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Lydia - The King's death.

When she arrived in Thailand with Clark, she was received as royalty, and the King granted her the immunity from arrest that she desired that the Royal Family enjoys. She came to know many members of the Royal Family and mentioned especially Prince Wan and Prince Rangsit. Also several others. She said that from a member of the R.F. she learned their version of King Ananda's death. I surmise that the source of her knowledge was Prince Rangsit, probably through members of his family.

The story begins in America where Haludol's mother, Pua Pua Wassa (ask Wini about use of this word. Is it grand mother of a king?), sent two girls from her entourage to America to study (ostensibly) but also to serve as uia noi to the Prince. The old Queen was always strongly anti-foreign and was afraid of possible involvement with a foreign woman.

Haludol fell in love with Sangwan and decided to marry her. When he wrote of his intention, his letter was not correctly interpreted. His mother thought that he had said he was coming home to marry and, in the meantime, was making Sangwan as uia noi.

There was considerable work in the R. F. when the two reached Bangkok and his real purpose was discovered. He knew the old Deenan was irreconcilable and that the King refused to perform the necessary but had he tricked a prince (Majors Swarga) into doing so.

The Dowager - Deenan's palace was Pratsumwan, and she never permitted Saengwan to cross its threshold. After her death Pruniphad conferred this palace on his mother, as compensation, but the dislike of Saengwan continued in the R. F.

Many of the details in The Devil's Desces are correct. He O.S.S. gave Ananda the gun with which he was killed. He had not been feeling well June 8. Both boys liked guns. (Kermit's story of jeep.) On the morning of June 9, Ananda was still unwell. He lay in bed playing with the gun. Pruniphad came in. Ananda held gun to P's head and said, "I would kill you."

P then took it and held it to A's head and said, "I would kill you, too."

As said, "Pee-ah! Pee-ah!"

Paid and killed Quanaqa,

Lydia believes that the killing was accidental, this is the point that will need to be cleared up.

P was appalled, terrified. The map of the palace is in Alascees, and the room where the King died is now part of the palace used for lab. meetings & I.P.s. Lydia had a chance to see it as part of the party of a South American diplomat, and the guide taking them through showed her the room & location of the bed on which the King died. The three pages later executed for the "crime" saw the killing take place. Since, as soon as the King awoke, they had to be in attendance.

Pumpkinpot ran from the room into the corridor and to his mother's room. As he reached it a man came out of her bed room. This, Lydia said from the mission given her by the P. H., was a terrible shock to P. And yet, if his mother had a personal interest, it seems unlikely that he did not consent. The man Lydia call "that secretary," obviously Hemkeingwe

would know whom she meant.

P poured out his terrible story, and events began to take a course in which the R.F. became sanguine. They say that she was proved to be the mother of a King and instantly decided to suppress the truth in order to protect Principles and guard his right to succeed his brother, and of his determination, they say, to retain her own position.

The R.F. believes that she should have insisted that the truth be told. They believe the death was truly an accident, not murder, and that the people should have been so informed. After that, they say, there had should have gone into the priesthood in life and allowed the Crown to pass to some other member of the R.F. This would have been a honorable course, well as an honest one. Lydia thought the R.F. believed the Crown would have passed to Cuba. I doubt it since he was specifically excluded by

King Chulalongkorn because his mother
 was Russian. Furthermore, he had
 married an English woman and had
 only one child, a daughter, whose name
 was, is not his child at all but the
 child of a young protegee, a member
 of the R.F. who lived with Anna and
 Thora Elizabeth and who committed
 suicide after the birth of Anna's
 "daughter." Anna acknowledged the
 child.

Curiously enough, the logical candidate
 would have been Prince Chulapit, he too, too,
 had no sons and only one daughter, who
 married a Frenchman.

Lydia says that Luang Pradit now has
 in his possession a letter from Luang Pibul,
 written a year before his death, acknowledging
 that the charge of complicity made against
 Pradit in the King's death was false and
 that he, Luang Pibul, always knew this.