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Excellency,

I wish to express my sincere gratitude to the Government of the Czech Republic and the Czech people for the well wishes of the safety of the twelve boys and their football coach trapped in the Tham Luang Cave in Chiang Rai Province, since 23 June 2018.

I am pleased to inform that, on 2 July 2018, after a marathon search operation the 13 members of the youth football team were found alive well deep inside the cave complex. More importantly, I am very pleased to inform that, on 10 July 2018, over the span of three days, the entire 13 members of the youth football team were rescued from the cave. The successful search operation has brought great relief to the families and jubilation to the whole nation. This would not have been possible without the consolidated efforts of Thai and international rescuers who have been working round the clock rendering their utmost valuable assistance during this arduous operation.

In this connection, I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude to the generous offer extended to us by the Czech Republic who was among the first to offer us assistance to send the team of well-equipped and skilled divers from the Department of Special Diving Activities and Training of the Czech Police and the heavy-duty submersible pumps used by Czech fire fighting units during the flood in the Czech Republic in 2002 and for sending two experienced firefighters to help with the equipment assessment at the rescue centre in Chiang Rai.

His Excellency

Mr. Jan Hamáček,

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior and

Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic,

PRAGUE.

On behalf of the Thai people and myself, I wish to express my sincerest gratitude to the Prime Minister of the Czech Republic who gave real concern upon this matter by personally calling the Chargé d'affaires ad interim of the Thai Embassy in Prague. Although the machines were not utilised in the end, the kind gesture itself reflects the strong and unwavering bond of friendship between our two countries and peoples.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



**(Don Pramudwinai)
Minister of Foreign Affairs
of the Kingdom of Thailand**