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NGUYEN HUU THO SPEECH AT 11 JUN RECEPTION FOR NUFC-RGNUMC DELEGATION

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[Text of speech by PRGRSV Chairman Nguyen Huu Tho at an 11 June reception in honor of a visiting NUFC-RGNUMC delegation led by Khieu Samphan--read by announcer]

[Text] Dear Deputy Prime Minister Khieu Samphan, Dear Special Adviser Ieng Sary, distinguished Cambodian guests and ladies and gentlemen: A meeting between comrades in arms is always filled with great joy. In an atmosphere filled with friendship and joy over the brilliant victories of the three Indochinese peoples, we are very happy to welcome Deputy Prime Minister Khieu Samphan, Special Adviser Ieng Sary and other distinguished Cambodian guests to this strip of land that we have sacrificed much of our blood and bones to maintain. You are the envoys of the heroic Cambodian people and the close friends and good neighbors of the South Vietnamese people. You have come here bringing with you news of victories and the intimate feelings of the fraternal Cambodians. [applause] On behalf of the NLFV Central Committee, the PRGRSV Council of Ministers, the PRGRSV Advisory Council and the South Vietnamese people, we warmly welcome Deputy Prime Minister Khieu Samphan, Special Adviser Ieng Sary and other distinguished Cambodian guests. [applause]

We warmly hail the resounding victories of the heroic Cambodian armed forces and people, who belong to a nation with more than 2,000 years of very glorious struggle to build and defend the fatherland and who have outstandingly continued to develop the tradition of great anger by persisting in the unyielding struggle for independence and freedom. We warmly acclaim the brilliant achievements of the NUFC-RGNUMC delegation during its friendly visit to many countries. We warmly hail the great friendship and close militant solidarity between the Vietnamese and Cambodian peoples. We sincerely wish you splendid health and an enjoyable stay in the Republic of South Vietnam. [applause]

Dear distinguished Cambodian guests, ladies and gentlemen and friends:

Vietnam and Cambodia are two familiar neighbors. Our two peoples drink water from the same source, live side by side and are closely united not only in struggling for survival but also in building their own countries into prosperous ones. This close solidarity and neighborliness constitute the invincible strength of our two nations and the key to every success of our two armies and peoples. We are very proud that our age-old, close, deep and faithful relationships have helped our two nations overcome so many challenges and hardships and will enable our two nations to live side by side forever and to win continuous success.

Our enemies--the U.S. imperialists and their henchmen--have continuously tried to undermine the fraternal solidarity of the Indochinese peoples. The U.S. imperialists' policy of aggression aimed at imposing neocolonialism upon our countries involves efforts to sow internal dissensions within each of the three nations of Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos and also to create disunity among these three nations. However, the U.S. imperialists have met with bitter defeat. The historic joint communique of the Indochinese Peoples' Summit Conference has reflected more clearly than ever the militant solidarity and unshakable friendship and neighborliness between our two peoples and among the three Indochinese peoples.

We firmly believe that this close solidarity will be further strengthened by the current friendship visit by the NUFC-RGNUMC delegation headed by Deputy Prime Minister Khieu Samphan and with Special Adviser Ieng Sary as deputy head.

Dear distinguished Cambodian guests, ladies and gentlemen: The Vietnamese people are well-known for their loyalty. Our people are always grateful to the fraternal Cambodian people for their very great support and assistance to the South Vietnamese people's revolutionary struggle. We highly esteem your resounding victories, and consider them concrete manifestation of your support and assistance and a source of strong encouragement for the South Vietnamese Armed Forces and people in their anti-U.S. national salvation struggle.

Your struggle is an eternal epic. The revolutionary undertaking of the Cambodians has made outstanding progress in just a short period. Never before have the position and strength of the Cambodian revolution been as high or great as they are now. The liberated area in Cambodia covers more than 90 percent of the territory and more than 85 percent of the population. A large and firm solidarity bloc has been established. The people's revolutionary administration has been set up throughout the liberated area. The revolutionary armed forces are invincible. [applause]

The Cambodian armed forces and people, developing their winning and strong position, have relentlessly attacked the enemy both in the dry and rainy seasons and have achieved victories on all battlefields. In particular, the repeated offensives of the Cambodian Revolutionary Armed Forces in Phnom Penh and the seething struggle of the people in enemy--temporarily controlled areas in the recent past have driven the United States and its henchmen into a more and more precarious situation.

The great military and political successes of the fraternal Cambodian Armed Forces and people have led to extremely important diplomatic successes, thus contributing to further heightening the prestige of the NUFC, and the RGNUC on the international stage. We profoundly admire and warmly greet the outstanding and resounding feats of arms of the heroic Cambodian people under the correct leadership of the NUFC and RGNUC. [applause]

We firmly support the legitimate aspirations and correct stand of the fraternal Cambodian people as set forth in the five-point statement of 23 March 1970 by Samdech Chief of State Norodom Sihanouk, and the NUFC political platform which was solemnly approved by the Cambodian national congress held from 19 to 21 July 1973. The South Vietnamese people, the NFLSV and the PRGRSV will firmly support to the end of the unyielding struggle of the fraternal Cambodians against the U.S. imperialists and their henchmen. [applause]

We warmly greet the great victory of historic and epoch significance of the heroic Lao people under the clever leadership of the Lao Patriotic Front headed by Prince Chairman Souphanouvong, in the signing of the Vientiane agreement and protocols on peace and national concord in Laos. We warmly acclaim the formation of the Provisional Government of National Union and the National Political Council of Coalition in Laos, the political platform which has recently approved by the NPCC, and the initial successes of real importance of the fraternal Lao people in the building of a peaceful, independent, neutral, democratic, unified and prosperous Laos.

Dear distinguished Cambodian guests, ladies and gentlemen and friends:

The Paris agreement has marked the great successes of historic and epoch significance for the entire Vietnamese people's anti-U.S. national salvation cause. These successes have opened a new and beautiful prospect for the South Vietnamese people in their struggle for building a peaceful, independent, democratic, neutral and prosperous South Vietnam to advance toward peacefully uniting the fatherland, thus contributing to safeguarding peace in Indochina, Southeast Asia and the world.

