIGURINES.

4. (U) ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, MR. ELLSWORTH MADE AN ALL DAY TRIP BY CAR TO SRI KSETRA, THE SITE NEAR THE TOWN OF PROHE (SOME FIVE HOURS DRIVE FROM RANGOON) WHERE THE FIGURINES HAD BEEN DISCOVERED IN 1967, AND VISITED THE SITE MUSEUM FROM WHICH THEY WERE STOLEN A YEAR LATER. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY U NYUNT HAN OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND BY THE EMBASSY POL/ECON COUNSELOR. NAI PAN HLA, WHO WAS TO JOIN THE PARTY, WAS INSTEAD SUMMONED BY DAW NI NI MYINT, BURMESE HISTORIAN AND WIFE OF PARTY CHAIRMAN U NE WIN, TO SHOW HER THE BRONZES.

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MEMORANDUM FOR BOB KIMMITT

FROM: DICK CHILDRESS *DC*
SUBJECT: Return of Bronzes to Burma

Recommend you sign the memorandum at Tab I to Rosebush.

Approve *DC*

Disapprove _____

Attachments

Tab I Memo for Kimmitt Signature to Rosebush
A State Draft Reply
B State Memo dated 12/7/83 w/Cable Rangoon 5507

cc: Gaston Sigur

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Washington, D.C. 20520

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Robert M. Kimmitt
National Security Council

SUBJECT: Alerting NSC on Presidential
Correspondence

Enclosed is a copy of a letter to President Reagan
from President San Yu of Burma
which is transmitted for your information.

This document was received in the Executive Secretariat
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Charles H. Jackson Jr. for

Director, S/S-I
Information Management Section
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s/s 8338599

Date January 17, 1984

For: Mr. Robert C. McFarlane
National Security Council
The White House

Reference:

To: President Reagan From: Burmese President U San Yu

Date: December 16, 1983 Subject: Acknowledgement of President

Reagan's 11/21/83 letter commending Burmese investigation of Rangoon bombing.

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The attached item was sent directly to the Department of State.

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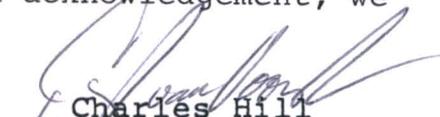
We believe no response is necessary for the reason cited below.

_____ The Department of State has no objection to the proposed travel.

_____ Other.

Remarks:

Since the Burmese President's letter is an acknowledgement, we believe no reply is expected or needed.


Charles Hill
Executive Secretary

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The Honourable Ronald Reagan
President of the United States
of America.

PRESIDENT
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF BURMA



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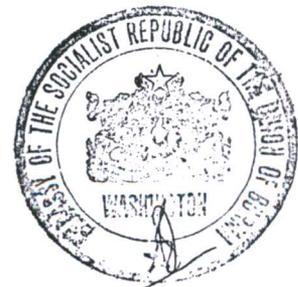
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The Embassy of the Socialist Republic of the Union of Burma presents its compliments to the Department of State and has the honour to forward herewith and request the latter that the Cover containing a letter from His Excellency U SAN YU, President of the Socialist Republic of the Union of Burma, addressed to The Honourable RONALD WILSON REAGAN, President of the United States of America, be transmitted to its high destination.

The Embassy of the Socialist Republic of the Union of Burma avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Department of State the assurances of its highest consideration.

Washington, D.C., January 5, 1984

The Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520





**PRESIDENT
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF BURMA**

16 December 1983

Dear Mr. President,

I thank you for your kind letter of 21 November, 1983 concerning the investigations and subsequent actions taken by our authorities concerned regarding the unfortunate and tragic incident of 9 October, 1983.

I deeply appreciate your expression of sympathy with regard to the tragic consequences.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'San Yu'.

(San Yu)

The Honourable Ronald Reagan
President of the United States
of America.

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May 11, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR CHARLES HILL
Executive Secretary
Department of State

SUBJECT: Ambassador to the United States from the
Socialist Republic of the Union of Burma (U)

The President has reviewed and concurs in the recommendation of the Department of State that the appointment of U Maung Muang Gyi as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Socialist Republic of the Union of Burma to the United States would be agreeable to the Government of the United States. You are requested to so inform the Government of Burma. (C)

Robert M. Kimmitt
Robert M. Kimmitt
Executive Secretary

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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

FROM: RICHARD CHILDRESS 

SUBJECT: Appointment of U Maung Muang Gyi of Burma
as Ambassador to the United States

At Tab II, State has requested that the President agree to the appointment of the new Burma Ambassador to the United States. A review of his bio indicates that he would make a good Ambassador.

Gaston Sigur is out of town.

RECOMMENDATION

That you approve the appointment by authorizing Bob Kimmitt to sign and forward the Agreement at Tab I to State.

Approve K

Disapprove _____

Attachments

Tab I Kimmitt/Hill Memorandum
Tab II State Memorandum dated 5/9/84 with attachments
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cc: Gaston Sigur

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May 9, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT C. MCFARLANE
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Appointment of U Maung Muang Gyi of the Socialist Republic of the Union of Burma as Ambassador to the United States.

The Government of the Socialist Republic of the Union of Burma has inquired whether our Government agrees to the appointment of U Maung Muang Gyi as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Socialist Republic of the Union of Burma to the United States (Tab 2). A biography of U Maung Muang Gyi is attached (Tab 1).

The Department believes from the information available that U Maung Muang Gyi will make a good Ambassador to the United States and recommends that the President agree to the proposed appointment. If he concurs, the Department will inform the Government of the Socialist Republic of the Union of Burma.

*Covey*Charles Hill
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

1. Biography.
2. Diplomatic note dated May 3, 1984 from Embassy of the Socialist Republic of Burma.

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May 3, 1984

Excellency,

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that my Government has decided to appoint U MAUNG MAUNG GYI as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Socialist Republic of the Union of Burma to the United States of America. I would request Your Excellency to accept this letter as a formal proposal for the appointment of U MAUNG MAUNG GYI as my successor, whose Curriculum Vitae is herewith attached.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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