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PRGRSV DEFENSE MINISTER'S MESSAGE TO RGNUC VICE PREMIER

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[Text] On the occasion of the third founding anniversary of the CPNLAF, Mr Tran Nam Trung, PRGRSV defense minister, sent a congratulatory message to Mr Khieu Samphan, RGNUC vice premier and defense minister and commander in chief of the CPNLAF. Following is the full text of the message:

Respectfully to Mr Khieu Samphan, RGNUC vice premier and defense minister and commander in chief of the CPNLAF: On the occasion of the third founding anniversary of the CPNLAF, on behalf of all cadres and combatants of the South Vietnam PLAF and in my own name, I would like to extend to you and all cadres and combatants of the CPNLAF my warmest congratulations.

Over the past 3 years the CPNLAF have made very rapid progress in the great patriotic struggle against the aggressor U.S. imperialists and the reactionary countryselling Lon Nol-Sirik Matak-Son Ngoc Thanh clique and have proved themselves worthy of being the heroic army of the heroic Cambodian people. The CPNLAF have upheld revolutionary heroism, overcome many difficulties, hardships, and sacrifices, have been forged by the flames of war, and have repeatedly achieved many glorious armed exploits.

Under the correct leadership of the NUFC, with Samdech Head of State Norodom Sihanouk as president, and of the RGNUC, with Samdech Penn Nouth as premier, and under Your Excellency's clear-sighted command, the CPNLAF has scored many glorious armed exploits, dealt the enemy many appropriate punitive blows, defeated the U.S. puppets' military adventures, and repeatedly launched many vigorous attacks on the battlefield to smash the U.S. Khmerization plan and drive the Phnom Penh puppet administration into an increasingly desperate and deteriorated situation.

These great victories have vigorously advanced the Cambodian revolution and positively contributed to the common victory of the Indochinese people. Admiring and encouraged by the glorious victories of the Cambodian armed forces and people, the SVN PLAF are very proud of and confident in the CPNLAF, its stalwart and valiant intimate neighboring comrade in arms, which has cooperated with it in further enhancing the unshakable militant solidarity between the armies of the two countries. This solidarity is one of the factors which will certainly advance the Vietnamese and Cambodian just struggle toward complete victory.

On this occasion we sincerely express our deep gratitude to the NUFC, the RGNUC, the Cambodian people, and the CPNLAF for their vigorous support and wholehearted assistance.

We hope that the intimate friendship and close solidarity between the South Vietnamese people and SVN PLAF and the Cambodian people and CPNLAF will be firm and steady forever.

South Vietnam, 20 March 1973

[signed]: Tran Nam Trung, PRGRSV defense minister.

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PRGRSV LEADERS HONOR THIRD CAMBODIAN ANNIVERSARY

Leaders Greet Sihanouk

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[Text] South Vietnam March 23 LPA--President Nguyen Huu Tho and President Huynh Tan Phat March 20 sent a joint message of greetings to Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, head of state of Cambodia on the occasion of the 3rd anniversary of the founding of the National United Front of Kampuchea.

The message reads in full as follows:

On the occasion of the 3rd anniversary of the founding of the National United Front of Kampuchea (NUFC) on behalf of the people, National Front for Liberation, Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam, and in our own names, we wish to convey to samdech head of state, samdech prime minister, the National United Front of Kampuchea, the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia and the fraternal Cambodian people our warmest congratulations.

In the past three years, responding to the resounding appeal for national salvation of Samdech Head of State Norodom Sihanouk, and under the clear-sighted guidance of Samdech Premier Penn Nouth and Vice-Premier Khieu Samphan the Cambodian people and People's National Liberation Armed Forces have closely tightened their ranks under the glorious banner of the NUFC, stepped up their fight, continuously attacked the enemy, smashed every escalation step of the U.S.'s war of aggression, dealt heavy blows at the U.S. policy of "Khmerization of the war," and driven the fascist dictatorial Phnom Penh regime ever deeper into a position of embarrassment and collapse. The liberated area in Cambodia has been quickly expanded and strengthened in every field. The prestige and influence of the National United Front of Kampuchea and the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia have been ceaselessly [word indistinct] and broadened at home and in the world.

These glorious victories have proved the correct leadership of the National United Front of Kampuchea, and the invincible strength of the united bloc of the Cambodian people, which has enlightened the tradition of indomitable and valiant struggle of the heroic Cambodian people and made an important contribution to the certainly victorious just cause of the three Indochinese peoples and strongly encouraged the people who are struggling for independence, freedom and peace.

