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NFLSV AGREES TO RESPECT CAMBODIA'S BORDERS

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(Editorial Report)---In a broadcast marred by very poor reception, Prince Sihanouk announces on 8 June, at the Damnak Chamcar Mon state palace in Phnom Penh, that at an official reception this morning at the state palace, the "ambassador" of the NFLSV delivered a letter from the NFLSV to the Chief of State.

Sihanouk says the letter stated that the NFLSV "agrees to recognize formally the territorial integrity of Cambodia within its present borders, now and in the future." The letter continued, Sihanouk announces, that the NFLSV "wishes to proclaim to the world that it is making this solemn act of recognition, and that it promises to agree to respect forever the territorial integrity of Cambodia and its borders. It wishes to state, thirdly, that it resolutely opposes the acts of aggression by the agents of South Vietnam and Thailand, who serve the interests of the American imperialists and who wish to seize the Khmer territory, and that it will not allow them to do this."

Following this statement, Prince Sihanouk continues his press conference in French, declaring that he will now read the declaration of the Central Committee of the NFLSV on the subject of the borders of Cambodia. He informs his audience that this declaration was cabled via Hanoi, that is to say, cabled by the Presidium of the NFLSV in Hanoi, and was transmitted from Hanoi to Phnom Penh in this way, as was the original letter of the presidium signed by NFLSV President Nguyen Huu Tho. Prince Sihanouk then reads the text of the declaration.

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NFLSV RECOGNIZES CAMBODIA'S PRESENT BORDERS

Central Committee Statement

Hanoi VNA International Service in English 1643 GMT 8 June 1967--B

(Text) Hanoi, 8 June--The Central Committee of the South Vietnam National Liberation Front has issued a statement recognizing the territorial integrity of the Kingdom of Cambodia within its present borders, according to LIBERATION PRESS AGENCY.

The statement reads in full as follows:

Basing itself on the splendid development of the relations of neighborliness and brotherhood between the Vietnamese and Cambodian peoples on the basis of the five principles of peaceful coexistence, namely respect for each other's sovereignty and territorial integrity, nonaggression, noninterference in each other's internal affairs, equality and mutual benefit, and peaceful coexistence;

Basing itself on the present situation when the U.S. imperialists and their henchmen in Saigon and Bangkok are openly demanding to change Cambodia's present borders and repeatedly threatening the independence, sovereignty, neutrality, and territorial integrity of the Kingdom of Cambodia;

Responding to the 9 May 1967 communique of the Government of the Kingdom of Cambodia, which called on all countries to respect the territorial integrity of Cambodia in its present borders, the NFLSV Central Committee solemnly declares:

- 1--That it is the unswerving stand of the front to recognize and undertake to respect the territorial integrity of Cambodia in its present borders;
- 2--To recognize and undertake to respect the present border between South Vietnam and Cambodia;
- 3--Strongly condemns the schemes and acts of aggression of the U.S. imperialists and their henchmen in South Vietnam and Thailand against the Kingdom of Cambodia, and resolutely protests against all their plots to change the present borders of the Kingdom of Cambodia.

The policy of the NFLSV Central Committee concerning the borders of Cambodia, like its overall policy toward the Kingdom of Cambodia, conforms to the immediate interests of the two peoples in their struggle against the U.S. imperialists to defend each country's sacred national rights, as well as to the long-term interests of the two peoples in building their life in all fields according to their will.

This policy is a valuable contribution to the cause of safeguarding peace and security in this area.

LPA Commentary

Liberation Radio (Clandestine) in Vietnamese to South Vietnam 0900 GMT 8 June 1967--S

(LIBERATION PRESS AGENCY commentary: "One more fine step in the development of friendship and militant solidarity between the South Vietnamese and Khmer peoples")

(Text) On 31 May the South Vietnam National Liberation Front Central Committee issued a statement on the Cambodian frontiers.

In this document the NFLSV Central Committee, first, confirmed its unwavering stand of recognizing and undertaking to respect Cambodian territorial integrity in its present frontiers; second, recognized and undertook to respect the present frontier between South Vietnam and Cambodia; and, third, strongly condemned the aggressive plots and actions of the U.S. imperialists and their lackeys in South Vietnam and Thailand against the Cambodian Kingdom.

This is a fine new step in the development of friendly relations and militant solidarity between the intimate, neighborly, fraternal South Vietnamese and Khmer peoples. For a long time the two peoples have been bound by fraternal solidarity and fine neighborly relations, had common rivers and ports, drunk the water of the common Mekong River, shared hardships during the days of colonialist domination, and helped each other in liberation struggles.

