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Minister Choi's Private Note of the Conversation between Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Royal Thai Government and Republic of Korea Envoy to Vietnam

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Summary:

Choi Duk Shin documents his conversation with the Thai Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs on the topic of South Korea-Thai diplomatic relations.

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THE CONVERSATION BETWEEN VICE -
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BLIC OF KOREA ENVOY TO VIETNAM.

We both expressed the regret that our two countries had not yet exchanged formal diplomatic envoys. Although they have long ago recognized each other. After discussion we reached the conclusion that we can exchange a note of agreement on this matter first, and whenever one side is ready to send an envoy, she can do so.

Then we further discussed the rank of the envoys. We had reached the conclusion that it would be better if the exchange of envoys is at Ambassadorial level because Korea and Thailand are among those of the friendliest nations.

Finally we concluded the possible formulas to be adopted to this matter as follows :

- (1) Exchange envoys immediately following the exchange of note ;
- (2) Exchange of note first and then exchange of envoy pending on the availability of budget and persons;
- (3) Exchange of note first and accredit the diplomatic missions to an envoy in the nearby location until the availability of budget and persons permits to open separate office in the said country.