For more than a year, under the leadership of the NFLSV and the PRGRSV, our people have resolutely struggled for the thorough observance and scrupulous implementation of the Paris agreement, and at the same time striven to heal the wounds of war and build a strong liberated area, and we have won many initial successes in various fields. The stand and strength of the South Vietnamese revolution has grown relentlessly stronger. The people's life in the liberated area has gradually and visibly improved. On the diplomatic front, the PRGRSV has won many great successes and its position and its role have continuously been enhanced at home and on the international stage. But, though heavily defeated, the U.S. imperialists are still stubbornly pursuing their ambition of maintaining neocolonialism in South Vietnam in order to perpetuate the partition of Vietnam. To carry out this scheme, the Nixon administration has not only not ended its military involvement and intervention in the South Vietnamese people's internal affairs, but it has also intensified its military aid to the Nguyen Van Thieu administration. It has massively poured weapons and war materials into South Vietnam, left behind and brought tens of thousands of military advisors disguised as civilians and, at the same time, established disguised command posts in order to direct the war and repress the South Vietnamese people.

With the support, assistance and encouragement of the United States, the Nguyen Van Thieu lackey clique has striven to intensify the war, continuously launched pacification and nibbling operations, striven to trample on the people's democratic liberties, continued to illegally detain hundreds of thousands of civilians, and undermined the two-party negotiations at Tan Son Nhut as well as at La Celle-Saint-Cloud.

It is clear that the Nguyen Van Thieu administration has striven to systematically and fully sabotage the Paris agreement on Vietnam and to oppose peace, national reconciliation and national concord, thus creating a very serious situation in South Vietnam.

The unswerving stand of the PRGRSV, like that of the DRV Government, has been to scrupulously respect and correctly implement the Paris agreement on Vietnam. This just stand was once again stressed in the six-point statement on 22 March 1974 of the PRGRSV. We have always shown our good will toward a peaceful solution of the internal problems of South Vietnam, but we will firmly punish acts of sabotage of the agreement by the United States and Saigon administration--in order to protect the lives and properties of the people and to protect the liberated areas and the Paris agreement. We firmly believe that with the present powerful strength of the South Vietnamese revolution, with the great assistance of blood-sealed North Vietnam, and with the great support and assistance of the fraternal Cambodian and Lao people and the progressive people worldwide, the South Vietnamese people's just struggle will certainly be victorious. The more the U.S. imperialists and their henchmen stubbornly sabotage the agreement and oppose peace, national reconciliation and national concord, the more bitter their defeats.

Dear distinguished Cambodian guests, gentlemen and friends:

Our great leader, President Ho Chi Minh, has stated that our deep dedication to the struggle against the U.S. imperialists is a sound basis for the development of the friendly relations and fraternal cooperation between our two countries at present, just as in the days ahead. In the anti-U.S. national salvation struggle, our two peoples have been closely united, have better understood and trusted one another and shared weal and woe. On the basis of the respect for independence, national sovereignty and territorial integrity of each country, we will do out utmost to protect and further strengthen these noble sentiments, great friendship and militant solidarity.

We firmly believe that this friendly visit of Deputy Prime Minister Khieu Samphan, Special Adviser Ieng Sary and the NUFC-RGNUMC delegation to the Republic of South Vietnam will contribute to further strengthening the friendship and fraternal cooperation between the Cambodian and South Vietnamese peoples.

In the elation of great victories and close friendship, I would like to toast the success of this historic visit of the NUFC-RGNUMC delegation headed by Khieu Samphan and Ieng Sary to the Republic of South Vietnam. I hope that the great militant solidarity and friendship between the South Vietnamese armed forces and people and the Cambodian armed forces and people will last forever. I greet the brilliant victories of the heroic Cambodian and Lao peoples. I hope that the military solidarity and friendship among the three Indochinese peoples will last forever. May I wish Samdech Chief of State Norodom Sihanouk, chairman of the NUFC; Samdech Penn Nouth, chairman of the Political Council of the NUFC Central Committee and prime minister of the RGNUMC; Deputy Prime Minister Khieu Samphan; Special Adviser Ieng Sary; the other leaders of the NUFC and the RGNUMC and the distinguished Cambodian guests and gentlemen present here good health.

Khieu Samphan Speech at 11 Jun Reception

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[Text of speech by Deputy Prime Minister Khieu Samphan at an 11 June reception given by PRGRSV Chairman Nguyen Huu Tho--read by announcer]

[Text] His Excellency Nguyen Huu Tho, chairman of the NFLSV Central Committee Presidium and chairman of the Advisory Council to the PRGRSV; leaders of the NFLSV and the PRGRSV; ladies and gentlemen and friends:

On behalf of the NUFC-RGNUMC delegation, I express my profound gratitude to His Excellency Nguyen Huu Tho, chairman of the NFLSV Central Committee Presidium and chairman of the PRGRSV Advisory Council, for organizing this grand reception to greet our delegation.

We are very happy to be invited by the PRGRSV to visit the Republic of South Vietnam, and we have visited Quang Tri Province. We convey to the South Vietnamese people and the PLAF the greetings from their comrades in arms and the most profound revolutionary sentiments from the Cambodians and the CPNLAF.

The heartfelt words which Chairman Nguyen Huu Tho has just used to hail the victories of our Cambodian troops and people, as well as the solemn and cordial welcome which the South Vietnamese troops and people have extended to our delegation, are brilliant manifestations of the South Vietnamese people's lofty revolutionary sentiments on behalf of the Cambodian people who are holding high the banner of determination to struggle unyieldingly against the U.S. imperialist aggressors and their lackeys--the Lon Nol-Sirik Matak-Son Ngoc Thanh-In Tam-Cheng Heng-Long Boret-Sosthene [Fernandez] clique.

In their protracted and persevering anti-U.S. national salvation struggle, the South Vietnamese people have won great, strategic victories that have had global repercussions. The South Vietnamese people and the PLAF have defeated the special war, the limited war and the Americanized war.

Through a steadfast, difficult, resolute, unyielding, and extremely brave struggle filled with sacrifices, our people and national liberation armed forces have won many new successes of strategic significance. At present our liberated areas occupy 90 percent of the entire territory, includes 5.5 million out of the 7 million Cambodian people, while the enemy controls only small plots of land which can only maintain contact with each other by plane.

The enemy does not possess cultivable land, have an economy, nor can it hold the people.

In Phnom Penh and a number of small cities which the enemy still temporarily controls, the people, masses, workers, laborers, youths, pupils, students, teachers and other patriotic people, combined with daily attacks from outside by the national liberation armed forces, have risen up and resorted to increasing revolutionary violence to oppose to the traitors and their U.S. imperialist masters. During May and the beginning of June, the bonzes, youths, pupils, students, teachers, workers, laborers, and other patriotic people in Phnom Penh demonstrated to manifest their unanimous opposition against the Lon Nol-Sirik Matak-Son Ngoc Thanh-Cheng Heng-In Tam-Long Boret-Sosthene [Fernandez] traitor clique which is the aggressive tool of the U.S. imperialists in Cambodia. Presently, this movement has widely spread to all strata of people right in the heart of the enemy. The traitors have used very cruel armed terrorization but have been unable to repress the masses' movement. All strata in Phnom Penh have united with pupils and students to struggle against the traitors with a high revolutionary resolution and spirit which have resulted in the shameful death of one of their ministers and a high-ranking official.

