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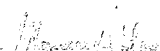
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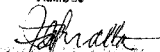

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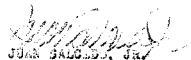
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ABSTRACT

This study was prompted by the fact that despite Thailand being the premier rice producing country in the world, its per capita income or Gross National Product (GNP) is about \$150 which is almost 1/10 that of Japan, and in addition to this fact, is Thailand's yearly unfavorable Balance of Payments of over 2,000,000,000 Bahts. Agriculturally, the writer believes that the unfavorable balance of payments can be neutralized thru the following measures:

1. Engaging in more profitable agricultural enterprises. For example, tobacco as a crop gives 10 times more returns per rai compared to rice. (See Table IV)

2. Increasing agricultural exports as in the case of corn. (See Table II)

3. Reducing imports as in the case of dairy products. (See Table III)

4. Development of more agricultural industries with emphasis on cottage industries as in the case of wood carvings and rattan wares. (See Table II)

By the simple expediency of substituting the culture of rice into more profitable enterprises in 2 million rai, at least \$30,000,000 more can be generated. This is already 1/3 of the equivalent \$100,000,000 of Thailand's yearly unfavorable balance of payments. (See Tables IV and VI)

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