

November 10, 1986

Mr. Charles N. Silver
Country Officer for S.E. Asian Affairs
Office of East Asian and Pacific Affairs
301 4th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20547

Dear Charles,

The preparations continue apace. We are turning our attention to promoting media coverage of the cultural exchange. We would like to ask for your advice and assistance in arranging or requesting an opportunity to develop a story about the King of Thailand and his love for jazz.

A well-known American jazz writer, Royal Stokes, was selected to accompany the group of cultural ambassadors to Bangkok. Initially, he proposed writing a magazine article on Washington's top three female jazz vocalists--Lisa Rich (who went on a similar cultural exchange to Beijing Oct. 21-30, 1986), Deater O'Neill and K. Shalong, who will perform in Bangkok. He is very interested in doing a story connecting this exchange to the King's love of jazz. Of course, they will be performing in Bangkok during the week of the King's birthday.

Royal, who has a Ph.D. in Greek and Latin, has been the Washington Post's jazz critic for the past decade. He's written many cover stories during the past few years for JazzTimes. He is one of 55 jazz authorities worldwide chosen to help compile Downbeat's international jazz critics poll. He was 15 years in broadcasting in D.C. with his own jazz program and has had two books on jazz published. With this extensive jazz background, he is a serious commentator on the jazz scene.

Felix Grant, host of WRC's "World of Jazz," will be heading the delegation as Mayor Marion Barry's representative. Some background information on his career is enclosed.

Could you forward this information to the appropriate person at USIS/Bangkok? Any appointments or opportunities could be coordinated in Bangkok with my counterpart, Sakchai Ruangkittikul...PRESKO, 38/3-6 Anumanrajdhon Road, Bangkok, Thailand, tel. 236 1553-4...to whom I'm sending a copy of this letter. If you have any other suggestions, please give me a call.

Sincerely,



Patricia Q. Barbis

cc: Sakchai, PRESKO

bcc: Felix Grant

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TO: Bangkok, Thailand

November 29 (from Dulles International Airport)

Lv. Dulles UAL #53 to San Francisco	9:20 a.m.
Ar. San Francisco	11:52 a.m.
Lv. San Francisco UAL #835 to Bangkok	1:45 p.m.
Ar. Bangkok (November 30)	11:20 p.m.

December 6

Lv. Bangkok UAL #838 to San Francisco	7:50 a.m.
Ar. San Francisco	8:00 a.m.
Lv. San Francisco UAL #126 to Chicago	10:05 a.m.
Ar. Chicago	3:58 p.m.
Lv. Chicago UAL #846 to Dulles	4:44 p.m.
Ar. Dulles International	7:20 p.m.