The pressure of the Cambodian People's Armed Forces and people, combined with the resistance of the people, masses, bonzes, workers, laborers, youths, [words indistinct], and civil servants in the enemy's temporary controlled areas, has brought about more defeats, increasing decline, and more conflicts and contradictions among the enemy ranks which cannot be brought together by any measures taken by the United States. These facts demonstrate the enemy's utter decadence in the military, political and economic fields. This decadence will continue until the enemy collapses completely. No matter how cunning the strategems used by the U.S. imperialists may be, they absolutely cannot save the Phnom Penh traitors and their regime.

At present the prestige and influence of the NUFC chaired by Samdech Chief of State Norodom Sihanouk and of the RGNUC with Samdech Penn Nouth as prime minister have been enhanced continuously in the international arena. More than 60 freedom and justice-loving countries have officially recognized the RGNUC as the sole genuine and legal government of the Cambodian nation and people.

The successes won by the CPNLAF and Cambodians have been due to their correct political lines, their stand of independence, self-sufficiency and enduring hardships as well as their efforts to build forces from all standpoints. Our successes depend also on the support and aid of the peoples and governments of peace and justice-loving countries in the world including the PRGRSV and the South Vietnamese people.

On this solemn occasion may we voice our deep gratitude to the peoples and governments of the friendly countries everywhere for their support and aid to our just struggle. During our delegation's recent friendship visit to 12 countries in Asia, Europe and Africa, they clearly realized the reasons for our resolute, uncompromising and unyielding struggle and once again affirmed their support for the resolute, uncompromising and unyielding stand of the Cambodian nation and people until complete achievement of the five points laid down by the NUFC in the 23 March 1970 statement by Samdech Head of State Norodom Sihanouk. This constitutes very strong encouragement to the struggle of our Cambodian people.

Ladies, gentlemen and friends: The U.S. imperialists are resorting to all schemes to (?support) the Phnom Penh traitors, whom they use as their tool to carry out aggression in Cambodia. Nixon has "Cambodianized" their cruel war.

The U.S. imperialists are introducing weapons, munitions, aircraft, dollars, rice and thousands of military advisers to directly (?aid) the Phnom Penh puppet troops. At the same time, they have played the trick of an on-the-spot cease-fire and peaceful negotiation in order to stave off their overall collapse and to strengthen their forces in order to (?attack us again) at an appropriate time. But our Cambodian people and CPNLAF are determined to continuously, relentlessly and unyieldingly attack the enemy until they achieve complete victory.

With the overall support by freedom and justice-loving people worldwide, we firmly believe that the Cambodian people will surely win complete victory in the future.

The Cambodian and South Vietnamese peoples are two neighbors who frequently supported and aided one another in the past in their struggle against common enemies--French colonialism and Japanese fascism--and who are doing so now in struggling against U.S. imperialism. Our stand is to resolutely unite with the brother Vietnamese people on the principle of equality and mutual respect and interests. Based on this correct principle, the solidarity between the peoples of Cambodia and Vietnam will constantly and steadily develop, and there is no enemy that can ever undermine it. The peoples of the two countries will certainly win total victory in their struggles against the U.S. imperialist aggressors and their lackeys.

We are convinced that the present visit of our delegation will certainly contribute to further developing the militant solidarity and fraternal friendship between the peoples of the two countries in order to win total victory in their struggles for national liberation and against the traitors.

With this conviction, I propose a toast to the everlasting militant solidarity and fraternal friendship between the Cambodian and South Vietnamese people and the Vietnamese people as a whole. I hope for the total victory of the struggles of the two peoples for national liberation and against the U.S. imperialists and the traitors in the two countries. I wish good health and longevity to His Excellency Nguyen Huu Tho, chairman of the NFLSV Central Committee Presidium and chairman of the PRGRSV Advisory Council. I wish good health and longevity to Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, chairman of the NUFC. I wish good health to His Excellency Nguyen Doa, vice chairman of the PRGRSV, and to all other leaders of the NFLSV and PRGRSV. I wish good health to all ladies, gentlemen and friends present here at this reception.

REPORTAGE ON 12 JUN QUANG TRI WELCOME FOR KHIEU SAMPHAN

Liberation Radio [Clandestine] in Vietnamese to South Vietnam 1400 GMT 3 Jul 74 S

[Report on a 12 June meeting in Quang Tri Province to welcome the NUFC-RGNUMC Delegation]

[Text] Dear Friends, the large conference hall of the People's Revolutionary Committee in Quang Tri Province, on the evening of 12 June, shone with dozens of colored lights. On a peaceful green setting, the Cambodian national flag and the PRG flag, facing each other, symbolized the cemented friendship and militant solidarity between the Cambodian and Vietnamese nations in the same U.S.-fighting combat trench. On the ceremonial platform, a slogan in Vietnamese and Cambodian on a red background, read: "Warmly acclaim the NUFC-RGNUMC delegation on its visit to the RSV." A great number of representatives and cadres from various branches and organizations, from the youth, women, peasants, trade unions, religions and ethnic minority people, as well as a great number of representatives of heroes and emulation combatants of the PLAF, attended this solemn meeting.

The presidium of the meeting was composed of, on the Cambodian side, His Excellency Khieu Samphan, deputy prime minister, minister of national defense of the RGNUC and commander in chief of the CPNLAF; His Excellency Ieng Sary, special adviser to the office of the deputy prime minister of the RGNUC; Mrs Ieng Thi Rith, minister of education and youth; His Excellency Tiv Ol, vice minister of information and propaganda; and His Excellency Sien An, ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary of the Kingdom of Cambodia to the RSV.

The meeting presidium members, on the RVN side, were composed of lawyer Nguyen Huu Tho, chairman of the NFLSV Central Committee Presidium and chairman of the PRGRSV Advisory Council; Mr Nguyen Doa, PRGRSV vice president; Mr Ho Xuan Son, member of the NFLSV Central Committee Secretariat; Mr Hoang Bich Son, PRGRSV vice foreign minister; Mr Nguyen (Duan), representative of the Tri-Thien Military Region Command; Mr Le Sang, chairman of the Quang Tri Provincial People's Revolutionary Committee; Mr (Nguyen Dinh Quoi) acting chairman of the Quang Tri Provincial National Liberation Front Committee and Sister Phan Thi Xuan, a heroine of the South Vietnamese PLAF.

