# FORCE PROTECTION PLAN FOR U.S. TRAVELERS

## Bangkok, Thailand 13-15 August 2012

- 1. Estimate of the Situation
  - a. Total U.S. personnel will be approximately 15 people.
  - b. Current Threat Level:
    - (1) Thailand FPCON B+
  - c. Uniforms prohibited outside meeting venues and official events for U.S. personnel.
- 2. Review of area of operations

a. Travel Restriction: Travel restrictions apply for travel to the three southern provinces of Yala, Pattani and Narrathiwat. Service members should avoid restaurants, bars and other areas that are frequented by westerners.

- b. Billeting security: Contracting / billeting arranged by the Joint United States Military Advisory Group-Thailand (JUSMAGTHAI) at the J.W. Marriott Hotel. The hotel security force of fifteen duty personnel will provide internal security.
- c. Meeting/transportation security: Meeting venues will be; The U.S. Embassy, Royal Thai Army (RTA), Royal Thai Navy (RTN), Royal Thai Marine Corps (RTMC), and Royal Thai Armed Forces (RTARF) headquarters. JUSMAG vehicles will provide transportation.
- d. Hotel. The J.W. Marriott Hotel is located on Soi 2 off of Sukhumvit Road. There are two main entrances / exits at the front of the hotel. The driveway approach forms a half circle and the Marriott conducts occasional vehicle inspections / sweeps based on threat notifications. The front lobby area is subject to damage from explosions which may occur in the driveway or street as the stand-off distance does not provide adequate separation. The parking garage has one entrance and exit and is physically located adjacent to the main hotel structure. Vehicles parking in the garage are not searched / screened. The J.W. Marriott is equipped with a staff of fifteen security specialists. It has a total of twenty-three closed circuit television monitors, which observe entrance into the hotel, lobby and elevators. There are four security specialists on duty inside the hotel at any given time; three guards roving the car park, and three security specialists patrolling the exterior of the building. Outside entrance from the roof is not available.

- e. Areas of vulnerability:
  - 1. Transportation: Attendees will use civilian air transportation and local ground transportation. Traveling in uniform is authorized while on duty. Wearing a military uniform while off duty or attire with US logos outside the J.W. Marriott Hotel is prohibited.
  - 2. Communication: Public telephones are readily available in the hotel and the GSM cellular network throughout Bangkok is reliable.
  - Medical: Comprehensive and emergency medical care is available at the General Police Hospital, one half mile from the hotel on Ploenchit Road. The J.W. Marriott has in-house doctors and nurses. The doctor is available Monday through Friday, 1000-1600 hours. A nurse is available 0700- 1600 daily.
  - 4. Security advisory: The US Embassy Bangkok Regional Security Officer (RSO) and JUSMAGTHAI will advise all post officials of any changes in the security advisories.
  - 5. Crime advisory: Bangkok is a moderate crime area. Nonetheless, hotel crime appears minimal. Attendees are advised to safeguard valuables, use the buddy rule, and take advantage of hotel provided safes. Travelers will remain alert and take the same precautions they would take in any major urban area. Assaults and thefts can occur at any time in any public place. Petty criminals are most active in predominately tourist areas, airports, markets, restaurants, public transportation, and hotels. U.S. citizens in Thailand are to be at a heightened state of alert. Avoid protests, concentrations of anti-American rallies, or places that have had anti-American incidents in the recent past. Not usual in Thailand, but there have been anti-American protests at the US Embassy concerning the U.S. presence in Afghanistan and Thailand's support of the U.S. effort.
- 3. Emergency Action Plan:
  - a. Evacuation plans: No requirement to evacuate the country is anticipated; however, the J.W. Marriott can provide telephone numbers and points of contact to change airplane reservations if required. Because Bangkok is an airport "hub" for Southeast Asia, flights are readily available to Japan, Guam, Singapore, Hong Kong, the United States, and other lower threat venues. Lodging will be determined upon arrival, as required.
  - b. Upon identification of suspicious activity possibly endangering personnel, facilities, or residences, attendees will notify the trip coordinator, MAJ
    \_\_\_\_\_\_ 01-636-1663, hotel security, and or the Thai Security

Forces. Subsequent notification will be made to the U.S. Embassy, Bangkok.

