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And with that, any tension resulting from the impropriety of the film was banished.

When introducing His Majesty the King to the Joint Committee of Press Radio and Television Correspondents in Washington DC on June 28, 1960, Water T. Ridder referred to him as "cool, man, real cool".

Although His Majesty's speeches were always drafted in advance, His Majesty would not hesitate to discard them for the spontaneity of an impromptu speech, such as during the state dinner given by President Dwight D. Eisenhower at the White House that same evening, when the two heads of state extolled the virtues of noodle soup and ice cream.

His speech given to the City of Los Angeles and the World Affairs Council took on a different tone. "The world is now faced with a very grave and serious problem — the struggle between two ideologies. Threats of force accompanied by the use of rockets, missiles and nuclear weapons have been uttered. We don't want a destruction of the world, the mere pressing of one button. If this problem is to be satisfactorily solved, force — although essential in some cases — is not the complete answer. The true answer is to be found in world understanding."

When His Majesty addressed the US Congress on June 29, 1960, he assured them in no uncertain terms that although American support for Thailand in terms of security and development were greatly appreciated, Thailand was by no means a pawn in the political chess game. According to His Majesty, the generous provision of foreign aid to underdeveloped countries by the United States was viewed as "the old concept of family obligations [applied] upon the largest scale."

"American assistance is to enable the Thai to achieve their objective through their own efforts. We are grateful for American aid; but we intend one day to do without it."

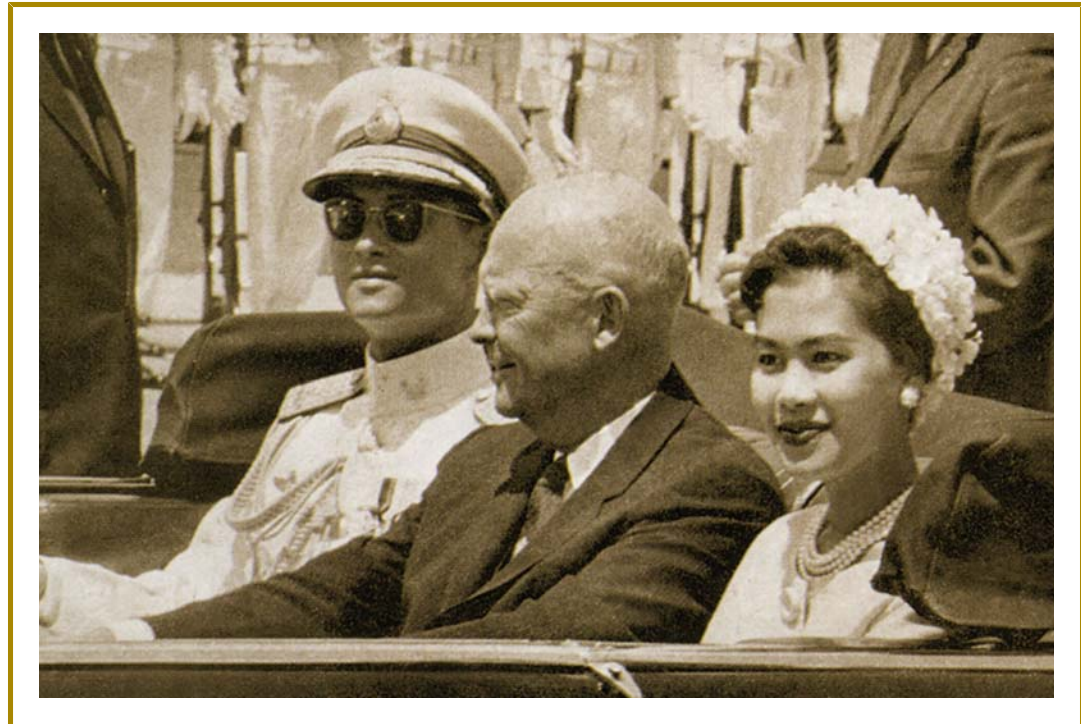
"Since elephants could be put to so various good uses and since they were available in large numbers in our country, as a friendly gesture to a friendly people, my great grandfather [King Mongkut] offered to send the president [Buchanan] and Congress elephants to be turned loose in the uncultivated land of America for breeding purposes. That offer was made with no other objective than to provide a friend with what he lacked, in the same spirit in which the American aid programme is likewise offered. And understanding and appreciating the sentiment underlying your aid programme, the Thai government welcomes the programme and is grateful for it."