At 2030, Chairman Nguyen Huu Tho led the presidium members onto the ceremonial platform amid an ovation.

After trooping the colors, Chairman Nguyen Huu Tho went to the microphone to deliver an opening speech. [applause] [recorded]

Your Excellency Deputy Prime Minister Khieu Samphan, Your Excellency dear Special Adviser Ieng Sary, dear gentlemen in the NUFC-RGNUC delegation, dear friends: Today, on behalf of the NFLSV Central Committee and the PRGRSV, we are very happy to welcome the NFUC-RGNUC delegation, led by His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister Khieu Samphan and with His Excellency Special Adviser Ieng Sary as deputy delegation head, on official visit to the South Vietnamese liberated areas. The delegation brings good news of victory and the friendship and militant solidarity of the heroic Cambodian people with the South Vietnamese people. [applause]

In their great resistance, the Cambodian people have won great victories of strategic significance. The prestige of the NUFC, with Samdech Chief of State Norodom Sihanouk as its chairman, and of the RGNUC--the sole, genuine and legitimate representative of the Cambodian people--with Samdech Penn Nouth as its prime minister and with His Excellency Khieu Samphan as its deputy prime minister, has been increasingly enhanced in Cambodia and the world. The South Vietnamese people, the NFLSV and the PRGRSV warmly acclaim and highly esteem these achievements of the fraternal Cambodian people. The South Vietnamese people, on the basis of the spirit of the Indochinese Peoples' Summit Conference joint statement, are determined to continue to support the Cambodian people's staunch, uncompromising struggle until total victory, aimed at fully realizing the objectives outlined in the 23 March 1970 five-point declaration of Samdech Chief of State Norodom Sihanouk and in the NUFC political program that was solemnly recognized by the all-Cambodia congress held from 19 to 21 July 1973. [applause]

On this occasion, we would like to express our profound gratitude to the NUFC, the RGNUC and the fraternal Cambodian people for their resolute support and great assistance to the South Vietnamese people.

[applause] The love and relationship between the South Vietnamese and Cambodian peoples will last forever because they have been forged in the two peoples' struggle against the common enemy and for independence and freedom. [applause] I declare the meeting open. May I introduce to you PRGRSV Vice President Nguyen Doa who will deliver a speech [applause] [end recording].

After expressing the elation of the South Vietnamese people and liberation armed forces over the visit of the high-ranking envoys of the heroic Cambodian people who have come to the liberated area bringing with them the warm friendship and strong encouragement of the fraternal Cambodian armed forces and people, and after dealing with the present increasingly serious situation in the south due to the intensified acts of war and sabotage against peace and the Paris agreement by the United States and the Thieu administration, Vice President Nguyen Doa stressed [recorded]:

Obviously, the cause of the present tension in South Vietnam lies in the stubborn desire of the United States to cling to the Nixon doctrine in an attempt to impose U.S. neocolonialism on South Vietnam and other countries in Indochina, and in the deliberate desire of the Nguyen Van Thieu administration to serve as an instrument to implement U.S. neocolonialism and oppose the Paris agreement on Vietnam and peace, national reconciliation and concord. As a matter of fact, the South Vietnamese people must exercise their sacred right of self-defense to protect peace, the liberated zone, the people's lives and property and the achievements of the revolution. The South Vietnamese people have resolutely and appropriately punished the Nguyen Van Thieu administration for its acts of war. By so doing, they are positively protecting the Paris agreement on Vietnam and safeguarding peace in Indochina, Southeast Asia and the world. [applause]

On the basis of the respect for each country's independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity, we pledge to try our best to protect and further consolidate the great friendship and close militant solidarity between the two peoples. We firmly believe that this historically significant friendly visit of the NUFC-RGNUMC delegation will further consolidate the great friendship and militant solidarity between the Vietnamese and Cambodian peoples. [applause] We sincerely hope that you--the high-ranking envoys of the heroic Cambodian people--will achieve brilliant success in your friendly visit. [applause] May the Cambodian people's heroic anti-U.S. national salvation struggle achieve complete victory. [applause] May the great militant solidarity and friendship between the South Vietnamese, Cambodian and Lao peoples last forever. [applause] The just undertaking of the three Indochinese peoples will certainly achieve complete victory. [applause] [end recording]

The conference hall reverberated with long applause when Chairman Nguyen Huu Tho presented Deputy Prime Minister Khieu Samphan with a red scroll bearing the golden words in Vietnamese and Cambodian: "The great militant solidarity and friendship between the South Vietnamese and Cambodian peoples will last forever."

[LPA From North Vietnam [Clandestine] in English to East Europe and the Far East at 1519 GMT on 3 July also reports on the 12 June Quang Tri meeting and adds the following quotation from Nguyen Doa's remarks:

["The great military and political victories recorded by the Cambodian people have led to extremely important diplomatic achievements and ceaselessly raised the prestige on the international arena of the National United Front of Kampuchea with Samdech Head of State Norodom Sihanouk as chairman and the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia with Samdech Penn Nouth as premier and Mr Khieu Samphan as vice-premier.

["The recognition and the establishment of diplomatic relations by 60 countries with the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia, together with other diplomatic successes of the NUFC and the RGNUC, as well as the achievements recorded by its delegation in the recent friendship tour to many countries in the world prove that the anti-U.S. fight, for national salvation, of the Cambodian people has enjoyed the warm sympathy and support from peace- and justice-loving people and governments in the world."]

["The South Vietnamese people highly appreciate the great victories recorded by the Cambodian people and consider them as a great and practical support to their fight against U.S. aggression, for national salvation, in the past and to the present struggle to achieve a peaceful, independent, neutral, democratic and prosperous South Vietnam and advance to the peaceful reunification of the fatherland." Vice-President Nguyen Doa emphasized on the stand of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam and the South Vietnam National Front for Liberation to "resolutely support the correct stand of the Cambodian people expounded in the March 23, 1970, five-point Declaration of Samdech Head of State Norodom Sihanouk and in the political program of the National United Front of Kampuchea solemnly confirmed by the National Congress of Cambodia held from July 19 to 21, 1973."]

