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PEOPLE FOR DEMOCRACY GROUP SEEKS RECOGNITION OF DRV, RGNUG

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[Excerpts] Committee members of the People for Democracy Group said the new government should adopt an independent foreign policy and recognize the governments of Sihanouk and Hanoi.

Asked what kind of a foreign policy the People for Democracy Group wants the new government to adopt, the committeemen of the group said it should make contact with all countries in the world and recognize the government of Sihanouk instead of that of Marshal Lon Nol. In addition, it should recognize Hanoi and open diplomatic relations with that government as soon as possible as a gesture of friendship with this neighboring country. To show our sincerity, the government should release the Vietnamese refugees detained at Lat Bua Khao. This, however, should be on humanitarian grounds rather than as a condition for talks with Hanoi, since Thailand has long acted as a beachhead for foreigners to stage aggression, resulting in the death of a great number of Vietnamese.

The committee members said further that the new government should disengage Thailand from military alliances, such as SEATO. There should no longer be career militarymen, only volunteer forces. Military units should be moved out of the urban area and upcountry. Military secret funds must be abolished. Any clandestine military agreements with other countries must be approved by the national assembly, not by a handful of generals.