During his European visits, the speeches mostly touched upon the long ties between the two countries and the visits by King Chulalongkorn at the turn of the 20th century.

"The first formal treaty between our two countries was signed over 130 years ago," said Queen Elizabeth II at the state banquet given in honour of Their Majesties the King and Queen at Buckingham Palace on July 19, 1960. "But the origins of the friendly relationship between us must be sought in earlier times. For it was in the 17th century that British merchants first arrived in Thailand to open up the beginnings of trade between the two countries."

"One of the happiest aspects of the long standing friendship between Thailand and Great Britain is to be found in the number of Your Majesty's subjects who come here to study and whom we warmly welcome as guests to our country. There are now over 1,000 of them. Nor is this a recent development; I recall with pleasure that two of Your Majesty's forebears were educated partly in Great Britain."

In Denmark, the emphasis was on the number of Danes who contributed



to Thailand's economic development. "A little over two years ago, on the 21st of May 1958, we celebrated the centenary of the first treaty of friendship, trade and navigation between our two countries," stated His Majesty the King of Denmark at the state banquet given in honour of Their Majesties at Christianborg Palace, Copenhagen, on September 6, 1960.

"During the last century, many Danes went to Thailand where they were invariably well received. In agriculture, forestry, industry and commerce, Danes are still active in Thailand. They participate in the further economic development of your country in close and harmonious co-operation with Thai authorities and nationals."

This point was reaffirmed in His Majesty's reply. "For their technical knowledge, Danes were also engaged in the various branches of our administration. It suffices to mention that they helped in the reorganisation of our police forces, dividing them into the local police administration and the provincial gendarmerie. The picture of our collaboration will not be complete without mention of His Excellency Etatsraad Anderson. He was the pioneer in effecting the exchange of goods between our two countries, and when later he established the East Asiatic Company in Bangkok, he laid down the foundation stone for the future. Such co-operation between our peoples continues happily until this day and will, I am certain, so continue for a long time to come."

On June 12 and 13, 2006, a special gathering of state visitors in Bangkok to help mark the 60th anniversary of His Majesty the King's accession to the throne will be a testament to the friendship and good will His Majesty proffered to these countries since the beginning of his reign. It is a friendship and good will generated through a sincere desire for international peace and understanding, as well as co-operation for the mutual benefit of both parties as His Majesty has so often conveyed in his speeches.

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♦ **Their Majesties the King and Queen with His Holiness Pope John XXIII at the Vatican State.**

ABOVE
♦ **Their Majesties the King and Queen, accompanied by President Eisenhower in a motorcade through the streets of Washington DC in 1960.**

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♦ **In November 1960, Their Majesties visited Spain and were welcomed by General Francisco Franco.**

The State Visits and Official Visits of Their Majesties the King and Queen to foreign countries