Once again, the conference hall resounded with cheers as Deputy Prime Minister Khieu Samphan went to the microphone to deliver a reply speech [recorded--in Cambodian with Vietnamese superimposed]:

His Excellency Nguyen Huu Tho, chairman of the NFLSV Central Committee Presidium and chairman of the PRGRSV Advisory Council; His Excellency Nguyen Doa, PRGRSV Vice president; leaders of the NFLSV and PRGRSV; and ladies, gentlemen and friends: On behalf of the NUFC-RGNUC delegation and on my own behalf, I extend my warmest greetings to all of you for organizing this solemn meeting to welcome our delegation. This is a new manifestation of the South Vietnamese people's lofty revolutionary sentiments on behalf of our Cambodian people, who are holding high the banner of unyielding and stalwart struggle against the U.S. imperialist aggressors and the traitorous lackey Lon Nol-Sirik Matak-Son Ngoc Thanh-Cheng Heng-In Tam-Long Boret-[Sosthene] Fernandez clique. Through you we extend to the Quang Tri people and all brother Vietnamese people our warmest fraternal greetings. [applause]

Dear gentlemen and friends, will you kindly allow me to briefly present the situation in Cambodia: The war to liberate the Cambodian nation and people and to oppose the U.S. imperialists and their lackeys has been waged for 4 years now. In the course of their very brave and fierce struggle against the U.S. imperialists and their lackeys, who are extremely cruel, and against the extremely barbarous Phnom Penh traitors, our Cambodian people and CPNLA have done their utmost, endured every sacrifice and repeatedly won strategic victories. These victories have been won following the 18 March 1970 coup d'etat, and have been accompanied by large uprising-type demonstrations staged by our people who have eroded the traitorous puppet administration piece by piece and who have seized rifles from the enemy and attacked it. We initially and victoriously opposed the policy of Americanizing the war by defeating the aggressor U.S. infantrymen in May and June 1970, and we scored achievements in opposing the U.S. imperialists' policy of using the Saigon puppet troops to wage an aggressive war in Cambodia in 1970-71. We have victoriously opposed the policy of Cambodianization of the war by repeatedly defeating the traitorous Lon Nol-Sirik Matak-Son Ngoc Thanh-Cheng Heng-In Tam clique's armed forces.

We victoriously opposed the policy of Americanizing the war by the use of its Air Force, in defeating the U.S. Air Force's bombing of Cambodia for 195 days and nights, and we have now occupied positions on the doorstep of Phnom Penh itself. [applause] [end recording]

Deputy Prime Minister Khieu Samphan's speech was interrupted by resounding applause when he expressed the resolute and strong support of the NUFC, the RGNVC and the fraternal Cambodian people for our people's previous anti-U.S. national salvation struggle, as well as for our present struggle aimed at insuring a scrupulous and strict implementation of the Paris agreement.

Deputy Prime Minister Khieu Samphan said [recorded]: We wish to once again express our deep thanks to His Excellency Nguyen Huu Tho, chairman of the NFLSV Central Committee Presidium and chairman of the PRGRSV Advisory Council, and Mr Nguyen Doa, PRGRSV vice president, for organizing this solemn meeting; and we wish to thank the Quang Tri people for attending this meeting en masse. This is an honor for our delegation. [applause] The militant solidarity and fraternal friendship between the Cambodian and South Vietnamese peoples and all Vietnamese people will last forever! [applause] Let us warmly acclaim the revolutionary struggle movement of the peoples of the three countries of Cambodia, Vietnam and Laos against the U.S. imperialist aggressors and their lackeys! [applause] [end recording]

[LPA from North Vietnam [Clandestine] in English to East Europe and the Far East at 1519 GMT on 3 July provides the following quotation from Khieu Samphan's remarks at the 12 June meeting: "In the past, at present and in the future, Cambodia has always pursued its line of independence, peace, neutrality, non-alliance and of broad unity with all the countries in the world on the principle of respect for independence, sovereignty, equality and mutual benefit in order to receive the assistance from the world people and to contribute its part to the cause of the world people against imperialism and colonialism old and new. With such an unchanging stand, we resolutely support the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam and the South Vietnamese people, and the six-point proposal advanced on March 22, 1974, by the PRGRSV.

["We sternly denounce the U.S. imperialists and the Nguyen Van Thieu administration for violating in a serious manner the Paris agreement on Vietnam." The vice-premier affirmed: "The militant solidarity between the peoples of Cambodia and South Vietnam will ceaselessly develop and last forever. No enemy can break it. Our two peoples will win final victory in their struggles against the aggressors and their henchmen."]

After his speech, Deputy Prime Minister Khieu Samphan presented the people and the PLAF with a number of gifts. The meeting was concluded amid the long applause and the shouting of slogans hailing the everlasting militant solidarity and friendship between the Cambodian people and the South Vietnamese people in the same anti-U.S. combat trench.

LPA EDITORIAL GREETS RGNUC-NUFC DELEGATION VISIT

Liberation Radio [Clandestine] in Vietnamese to South Vietnam 1000 GMT 4 Jul 74 S

[LPA Editorial: "The Great Militant Solidarity Between South Vietnam and Cambodia Will Last Forever"]

[Text] The official friendly visit of the NUFC-RGNUC delegation led by Vice Premier Khieu Samphan as delegation head and Special Adviser Ieng Sary as deputy delegation head to the Republic of South Vietnam from 11 thru 13 June has concluded successfully.

For a long time now, in the previous struggle against French colonialism as well as in the resistance struggle against the aggression of the United States and its lackeys, the South Vietnamese people and their beloved neighbors, the Cambodian people, have stood side by side in the same trench, lived and died together, supported and assisted one another and achieved combat coordination to score victories over their common enemies. However, this was the first time that the South Vietnamese people and the leaders of the NFSLV and the PRGRSV had the opportunity to officially receive the distinguished Cambodian guests, our people's intimate comrades in arms, who from the seething Cambodian battlefield carried good news of victories and of the great solidarity and fraternal friendship of the heroic Cambodian people.

This official friendly visit of the Cambodian delegation to the South Vietnam liberated areas is a new step in the development of the friendship and militant solidarity between the South Vietnamese people and the fraternal Cambodian people; it is a strong encouragement to the South Vietnamese people and PLAF in their present struggle to protect peace and the Paris agreement on Vietnam, to build a peaceful, independent, democratic, neutral and prosperous South Vietnam and to proceed toward peaceful reunification of the country.

This was also a good opportunity for our people to express their sincere gratitude to the fraternal Cambodian people for their great and wholehearted support and assistance, and to express our profound admiration for the heroic Cambodian people, a nation that has a 4,000-year history of country-building and national defense, and that has resolutely and stalwartly struggled and written the most glorious pages of Cambodian history in the anti-U.S. national salvation struggle over the past few years.

In his speech delivered at the solemn reception in honor of the Cambodian delegation, Chairman Nguyen Huu Tho said: "On the basis of respect for the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of each country, we are determined to do our utmost to defend and further tighten that very lofty and fine friendship and militant solidarity. We are firmly convinced that this friendly visit by Vice Premier Khieu Samphan, Special Adviser Ieng Sary and the NUFC-RGNUC delegation to the Republic of South Vietnam will contribute to strengthening even more the friendly relations and fraternal cooperation between the Cambodian and South Vietnamese peoples."

