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- G.P.P.A. MARKS 1ST ANNIVERSARY OF  
N.F.L.-CAMBODIA DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

HANOI VNA JUNE 24. "THE SETTING UP OF THE N.F.L. PER-  
MANENT REPRESENTATION IN CAMBODIA ON JUNE 22, 1967 USHERED IN  
A NEW STAGE OF THE SPLENDID DEVELOPMENT OF THE FRIENDLY RELA-  
TIONS BETWEEN THE N.F.L. AND THE ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF CAMBODIA,"  
SAID GIAI PHONG PRESS AGENCY RECENTLY.

IN ITS EDITORIAL THE OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE N.F.L.  
STRESSED THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF N.F.L.-CAMBODIA DIPLOMATIC  
RELATIONS HAD FURTHER CONSOLIDATED THE CLOSE MILITANT SOLIDA-  
RITY BETWEEN THE KHMER PEOPLE AND THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH VIET  
NAM, ENABLING IT TO GET OVER THE VARIOUS TRIALS IN THE STRUGGLE  
AGAINST THE COMMON ENEMY - THE U.S. AGGRESSORS AND THEIR  
HENCHMEN.

G.P.P.A. SAID THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE WOULD ALWAYS  
ENGRAVE IN THEIR HEARTS THE NOBLE SUPPORT BY SAMDECH HEAD OF  
STATE NORODON SIHANOUK, THE ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF CAMBODIA AND  
THE KHMER PEOPLE, AND REGARD IT AS A GREAT ENCOURAGEMENT TO  
VIET NAM'S STRUGGLE AGAINST U.S. AGGRESSION.

THE AGENCY RECALLED THE PROCESS OF THE AGGRESSION  
DIRECTED BY THE U.S. AGAINST THE INDO-CHINESE COUNTRIES WHICH  
STARTED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SIGNING OF THE 1954 GENEVA  
AGREEMENTS. "U.S. AGGRESSION, HOWEVER, HAS ONLY STRENGTHENED  
THE MILITANT SOLIDARITY OF THE INDO-CHINESE PEOPLES", THE  
AGENCY POINTED OUT.

G.P.P.A. SAID THAT THE N.F.L. - THE LEADER AND ORGANIZER  
OF THE SOUTH VIET NAM'S STRUGGLE AGAINST U.S. AGGRESSION - HAD  
ALWAYS RESOLUTELY SUPPORTED THE STRUGGLE WAGED BY THE KHMER  
PEOPLE UNDER THE CLEARSIGHTED LEADERSHIP OF SAMDECH NORODON  
SIHANOUK IN DEFENCE OF THEIR NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE, SOVEREIGN-  
TY, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, PEACE AND NEUTRALITY. THE N.F.L.  
WAS THE FIRST TO DECLARE RECOGNITION OF AND RESPECT FOR THE  
PRESENT SOUTH VIET NAM - CAMBODIA BORDERS AND THE TERRITORIAL  
INTEGRITY OF CAMBODIA WITHIN THESE BORDERS.

G.P.P.A. QUOTED THE N.F.L. AS PLEDGING ITSELF, IN ITS  
POLITICAL PROGRAM OF AUGUST 1967, "TO STRENGTHEN THE RELATIONS  
OF GOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD WITH CAMBODIA AND LAOS", AND "TO UNCEAS-  
INGLY CONSOLIDATE THE SOLIDARITY AND MUTUAL ASSISTANCE BETWEEN  
THE PEOPLES OF THE INDO-CHINESE COUNTRIES WITH A VIEW TO  
DEFENDING THEIR RESPECTIVE INDEPENDENCE, SOVEREIGNTY AND  
TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AGAINST THE AGGRESSIVE AND WAR-SEEKING  
POLICY OF THE U.S. IMPERIALISTS AND THEIR HENCHMEN".

ILLUSTRATING CAMBODIA'S HEARTFELT SUPPORT TO THE N.F.L.,  
G.P.P.A. QUOTED SAMDECH NORODON SIHANOUK AS DECLARING ON JUNE  
14 WHEN ADDRESSING THE D.R.V.N. AMBASSADOR AND THE HEAD OF  
THE N.F.L. PERMANENT REPRESENTATION TO CAMBODIA :

"I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS OUR GREAT ADMIRATION FOR  
THE VALIANT FIGHTERS OF THE N.F.L. WHO ARE DEALING HARDER AND  
HARDER BLOWS AT THE INVADERS. THE VICTORIES OF THE VIETNAMESE  
NATIONAL RESISTANCE OVER THE AMERICAN OPPRESSIVE FORCES ARE  
THE VICTORIES OF ALL FREE MEN OF THIS WORLD. THEY SHOW THAT  
A PROUD PEOPLE IS INVINCIBLE WHEN IT IS DETERMINED TO DEFEND  
ITS MOST SACRED RIGHTS AND THE FUTURE OF THE YOUNG GENERATIONS".

GIAI PHONG PRESS AGENCY CONCLUDED BY EXPRESSING RO-  
FOUND GRATITUDE TO SAMDECH NORODON SIHANOUK, THE ROYAL GOVERN-  
MENT OF CAMBODIA AND THE FRATERNAL KHMER PEOPLE, AND VOICED THE  
WISH THAT THE VALIANT PEOPLE OF CAMBODIA, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP  
OF THEIR HEAD OF STATE, WOULD RECORD GREATER ACHIEVEMENTS IN  
DEFENDING AND CONSOLIDATING THEIR INDEPENDENCE AND IN BUILDING  
A PROSPEROUS CAMBODIA ./.