

Charles F. Keyes Field Notes, pre-Thailand fieldwork

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Research Information

Dave Wilson tells me that Herb Phillip's field assistant, Kamsing, was from the Northeast. Though Herb has not kept in contact with him, Robert Golden, the American lawyer in Bangkok probably knows. The only problem in this regard is that both Kamsing and Golden are slightly left.

Wilson also told me that Jim Thompson, the head of Thai silk, gets most of his silk workers from the NE and Laos.

Other people that Wilson recommends to see: Bill Klausner, who now works for the Asia Foundation's offices in Bangkok; Dechat Vongkamolchet (sp.?) who is lecturer on the Political Science faculty at Chulalongkorn; Sai (rest of name ?), who is D.G. in department of Interior of the Ministry of Interior.

R.B. tells me that Mrs. Reeve Hankins (the former Joanne Gillette) is the person to contact as far as language training in Bangkok is concerned. She is in charge of language training for USIS. She also has been on a Ford grant and this is known to them.

People in Thailand who Prof. Sharp has recommended to see:

1. J.J. Boeles, Ex. Secretary of the Siam Society Prof. Sharp says that this person is most helpful in introducing one to others connected with S.S. Also, Sharp says that S.S. is trying to be a research center and need to make them think that they are being very helpful.
2. Simmonds, Prof. of Linguistics at SOAS, teaches Lao, Shan and Thai. Should be most helpful on difference in N.E. dialect, (see Skinner)

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3. Samrit Khamyang, (formerly at Cornell) - should be in Ubon.
4. Prachuab..., (author of autobiography-Cornell data paper) - lives in Ubon, speaks English and French.
5. Siribongse (Tom) Boon-long, connected with Shell Oil. Participated in Wenner-Gren Conference in Thailand; graduate of Cornell; very interested in Cornell's activities in Thailand.

Once No. 3 man in tobacco monopoly but quit because of the graft and corruption. Sharp is very partial toward this person.

6. Asia Foundation, see both Bill Klausner and a man named Pierson here.
7. Kenneth Wells - in Bangkok.
8. American Embassy - see particular the cultural officer.
9. Child Institute at Phrasamitra (see Herb P. about this)
10. Jim Thompson

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