With their recent resounding victories, the Cambodian people's resistance against the aggression of the United States and its lackey is a great example of immortal heroism. By staging a reactionary coup on 18 March 1970 and by massively introducing U.S. and Saigon puppet troops into Cambodia, the U.S. imperialists thought they could beat down and swallow alive the freedom and peace loving kingdom of Cambodia.

However, they miscalculated. Just as in South Vietnam and Laos, the U.S. imperialists and their lackey clique of Lon Nol, Sirik Matak and Son Ngoc Thanh in Cambodia have run into the resolute resistance and the valiant and unyielding combat spirit of the Cambodian people.

Under the clear-sighted leadership of the NUFC headed by Samdech Chief of State Norodom Sihanouk and the RGNUC with Samdech Penn Nouth as premier and Mr Khieu Samphan as vice premier, the Cambodian people and armed forces have overcome all difficulties to score great victories. Under the direction of the NUFC political program and the direct guidance of various in-country organs, the Cambodian people and armed forces have continuously developed their offensive initiative, and for more than the past 4 years have scored great and comprehensive victories that are being used as a firm foundation for final victory.

To date, the Cambodian people and armed forces have put out of action hundreds of thousands of enemies, including 12,000 U.S. aggressors. They have courageously faced the modern U.S. Air Force, liberated more than nine-tenths of the territory and more than 5.5 million of the 7 million inhabitants of Cambodia, and dealt continuous extremely heavy punitive blows to the U.S. imperialists and their Phnom Penh lackey clique.

Particularly, in the past 7 months of the dry season from November 1973 thru May 1974, the Cambodian people and armed forces eliminated or captured alive 94,000 enemy troops, seized 24,000 assorted weapons, destroyed 344 tanks and armored cars, set ablaze or damaged 635 war vessels, downed or damaged 102 aircraft, overran more than 500 enemy positions and liberated 20,000 people.

The successive attacks of the Cambodian people and armed forces along with the seething struggle of all strata of people in the temporarily enemy-controlled areas have driven the United States and its lackey clique of Lon Nol, Sirik Matak and Son Ngoc Thanh into a precarious situation, and have bankrupted the Nixon doctrine in Cambodia.

The great comprehensive victories of the Cambodian people have constantly heightened the prestige of the NUFC and the RGNUC in the world arena. At the same time, they have opened extremely bright prospects for the fraternal Cambodian people's liberation struggle.

Although frightened and shamefully defeated in Indochina, the U.S. imperialists have not resigned themselves to implementing Article 20 of the Paris agreement on Vietnam, which is to respect the fundamental national rights of the Cambodian people, and, running counter the U.S. congressional resolution forbidding the Nixon administration to directly use U.S. aircraft in massacring the Cambodian people, the Nixon administration is still stubbornly implementing the neocolonialist war of aggression in Cambodia.

In his speech delivered at the meeting held by the NFLSV Central Committee and the PRGRSV to greet the NUFC-RGNUC delegation, Deputy Prime Minister Khieu Samphan unmasked the wicked plots of the U.S. imperialists and stressed the firm stand of the Cambodian people in saying: "Today the U.S. imperialists are resorting to tricks to safeguard the Phnom Penh traitorous clique so as to use it as an instrument to carry on the aggression against Cambodia in accordance with the criminal Cambodianization policy of Nixon."

The U.S. imperialists have introduced and are introducing into Cambodia weapons, ammunition, aircraft, dollars, rice and salt and thousands of military advisers to directly command the traitorous Phnom Penh puppet army. At the same time, they have carried out such tricks as cease-fire in-place and deceitful peace negotiations so that they may retrieve their completely losing posture and consolidate their forces and later fight us when an opportunity arises.

"But our Cambodian people and the CPNLF are determined to continue their attacks without compromise or retreat until total victory."

The South Vietnamese people well understand that the victories of the Cambodian people are the common victories of the three Vietnamese, Cambodian and Lao peoples against the common enemy, the U.S. imperialists and their henchmen. These victories also constitute a great encouragement and support to the present struggle of the South Vietnamese people.

In this official and friendly visit of the NUFC-RGNC delegation to South Vietnam, we are very touched to hear the precious words of Deputy Prime Minister Khieu Samphan, greeting the anti-U.S. national salvation struggle and the victories of our people. This clearly reflects the great support of 7 million Cambodian people for the just struggle of the South Vietnamese people.

The joint statement issued at the end of the visit of the NUFC-RGNC delegation to our country clearly shows that in the talks between the South Vietnamese and Cambodian delegations the two sides have fully agreed on all questions discussed. This unanimity of views comes from the victorious militant solidarity and the earnest aspirations and determination of the two peoples to strengthen their militant solidarity, to protect and develop the victories of each country, to protect and constantly strengthen their great fraternal friendship and good neighborhood, to actively support each other in the struggle against the common enemy at present as well as in the days ahead, and to build their countries in lasting cooperation in accordance with their own desires.

The joint statement clearly points out: The two sides are very happy to see that the fraternal friendship and militant solidarity between the Vietnamese and Cambodian peoples have been ever more strengthened and developed. This great friendship is built on the basis of equality and mutual respect for national sovereignty and interests.

The two peoples will closely unite in the struggle for their just cause and against the common enemy, the U.S. imperialist aggressors. Fraternal friendship and militant solidarity is the common and extremely precious possession of the two peoples and a decisive factor leading the struggle of the people of each country to complete victory.

The U.S. imperialists are sinking ever more deeply in the bog of defeat. However, due to their nature, they are stubbornly continuing to implement the Nixon doctrine in Indochina. The Paris agreement was signed 17 months ago, but they continue to maintain the the Saigon and Phnom Penh traitorous clique in prolonging the war in South Vietnam and Cambodia.

Today, however, the balance of forces in South Vietnam and Cambodia in particular, and in Indochina in general, is developing to the great advantage of the revolution more than ever before.

Together with the historic victory of the Lao people which was marked by the signing of the Vientiane agreement and protocol and by the formation of the Provisional Government of National Union and the National Political Council of Coalition, the great victories of the Vietnamese and Cambodian peoples constitute an extremely sound basis for the two peoples to advance to achieve their just cause of independence, freedom and true peace.

Based on the principles set forth in the joint statement of the Indochinese People's Summit Conference--according to which national liberation and protection are the cause of the people of each country--the two sides pledge to wholeheartedly support each other upon request and on the basis of mutual respect.