- c. Safe Havens: U.S. Embassy for all threats other than to the embassy. For threats to U.S. Embassy Bangkok, attendees will remain in hotel unless otherwise instructed.
- d. Available security: Local hotel security and Thai police are available if required.
- e. Weapons: No weapons authorized.
- f. Method of obtaining threat information or FPCON changes while attending meetings: JUSMAGTHAI is primary. U.S. Embassy may be contacted upon arrival for update and attendees may request any notification of a change be transmitted directly via voice to the Trip Coordinator, MAJ \_\_\_\_\_\_, 01-636-1663. Alternate sources are USPACOM CDO 808-477-7227 and JICPAC 808-473-6365.
- 4. Specific contingency plans:
  - a. Terrorist attack on U.S. Embassy Bangkok: Cease meeting activities; return to hotel rooms; assess situation and either continue planned venue if warranted, or arrange for transportation out of country via military / commercial airlines. Host nation security and law enforcement personnel will increase security of attendees and site until situation is resolved, or attendees depart country.
  - b. Terrorist attack against party: close meeting venue; evacuate personnel to U.S. Embassy Bangkok. Assess situation, and plan to evacuate Thailand via military / commercial airlines. Host nation security and law enforcement personnel will increase security of attendees and Embassy / JUSMAGTHAI until situation is resolved, or attendees depart country.
  - c. Mob violence or coup in Thailand: cease activities; remain at hotel until situation is resolved; coordinate with U.S. Embassy Bangkok and depart Thailand via military / commercial air.
  - d. New terrorist threat information: coordinate with JUSMAGTHAI/U.S. Embassy; assess situation and either continue with enhanced Thai security, or cancel activities and attendees depart Thailand via military / commercial air.
  - e. Natural disaster in Bangkok: assess the situation; coordinate with

JUSMAGTHAI/U.S. Embassy Bangkok. Cancel venue, if necessary, and attendees depart Thailand via military /commercial air. If disaster is of such magnitude that air flights are unavailable from Bangkok, coordinate with JUSMAGTHAI / U.S. Embassy to depart via other international airports.

- f. Threats to foreign (non-U.S.) attendees during visit: Low.
- 5. Reviewed by:
- 6. Approved by:

Attachments –

1. Anti-Terrorism Individual Protective Measures

## **ATTACHMENT 1**

# **Antiterrorism Individual Protective Measures**

### <u>Always -</u>

- Vary –

routines eating establishments shopping locations attire

- Avoid -

crowded areas, demonstrations, public holiday festivals; known trouble spots excess use of alcohol offensive, insulting, illegal, or unethical behavior

#### - Know -

how to use local telephone systems and have correct change where the US Embassy is (address/telephone number) where the nearest police/fire stations are where the nearest hospital is where friendly/allied foreign embassies/consulates are where safe havens are where your hotel/billeting site is in relation to everything else learn simple phrases in the predominant language of the country you're visiting

### Bomb Incidents

- Be alert to suspicious objects found around conference sites, hotel, airport, or transportation - unattended baggage

unattended baggage unattended briefcases unattended boxes, crates, musical instrument cases unattended vehicles if a suspected bomb is discovered, clear the area immediately notify local security, and your chain of command.

#### Letter bombs

- Recognize potential letter/package bombs by -

unusual odors excess postage specifically addressed to an individual or the entity's ranking officer/person bulges, bumps, or odd shapes no return (or unrecognized) address protruding wires/strings poor spelling, punctuation, excessive markings: e.g., Eyes Only; Personal; Confidential if discovered, evacuate area, call security; do NOT move or touch package

### Travel Security

- Airport terminals -

use "sanitized" (NO USG affiliation) or concealed bag tags minimize time in terminals; wait in sterile areas refuse to carry luggage for strangers; report requests to airport authorities watch other waiting passengers; be alert to nervous, suspicious characters

## SAMPLE

### - At hotels -

do not give room number to strangers request a room facing away from the street, between the 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> floors use curtains leave a light or TV on; give the appearance of occupancy; use "do not disturb" door sign answer telephone "hello"; be circumspect in your conversations

### - Domicile to duty -

use alternate parking places lock unattended vehicles look for tampering; fingerprints, grease marks, dirt smudges, or specifically cleaned areas alter routes and times plan escape routes as you drive be alert to following/approaching mopeds/cycles do not pick up hitchhikers drive with windows up and doors locked avoid chokepoints keep vehicle gas tank at least half full; well maintain vehicle