- ♦ **The Republic of Vietnam**
State Visit, December 18-21, 1959
Head of State: *President Ngo Dinh Diem*
- ♦ **The Republic of Indonesia**
State Visit, February 8-16, 1960
Head of State: *President Ahmed Soekarno*
- ♦ **The Union of Burma**
State Visit, March 2-5, 1960
Head of State: *President U Win Muang*
Prime Minister: *General Ne Win*
- ♦ **The United States of America**
State Visit, June 14-July 15, 1960
Head of State: *President Dwight D. Eisenhower*
- ♦ **The United Kingdom**
State Visit, July 19-21, 1960
Official Visit, July 21-23, 1960
Head of State: *Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II*
Prime Minister: *The Right Honourable Harold Macmillan*
- ♦ **The Federal Republic of Germany**
State Visit, July 25-August 2, 1960
Head of State: *President Heinrich Lubke*
Prime Minister: *Dr Konrad Adenauer*
- ♦ **The Republic of Portugal**
State Visit, August 22-25, 1960
Head of State: *President Rear Admiral Americo Rodriguez Tomaz*
Prime Minister: *Dr Antonio de Oliverira Salazar*
- ♦ **The Confederation of Switzerland**
State Visit, August 29-31, 1960
Head of State: *President Max Petitpierre*
- ♦ **Denmark**
State Visit, September 6-9, 1960
Head of State: *His Majesty King Frederick IX*
Prime Minister: *Mr Viggo Kampmann*
- ♦ **Norway**
State Visit, September 19-21, 1960
Head of State: *His Majesty King Olav V*
Prime Minister: *Mr Einar Gerhardsen*
- ♦ **Sweden**
State Visit, September 23-25, 1960
Head of State: *His Majesty King Gustaf VI Adolf*
Prime Minister: *Mr Tage Erlander*
- ♦ **The Republic of Italy**
State Visit, September 28-October 1, 1960
Head of State: *President Giovanni Gronchi*
Prime Minister: *Mr Amintore Fanfani*
- ♦ **The Vatican State**
Official Visit, October 1, 1960
Head of State: *His Holiness Pope John XXIII*
- ♦ **Belgium**
State Visit, October 4-7, 1960
Head of State: *His Majesty King Baudouin*
Prime Minister: *Mr Gaston Eyskens*
- ♦ **The Republic of France**
State Visit, October 11-14, 1960
Head of State: *President General Charles De Gaulle*
Prime Minister: *Mr Michel Debre*
- ♦ **The Grand Duchy of Luxembourg**
State Visit, October 17-19, 1960
Head of State: *Her Royal Highness Grand Duchess Charlotte*
Prime Minister: *Mr Pierre Werner*
- ♦ **The Netherlands**
State Visit, October 24-27, 1960
Head of State: *Her Majesty Queen Juliana*
Prime Minister: *Mr J. de Quay*
- ♦ **Spain**
State Visit, November 3-8, 1960
Head of State: *General Francisco Franco*
- ♦ **The Islamic Republic of Pakistan**
State Visit, March 11-22, 1962
Head of State: *President Mohammed Ayub Khan*
- ♦ **The Federation of Malaya**
State Visit, June 20-27, 1962
Head of State: *His Majesty the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Syed Putra Jamalullail*
Prime Minister: *Tunku Abdul Rahman Al-Haj*
- ♦ **New Zealand**
Royal Visit, August 18-26, 1962
Governor-General: *His Excellency the Right Honourable Viscount Cobham*
Prime Minister: *The Right Honourable Keith Holyoake*
- ♦ **Australia**
Royal Visit, August 26-September 12, 1962
The Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia: His Excellency General Sir Dallas Brooks, representing the Right Honourable Viscount De L'Isle, The Governor-General, who was absent.
Prime Minister: *The Right Honourable Robert G. Menzies*
- ♦ **Japan**
State Visit, May 27-June 4, 1963
Head of State: *His Imperial Majesty Emperor Hirohito*
Prime Minister: *Mr Hayato Ikeda*
- ♦ **Taiwan**
Royal Visit: June 5-8, 1963
Received by: *President General Chiang Kai-shek*
- ♦ **The Republic of the Philippines**
State Visit, July 9-14, 1963
Head of State: *President Diosdado Macapagal*
- ♦ **The Republic of Austria**
State Visit: September 29-October 5, 1964
Head of State: *President Adolf Schaerf*
Prime Minister: *Mr Josef Klaus*
- ♦ **The Federal Republic of Germany**
Official Visit, August 22-28, 1966
Head of State: *President Heinrich Lubke*
Prime Minister: *Mr Ludwig Erhard*
- ♦ **The Republic of Austria**
Official Visit, September 29-October 2, 1966
Head of State: *President Franz Jonas*
Prime Minister: *Mr Josef Klaus*
- ♦ **Iran**
State Visit, April 23-30, 1967
Head of State: *His Imperial Majesty Mohammad Reza Pahlavi Aryamehr Shahanshah*
Prime Minister: *Mr Amir Abbas Hoveyda*
- ♦ **The United States of America**
Official Visit, June 6-20 and June 24-29, 1967
Head of State: *President Lyndon B. Johnson*
- ♦ **Canada**
Official Visit, June 21-24, 1967
Governor-General: *His Excellency the Right Honourable Roland Michener*
Prime Minister: *The Right Honourable Lester B. Pearson*
- ♦ **The Lao People's Democratic Republic**
Official Visit, April 8-9, 1994
Head of State: *President Nouthak Phoumsavanh*
- ♦ **The People's Republic of China**
State Visit, October 16-31, 2000
Head of State: *President Jiang Zemin*
(State Visit paid by HM the Queen as the Representative of HM the King)