The South Vietnamese people, the NFLSV and PRGRSV reassert their determination to support the correct stand and the iron-like determination of the Cambodian people in their unyielding struggle against the U.S. imperialist aggressors and their henchmen until complete victory, as is stressed in the joint statement of the South Vietnamese and Cambodian delegations.

The South Vietnamese people sincerely thank the NUFC-RGNUMC delegation for this official friendly visit to the Republic of South Vietnam and for bringing the fraternal friendship of the Cambodian people to all of the South Vietnamese people and the PLAF, thus contributing to further strengthening the great and close solidarity between our two peoples. We particularly thank Deputy Prime Minister Khieu Samphan for his sincere words: "Our stand is to firmly unite with the fraternal South Vietnamese people on the basis of equality, mutual respect and mutual interest."

Based on this just principle, the solidarity between the Cambodian and Vietnamese people will certainly develop strongly. No enemy can check this solidarity between our two peoples, who are determined to win complete victory in the struggle against the U.S. imperialists and their henchmen.

Bidding farewell to the honorable guests, our very intimate comrades in arms, our people feel proud of the unshakable militant solidarity between the Vietnamese and the fraternal Cambodian people. We firmly believe that this close solidarity will last forever for the good of the two peoples in the immediate as well as the distant future.

NUFC-RGNUMC DELEGATION HOLDS FAREWELL BANQUET IN LAOS 7 JUN

Radio Pathet Lao [Clandestine] in Lao to Laos 0415 GMT 5 Jul 74 D

[Excerpt] Before leaving for home, on the evening of 7 June the NUFC-RGNUMC delegation headed by His Excellency Khieu Samphan held a grand banquet in honor of the LPF Central Committee and the Lao people. The Cambodian hosts were His Excellency Khieu Samphan, RGNUMC deputy prime minister, national defense minister, and supreme commander of the CPNLF; His Excellency Ieng Sary, special adviser of the RGNUMC deputy prime minister's office; Mrs Ieng Thirith, education and youth affairs minister; His Excellency Tiv Ol, deputy minister of information and propaganda; and other Cambodian guests.

Attending the banquet on the LPF Central Committee side were Kayson Phomvihon and Sithon Kommadam, vice chairmen of the LPF Central Committee; Nounhak Phoumsavan, member of the Standing Committee of the LPF Central Committee; Khamtay Siphandon, member of the Standing Committee of the LPF Central Committee and supreme command of the LPLA;

Nhiavu Lobliayao and Thitmuan Chantha, members of the Standing Committee of the LPF Central Committee; Sali Vongkhamsao, Sisavat Keobounphan, Maysouk Saysompheng, Mrs Khampheng Boupba and Sisana Sisan, members of the LPF Central Committee; Khamphay Boupba, member of the LPF Central Committee and LPF representative to the Kingdom of Cambodia; other members of the LPF Central Committee; and Phia Hom Sombat, LPF Central Committee member and representative of the Houa Phan provincial administration and LPF committee. Also attending the banquet from the Alliance of Patriotic Neutralist Forces Committee were Gen Heuan Mongkhonvilay and Phagna Pheng, members of the Standing Committee of the Alliance of Patriotic Neutralist Forces Committee. Also participating in the banquet were the DRV cultural and economic representatives to the Lao liberated zone, several heads of offices and high ranking military officers.

Khieu Samphan Speech at Banquet

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[Speech by Khieu Samphan, head of NUFC-RGNUMC delegation, at a 7 June farewell banquet hosted by NUFC-RGNUMC delegation for LPF Central Committee in Muong Vieng Say--read by announcer]

[Text] Your Respected Excellency Kayson Phomvihane, vice chairman of the LPF Central Committee; respected Excellency Sithon Kommadam, vice chairman of the LPF Central Committee; respected Excellency Nounhak Phounsavan, member of the Standing Committee of the LPF Central Committee; respected excellencies leaders of the LPF, the Lao Patriotic Neutralist Forces [PNF], and the Lao People's Liberation Army [LPLA] respected DRV cultural and economic representatives to the Lao liberated zone; ladies and gentlemen and beloved friends:

First, I would like to express sincere thanks to your excellencies, ladies and gentlemen and beloved friends for attending this banquet. We are holding this banquet to bid farewell to you and to express our profound gratitude to the people of Muong Vieng Say, to the LPF leaders, the leaders of the PNF and the LPLA and through you to all Lao people for their warm welcome to the NUFC-RGNUMC delegation. We appreciate the combat solidarity and fraternal friendship you have expressed in your welcome to us as comrades-in-arms and members of the same family. The LPF and all Lao people highly esteem the Cambodian people, who are heroically raising the banner of the struggle to drive out the U.S. imperialists and to overthrow the Phnom Penh clique of traitors. The attention and various forms of support given to us by the Lao people and leaders have helped our NUFC-RGNUMC delegation achieve significant success, particularly in strengthening the long-term militant solidarity and fraternal friendship between our Cambodian and Lao peoples.

Beloved excellencies, ladies and gentlemen: Tomorrow, we will leave Muong Vieng Say, the central base of the Lao people's revolutionary struggle.

However, the profound love of the Lao people for the Cambodian people will be engraved in our hearts forever. We will take with us from the Lao liberated zone the revolutionary feelings of the Lao comrades-in-arms and people. Though our friendship visit to Muong Vieng Say has been short, it has been of great significance. During our stay in Muong Vieng Say in the past few days, we hailed the scared, heroic and revolutionary spirit of the fraternal Lao people who have surmounted all enormous difficulties and obstacles in carrying out the dauntless struggle in the spirit of sacrifice to defeat the U.S. imperialists and their henchmen. Under the LPF's leadership, the people of Muong Vieng Say have united as one in building their hometown and successfully eradicating the traces of war left by the U.S. imperialists and their henchmen. The Lao people have heroically surmounted various difficulties in developing livestock breeding and other agricultural work, which are the basis for improving their living conditions and support the revolutionary struggle.

We highly value the heroic, combat spirit and the persistent attempts of the Lao people to expand the revolutionary bases. During the visit to the Lao liberated zone, we, the NUFC-RGNUMC delegation, had a chance to hold fraternal meetings and conversations with the LPF delegation in a friendly, sincere atmosphere. Following the meetings and conversations, both sides have better understanding of the state of the struggle in our two countries. This better understanding has contributed to strengthening the militant solidarity and fraternal friendly relations between the two peoples. We are jubilant and proud of the increasing development of the militant solidarity and fraternal friendly relations among the three fraternal Indochinese peoples--Cambodian, Lao and Vietnamese. On the basis of the principles of independence, sovereignty, mutual respect and common interests, the relations of the militant solidarity and fraternal friendship among the three Indochinese peoples can only be expanded and cemented and can never be destroyed by any enemy. Our three fraternal peoples are certain to achieve final victory in the end. We, the NUFC-RGNUMC delegation, are firmly convinced that our Cambodian people will undoubtedly be completely victorious in our revolutionary struggle for national salvation. Our Cambodian people are determined to resolutely carry out the struggle without fear of sacrifice. We thank the Lao and Vietnamese peoples for their pledges to continue to support the Cambodian people's struggle until complete victory. We also thank the peace, freedom and justice-loving people throughout the world for their reaffirmation of support for the Cambodian people's struggle until final victory.

