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### Contacts and Communication

The Foreign Minister opened by apologizing for being so late and said that since there was only a half hour left until the reciprocal banquet, he would be pleased to hear the Secretary's views.

The Secretary said that he wanted to talk about contacts and communications, items discussed during the first day of our talks.

The Foreign Minister responded if the Secretary had any specifics to add he would be delighted to hear about them.

The Secretary said he wanted to learn what facilities for improved contacts in communications were acceptable to the PRC. Both sides had agreed that better communications and contacts were in mutual interest. However, we could discuss it at a later time if the Foreign Minister preferred.

The Foreign Minister said that he preferred to discuss this topic at the end of the talks.

### Southeast Asia

In the past two days, the Secretary said, the PRC had criticized US policy and charged the United States with a number of alleged wrongs against the people of China. The United States side had answered these criticisms, but has not recorded our own criticisms or those of our allies against the PRC. Although we think there is a better way to spend our time, we should record our criticisms briefly. The United States opposes the propadanga, material aid and subversive activities which the PRC is applying against the countries of Southeast Asia, particularly Thailand. The US is aware that the PRC is supporting with arms and equipment North Vietnamese troops who are threatening Thailand's northern borders. The United States Government has consulted with the Thai Government and they have stopped their broadcasts against the PRC. Why has the PRC continued its hostile activities against Thailand, the Secretary concluded?

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Common Support for the Public Welfare

The Secretary continued his statement saying that the talks had shown that both sides operate from different premises but our goals and principles and interests are similar in many respects. We share, for instance, an interest in the welfare of our peoples and in a peaceful world. It is apparent to the United States that the PRC Government has worked diligently and successfully for the improvement and the welfare of its people. Compared to past periods of history the Government has made progress in feeding and clothing the Chinese people. The Prime Minister had said yesterday that constituted governments should be dealt with on the basis of the five principles regardless of the form the government takes. The United States agrees with this and feels that proceeding from this common ground, we can move gradually to improve our relations.

PRC-Thai Relations

The Foreign Minister said he would first like to speak to the question of PRC-Thai relations. Historically, China had maintained good relations with the people of Thailand. However, after the civil war, Chiang Kai-shek troops withdrew to Thailand and the Thai Government made use of these troops. The Thai Government has pursued anti-China policies since the founding of the PRC. That is why we have had no contacts and still have none. Despite the fact that the cabinet has been reshuffled, the Thai Government continues to pursue its old policies.

The PRC is not interfering in the internal affairs of Thailand. If the Thai people want revolution, that is their affair. We are willing to have normal relations on the basis of the five principles. However, as long as they pursue a policy which is against China and which supports the Viet-Nam War, we will not be able to establish relations. Thailand is a good friend of the United States which is used as a base to unleash war in Indochina. The United States and the PRC have very different views on this question and I hope that you will convey them to your old friends. The PRC makes no secret of the fact, the Foreign Minister continued, that Thai leaders of guerrilla forces waging revolution in

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Thailand live in Peking. This is because we share their ideological beliefs in Communism, Marxism and Leninism. But ideology and State relations are different and the fact that we share different ideological views does not mean we cannot improve the ties between governments. When the Thai guerrilla leaders return to their country, and whether they support the government there or not, is their affair. We will not interfere.

The Foreign Minister said that he wanted the Secretary to be clear on the PRC position.

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