

Bangkok and Saigon Study 4-Nation Military Alliance

BANGKOK, Thailand, July 13 (Reuters)—The Foreign Minister of Thailand, Thanat Khonan, said today that South Vietnam and Thailand had agreed conditionally to organize a military alliance with Cambodia and Laos if the Communists continued their aggression in Southeast Asia.

Mr. Thanat spoke to newsmen after having taken part in talks between Thai leaders and the visiting South Vietnamese Vice President, Nguyen Cao Ky, on aid to Cambodia.

He emphasized that the concept of an alliance would receive future consideration if the four countries needed to take concerted measures to prevent attack.

President Nguyen Van Thieu of South Vietnam proposed more than a month ago a military alliance of the four countries against the Communist forces. Mr. Thanat said then that Thailand had to study the proposal carefully. The neutralist Prime Minister of Laos, Prince Souvanna Phouma, rejected it.