Especially during the past few years, the South Vietnamese people, under the invincible flag of the NFLSV, and the Khmer people, under the clear-sighted leadership of Chief of State Prince Norodom Sihanouk, have strengthened their solidarity and supported each other in opposing the common enemy, U.S. imperialism and its lackeys in Saigon. Thus the militant solidarity and friendly neighborly relations between the two nations have become so strong that no power can break them up.

Taking into consideration the interests of the two nations, the NFLSV has unwaveringly respected the independence, sovereignty, neutrality, and territorial integrity of the Cambodian Kingdom and unceasingly maintained and developed the finest neighborly relations with the Government of the Cambodian Kingdom and the brotherly Khmer people. On the other hand, the NFLSV has solemnly proclaimed its intention to prevent the U.S. imperialists and their lackeys from threatening Cambodian territory and expressed its determination to collaborate with the Khmer people to defeat the common enemy of the two nations.

The South Vietnamese people and NFLSV fiercely condemn all armed provocations and territorial violations of the U.S. imperialists and their lackeys in Bangkok and Saigon against Cambodia, which cause death and suffering to the Khmer people. The South Vietnamese people and NFLSV resolutely oppose all attempts by the U.S. imperialists to incite their lackeys in Thailand and South Vietnam to demand modifications of the frontier with Cambodia.

Taking into consideration the interests of the South Vietnamese and Khmer people and the noble national rights and sacred aspirations of both people, who want to live and build peace in their countries, the NFLSV has pledged and continues to pledge to join the Khmer people and the Government of the Cambodian Kingdom in maintaining and protecting the friendly neighborliness between the two peoples to defeat all common enemies.

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The South Vietnamese people and NFLSV value very highly the Khmer people's solidarity and anti-imperialist determination, which have been confirmed by Chief of State Prince Norodom Sihanouk many times, and regard them as a precious encouragement to the struggle of the Indochinese people in general and the South Vietnamese people in particular.

The South Vietnamese people and NFLSV are grateful to the people and Government of the Cambodian Kingdom for their sympathy and generous support of their own anti-U.S. national salvation struggle and regard as a correct stand the appeal by the Government of the Cambodian Kingdom to all countries to undertake to respect Cambodian territorial integrity inside the present frontiers.

The South Vietnamese people are convinced that the statement of the NFLSV Central Committee on the Cambodian frontier will further strengthen the friendly relations and militant solidarity between the two peoples and contribute to the success of the two peoples' struggle against U.S. imperialism.

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SIHANOUK RECEIVES NFLSV REPRESENTATIVE

Hanoi VNA International Service in English 1553 GMT 9 June 1967--B

(Text) Hanoi, 9 June--Cambodian Chief of State Norodom Sihanouk yesterday received Prof. Nguyen Van Hieu, member of the Presidium of the Central Committee of the South Vietnam National Front for Liberation, according to VNA's correspondent in Phnom Penh.

Nguyen Van Hieu handed the Cambodian Chief of State the NFLSV Central Committee statement of 31 May recognizing and undertaking to respect the present border between South Vietnam and Cambodia. Nguyen Van Hieu conveyed the NFLSV's thanks to the Cambodian Government and people for their warm support for the South Vietnamese people's struggle against U.S. aggression and for national liberation.

Chief of State Norodom Sihanouk expressed his thanks to the NFLSV Central Committee for its statement recognizing the territorial integrity of Cambodia. The reception took place in a very sincere and friendly atmosphere.

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DPRK NEDGES RESPECT FOR CAMBODIA'S BORDERS

Pyongyang KCNA International Service in English 1537 GMT 9 June 1967--B

(Text) Pyongyang, 9 June--Foreign Minister Pak Song-chol sent a letter to Norodom Phurissara, foreign minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, manifesting the stand of the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea which recognizes and respects the territorial integrity of Cambodia within its present borders.

The letter reads: Greatly pleased with the daily strengthening and developing of friendly relations between our two countries in recent years through the anti-imperialist common struggle, I have the honor of extending my most friendly greetings to Your Excellency.

The Government of the DPRK and the Korean people fully support and express firm solidarity with the just struggle of the Government of the Kingdom of Cambodia and the Cambodian people against the aggression and provocative maneuverings of the U.S. imperialists and their stooges and for safeguarding the independence and sovereignty of the of the country under the leadership of Prince Norodom Sihanouk, Chief of State.

I take this opportunity to inform Your Excellency the minister that the Government of the DPRK, which has always respected the neutrality and territorial integrity of Cambodia, recognizes and respects the territorial integrity of Cambodia within its present borders. The Korean people will, in the future, too, extend active support and encouragement to the just struggle of the Cambodian people against the aggressive maneuverings of the U.S. imperialists and their stooges.

Convinced that the valiant Cambodian people will surely emerge victorious in the struggle for their just cause, I wholeheartedly wish Your Excellency greater success in your noble work.