ABSTRACT

inspection by the inspector—General to the Ministry of Interior

Since the Ministry of Interior is chiefly responsible for the well-being of the people throughout the Kingdom of Thailand, the internal control over its administration for such an end becomes indispensable. Such a control may basically be accomplished by two methods, i.e., by reports from the operative level of authorities to the Ministry's Chief Executives through hierarchical supervisors, and by means of inspecting the operative authorities' activities. The latter is carried out in two ways: (1) The Chief Executives themselves (the Minister, or the Under-Secretary) make inspection tours in different provincial and local areas, and (2) Inspectors-General are appointed from high-ranking officials (mostly nominated from the Provincial Governors) to be responsible to the Chief Executives for inspecting provincial and local activities of operative authorities. The latter is selected by the author for study and analysis in this thesis.

The author wishes to find out whether the current inspection system of the Ministry of Interior is beneficial or not. In case some defects are found, constructive suggestions will be put forward for improvement through this thesis. From his point of view, the Inspectors-General to the Ministry of Interior are believed to be precious assets. Without them, provincial and local tasks may be done carelessly, and the Chief Executives of the Ministry may merely receive deceitful reports from operative authorities in the provincial and local areas.

By this study, some defects in the existing inspection system of the Ministry of Interior are found, and most of them are concerned with the inspectorial management. Consequently, the author avails himself of this opportunity to present, from his view and by technical judgement, constructive suggestions for improvement of the system.

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