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SUMMARY: DURING A RECEPTION AT THE SOVIET EMBASSY, ALEKSEY ADZHUBEY [illegible] HIS GOVERNMENT'S ERROR IN OVEREMPHASIZING INDUSTRY AT THE EXPENSE OF AGRICULTURE. HE URGED THE SOVIET DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY TO INCREASE ITS CONTACT WITH THE THAI PEOPLE IN ORDER TO IMPROVE REPORTING ON LOCAL CONDITIONS. ADZHUBEY FELT THE THAIS SHOULD KNOW THE SOVIETS BETTER TOO. ADZHUBEY SAID SEATO, CENTO AND NATO ARE USELESS, THAT THERE IS TROUBLE IN [illegible] AS WELL AS LAOS, AND THAT THAILAND SHOULD LEAVE THE CHINA PROBLEM TO THE USSR. LATER COMMENTS BY ADZHUBEY TO PRIME MINISTER THANOM AND FOREIGN MINISTER THANAT ON POOR PRESS COVERAGE OF SOVIET EVENTS ARE MENTIONED IN CS-3/567,770.

AFTER A RECEPTION GIVEN IN HIS HONOR AT THE SOVIET EMBASSY, BANGKOK [illegible] NOVEMBER 1963, ALEKSEY ADZHUBEY, IZVESTIYA EDITOR AND KHRUSHCHEV'S SON-IN-LAW, DELIVERED A SPEECH TO SOVIET BLOC REPRESENTATIVES WHO HAD BEEN ASKED TO STAY AFTER THE RECEPTION. ADZHUBEY EXPRESSED DEEP PERSONAL AND NATIONAL REGRET AT THE DEATH OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND EULOGIZED HIS EFFORTS TO LESSEN WORLD TENSION. CONCERNING THE SOVIET UNION, ADZHUBEY EXPLAINED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD ERRED IN PLACING TOO GREAT AN EMPHASIS ON INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT WITH TOO LITTLE THOUGHT OR EFFORT FOR THE AGRICULTURAL [illegible] OF THE POPULATION. THIS LED TO THE SHORTAGE OF WHEAT IN PARTICULAR AND FOOD IN GENERAL. ADZHUBEY EMPHASIZED THAT MEMBERS OF THE SOVIET BLOC COMMUNITY IN THAILAND SHOULD MAKE GREATER EFFORTS TO CONTACT THE POPULATION TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THAILAND AND ITS PEOPLE. THIS WOULD [illegible] BETTER AND MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORTING ON LOCAL CONDITIONS. [illegible] MATTER, HE STATED, THAT SOME CONTACTS MAY NOT AGREE WITH [illegible] POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY - THERE ARE MANY OTHER AREAS ON WHICH RAPPORT [illegible]. THE SOVIETS SHOULD LEARN MORE ABOUT THAILAND, BUT IT IS [illegible] FOR THE THAI TO KNOW THE SOVIETS BETTER.

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