We wish the LPF, PNF and all Lao people new and greater victories in the struggle to build an independent, peaceful, neutral, democratic, unified and prosperous Kingdom of Laos in conformity with reality. We once again affirm our profound gratitude to the LPF, the PNF, the LPLA and the fraternal Lao people, and in particular the people of Muong Vieng Say, for their constant political, moral and logistic support to the Cambodian people. We particularly thank His Excellency Kayson Phomvihane, vice chairman of the LPF Central Committee, and His Excellency Nouthak Phoumsavan, member of the Standing Committee of the LPF Central Committee, for stressing LPF's and the Lao people's determination to stand by the side of the Cambodian people.

With sincere thanks, I would like to propose a toast to the complete victory of our two nations--Cambodia and Laos--over the U.S. imperialists and their henchmen; for the invincible militant solidarity and fraternal friendship among the three nations, three peoples and three armies--Cambodian, Lao and Vietnamese; to the health of His Excellency Kaysan Phomvihane; to the health of His Excellency Sithon Kommadam; to the health of His Excellency Nhouhak Phoumsavan; to the health of the LPF, PNF and LPLA leaders; to the health of the ladies and gentlemen and friends attending the banquet.

Nhouhak Phoumsavan Speech

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[Speech by Nhouhak Phoumsavan, member of Standing Committee of LPF Central Committee, at a June farewell banquet hosted by NUFC-RGNUMC delegation in Muong Vieng Say--read by announcer]

[Text] Respected Your Excellency Deputy Prime Minister Khieu Samphan respected Your Excellency Special Adviser Ieng Sary, distinguished Cambodian guests, dear personages and friends:

After a brief stay with our Lao people, the NUFC-RGNUMC delegation with Your Excellency Khieu Samphan, deputy prime minister, national defense minister and supreme commander of the CPNLA as head, and His Excellency Ieng Sary, special adviser to the deputy prime minister's office, as deputy head is leaving the liberated zone. On behalf of the LPF, the LPLA and the Lao people, I would like to express our thanks and deep appreciation for the encouraging farewell statement just made by His Excellency Khieu Samphan, which has placed high value on the Lao people's victories and achievements in our national salvation struggle against the U.S. imperialists and their lackeys. Though your friendship visit is short, it has been a brilliant success and has imprinted profound love in the hearts of the Lao people. I wholeheartedly hail Your Excellency Khieu Samphan, Your Excellency Ieng Sary and all members of the NUFC-RGNUMC delegation for successfully and brilliantly carrying out their noble and esteemed task.

Respected Your Excellency Khieu Samphan and Your Excellency Ieng Sary: The visit to the Lao liberated zone by our comrades-in-arms and the delegations of the Cambodian people who fight the common enemy for a common cause constitutes a new step in the fraternal friendship and militant solidarity between the peoples of our two nations. It is also strong encouragement to the Lao people. We realize that the militant solidarity and intimate love expressed toward our Lao people by the fraternal people is becoming imprinted deeper in our hearts. At the same time, the visit also provides an opportunity for the Lao people to express our profound gratitude and sincere thanks to the NUFC, the RGNUMC, the CPNLA and the fraternal Cambodian people for constantly giving excellent support and assistance to our national salvation struggle.

After this visit, the Lao people will understand more profoundly the heroic struggle, the strong revolutionary spirit, the spirit of heroism and of international solidarity of the fraternal Cambodian people as well as their great historic victories and successes won both at home and abroad in their resistance against the U.S. imperialists and the traitorous Lon Nol clique. Therefore, wherever they visited, the delegation was wholeheartedly hailed by all Lao cadres, combatants and people as the delegation of the heroic Cambodian people, which came to mobilize our revolutionary spirit.

Though our meeting was short, we have learned a great deal from each other. Our culture, arts and literature are very similar and have been further promoted among our peoples since they began to fight the common enemy. In the meeting between the delegations of the two sides, which has taken place in an atmosphere of friendship, sincerity and straight forwardness, we have exchanged views on the situation in the two countries. This has contributed to enhancing further our mutual understanding. The peoples of Laos and Cambodia have the same destiny.

Both countries have been invaded by the U.S. imperialists. U.S. bombs and shells have destroyed many homes, paddy fields, pagodas, schools and hospitals in both countries. The people of our two countries have closely united and fought valiantly for independence and freedom. The Lao people consider the Cambodian peoples' sufferings and victories as their own. That is why our people resolutely support the correct stand and indomitable will of the NUFC and the RGNUC and the Cambodian peoples' determination to fight for national salvation until final victory is won.

The Lao people are determined to continue the struggle for their political goal, namely to build a peaceful, independent, neutral, democratic, united and prosperous Laos so as to contribute actively to making Indochina a peaceful, independent and free region and to safeguarding peace in Southeast Asia and the rest of the world.

Dear friends and comrades: We greatly rejoice at the further development of the friendship, fraternity and militant solidarity between the Lao and Cambodian peoples through the visit to the Lao liberated zone of His Excellency Khieu Samphan, His Excellency Ieng Sary and the NUFC-RGNUC delegation.

On behalf of the Lao Patriotic Front and the Lao people, I express, once more, our deep thanks to your excellencies and your delegation for your new contribution as I mentioned above. I would like to convey, through you, our profound gratitude to the NUFC, the RGNUC, the CPNLAF and the fraternal Cambodian people and wish you many more and still bigger victories in your sacred struggle for national salvation.

In conclusion, I would like you to make a toast for a safe trip home by the NUFC-RGNUC delegation; to the great victories of the heroic Cambodian people; to the indestructible friendship and solidarity between Laos and Cambodia; to the indestructible and victorious friendship and solidarity of Laos, Vietnam and Cambodia; to the health of Samdech Chief of State Norodom Sihanouk; to the health of Prime Minister Penn Nouth; to the health of Deputy Prime Minister Your Excellency Khieu Samphan; to the health of Special Adviser Your Excellency Ieng Sary; to the health of all distinguished guests, and to the health of all the comrades and friends present here.

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