NEWS RELEASE ABOUT SENATOR STROM THURMOND AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY CARTER BURGESS ON THEIR TRIP TO THE FAR EAST - 29 Oct 56

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Mr. Carter L. Burgess, Assistant Secretary of Defense and U. S. Senator Strom Thurmond (D - S.C.) accompanied by a distinguished party of visitors from the United States arrived at Don Muang Airport on Sunday, 28 October 1956. Major General Richard C. Partridge, Chief of JUSMAG welcomed the visitors upon their arrival.

Mr. Burgess and Senator Thurmond called on U. S. Ambassador Max W. Bishop Monday morning. Later they called on the Prime Minister at Government House. Mr. Burgess took occasion to outline President Eisenhower's "People to People" program and stressed the need for Americans living in Thailand to be good friends and good visitors in this land.

Senator Thurmond was interviewed later and stated, "I wish to say to the people of Thailand how pleased I am to have had the real opportunity to visit this great country and view its industry and its progress.

"We in America admire your leader, Prime Minister Pibul and in our visit together today I expressed our friendship and high esteem for him and for the citizens of this nation.

"Our two lands must stand together and work ceaselessly for freedom and peace and our efforts together must be for the betterment of mankind."

Mr. Burgess and his party had lunch with the Ambassador and then drove to the airport for departure on the next leg of their Far East tour.