**Appendix**

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This appendix provides more detail on the motivations for switching parties in the lead up to the 2001 elections. All references are to the *Bangkok Post*.

1. Disagreements on cabinet posts
   1. Chart Pattana MPs not given cabinet seats in recent reshuffle approached by TRT, *BP*, 11 October 1998 “Prachakorn Thai expels Cobras”; 23 November 1998 “Leaders urged to stay off party list”;
   2. Pol Lt-Gen Somchai said to defect to TRT in because upset at not being promoted instead of Ong-art Klampaiboon, *BP* 19 February 2000 “News in Brief”
   3. The Mod Ngan Group left, many joining TRT, because of infighting over the job of vice chairman of the city council, *BP* 12 May 2000 “City Administration”;
   4. Some Democrat MPs threatened to leave the party in protest at Anant Anantakul being made secretary-general, *BP* 20 September 2000 “Sanan loyalists hint at departure”.
2. Ideological reasons
   1. Veerakorn Khamprakob, a Nakhon Sawan MP for the New Aspiration Party said he wanted to help “save the country”, *BP*, 9 June 1999 “Defection setback for Sanoh”
   2. Sanoh Tiengtong said he had decided to defect from the NAP as he was “looking for somebody who actually can solve the country's problems.” At that time he had not decided on which party he would join, *BP* 19 September 1999 “Opposition plays on Chuan fatigue”
   3. Boonchu Trithong remarked that Chart Thai was “rotten to the core”, that he opposed proposals to have party sponsors appointed as ministers, and that the party had “bribed some columnists with new cars and house down payments in exchange for their articles attacking defecting MPs”. *BP* 6 July 2000 “My party’s rotten, says Boonchu”.
   4. Sophon Phetsawang, Buriram MP, defected from Chart Pattana, claiming: “I know that senior people in Chart Pattana do not like me because I used to oppose their proposals to have party sponsors appointed as ministers. They simply ignored whatever I recommended, so I decided to leave.”, *BP* 31 August 2000 “Sophon hits out at `evil' campaign.”
3. Personal fallouts with party leaders (power struggles)
   1. Prime Minister Chuan Leekpai fell out with the Sanan Kachornprasar group. 1 November 1998 “Internal Power struggle rocks Democrat Party”. *BP* 6 October 2000 “Gauging Chart Thai’s chances”
   2. Chaturon and other “young turks” within the New Aspiration Party who had tried to unseat Sanoh as party leader, *BP*, 8 May 1999 “Heartbreak and Monkish Matters.”
   3. Laddawan Wongsriwong, the Democrat MP for Phayao, said she was not being “accorded due respect and dignity”, *BP*, 28 July 1999 “Chuan tries to play down remark about buying MPs”
   4. Several TRT members left on 6 October, 2000 because they were “fed up with mass defections to Thaksin Shinawatra's party. Ms Sunee said old-timers from other parties had taken the lion's share of the constituencies and left others with the party list. As many as 30 members had to give way to the defectors. ‘If Thai Rak Thai is not selective with members, problems will arise. The party leader might not be able to control the party,’ she said.”. Around the same time, Chart Pattana took under its wing more than 30 defectors from New Aspiration and Thai Rak Thai. Pongpol Adireksarn, the former secretary-general now with Thai Rak Thai, after they were forced to leave due primarily to differences with Mr Banharn, *BP* 6 October 2000 “Chart Pattana adopts defectors.”
4. Following a faction leader in defection
   1. Pramual Roojanaseri defected along with Sanoh Thienthong’s entire 50-something Wang Nam Yen faction to Thai Rak Thai from New Aspiration”, *BP* 23 March 2000 “News in Brief”, *BP* 26 March 2000 “Inprint - Election cheats denied their spoils.”
5. Increasing support for TRT among constituents
   1. Democrat candidate Laddawan Wongsriwong said most of her supporters in Payao had already switched to supporting TRT, *BP*, 31 July 1998 “Terms of impalement.”
6. Fatigue with the governing coalition
   1. The article discusses various parties and MPs and defection dynamics in response to fatigue with the Chuan-led government, *BP* 19 September 1999 “Opposition plays on Chuan fatigue”.
7. No reason at all
   1. The article simply mentions that five Eastern Seaboard MPs are defecting from Chart Pattana, *BP* 8 August 1999 “Likely defections spur candidate search”
   2. Pravat Utamote, Chamlong Krudkhuntod and Suchon Champoonot moved to TRT, but the article provides no justification. *BP* 6 October 2000 “Chart Pattana adopts defectors.”
   3. No explanation for why Tossaporn Serirak defected to Thai Rak Thai, *BP* 18 November 2000 “Following an aborted attempt by Mr Sompong to defect from Chart Thai to Thai Rak Thai…”
   4. “Pairote Lohsunthorn's last-minute decision to defect to Thai Rak Thai has upset his party leader Korn Dabbaransi. Mr Pairote and six others, including Tharnthong Thongsawat, left Chart Pattana just before candidacy registration began.”, *BP* 21 November 2000 “In Brief”.
8. Desire to join a successful party
   1. Describes defections from the New Aspiration Party and the desire to join a successful party, *BP* 28 June 2000 “Postbag – The general’s political myopia”