A close neighboring companion-in-arm of the Cambodian people, the South Vietnamese people are overjoyed, enthusiastic and proud at these splendid victories of the fraternal Cambodian people.

Faithful to the joint declaration of the summit conference of the Indochinese people, the South Vietnamese people are determined to spare no efforts together with the people in the whole country to further strengthen the solidarity with the fraternal Cambodian and Lao peoples in the lofty struggle for independence, freedom and genuine peace of the three Indochinese countries.

The people, National Front of Liberation and Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam strongly believe that under the clear-sighted leadership of the National United Front of Kampuchea with Samdech head of state as chairman and the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia with Samdech Penn Nouth as prime minister and Mr Khieu Samphan as vice-premier, the heroic Cambodian people will record new and yet greater victories.

On this occasion, we sincerely express our deep gratitude for the strong support and wholehearted assistance of samdech head of state, samdech prime minister, the National United Front of Kampuchea, the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia and the fraternal Cambodian people to the just cause of the South Vietnamese people.

May the cordial friendship and close solidarity between the South Vietnam people and the Cambodian people consolidate and develop with every passing day.

Defense Minister Honors CPNLAF

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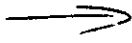
[Text] South Vietnam March 23 LPA--On the occasion of the third founding anniversary of the Cambodian People's National Liberation Armed Forces, Mr Tran Nam Trung, minister of defense of the RSV Provisional Revolutionary Government, March 22 sent a message of greetings to Mr Khieu Samphan, vice-premier and defense minister of the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia, and commander-in-chief of the CPNLAF.

The message reads in full as follows:

On the occasion of the third founding anniversary of the Cambodian People's National Liberation Armed Forces (CPNLAF), on behalf of the cadres and combatants of the South Vietnam People's Liberation Armed Forces and in my own name, I wish to convey to your excellency and through you to all the officers and combatants of the CPNLAF, our warmest congratulations.

In the past three years, the CPNLAF has speedily grown up in their great patriotic struggle against the U.S. aggressors and the traitorous Lon Nol-Sirik Matak-Son Ngoc Thanh clique and proved themselves worthy of a heroic army of the heroic Cambodian nation. The CPNLAF, bringing into full play their revolutionary heroism, overcoming numerous difficulties, hardships and sacrifices and tempered in the flame of fight, have recorded repeated glorious victories.

Under the correct leadership of the National United Front of Kampuchea headed by Samdech Head of State Norodom Sihanouk, of the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia headed by Samdech Premier Penn Nouth, and under your clear-sighted guidance, the CPNLAF have scored many brilliant exploits. They have frustrated the military adventures of the U.S. and its henchmen and are launching many powerful offensives on the battlefields to smash the U.S. policy of "Khmerization" and driving the Phnom Penh puppets deeper into their position of embarrassment and collapse. These great victories have brought the Cambodian revolution to an unprecedentedly known uptrend and made an important contribution to the common victory of the three Indochinese peoples.



With their admiration and joy before these glorious feats-of-arms of the Cambodian people and armed forces, the South Vietnam PLAF are very proud and confident to have a close valiant and undaunted neighboring companion-in-arms who is together with us upholding the unshakable militant solidarity between our two armed forces. That militant solidarity is a decisive factor that will bring the just cause of Vietnam and that of Cambodia to total victory.

We take this opportunity to express our profound gratitude to the NUFC, the RGNVC, the CPNLF and people of Cambodia for their strong support and precious assistance to our people. May the intimate friendship and close militant solidarity between the South Vietnam PLAF and people and the CPNLF and people last forever.

Vietnam Alliance Message

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[Text] South Vietnam March 23 LPA--On the occasion of the 3rd anniversary of the founding of the National United Front of Kampuchea, lawyer Trinh Dinh Thao, chairman of the Central Committee of the Vietnam Alliance of National, Democratic and Peace Forces sent a message of greetings to Samdech Head of State Norodom Sihanouk.

The message reads in full as follows:

On the occasion of the 3rd anniversary of the founding of the National United Front of Kampuchea, on behalf of the Central Committee of the Vietnam Alliance of National, Democratic and Peace Forces and in my own name I wish to express to samdech head of state, the Central Committee of the National United Front of Kampuchea and the heroic Cambodia people our warmest congratulations. In the past three years, under the leadership of the National United Front of Kampuchea with samdech head of state as chairman and the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia with Samdech Penn Nouth as premier and his excellency Khieu Samphan as vice-premier, the Cambodian people closely united have fought valiantly and (?dealt) heavy punishing blows at the U.S. aggressors and the reactionary Lon Nol-Sirik Matak-Son Ngoc Thanh clique of traitors, thus driving the Phnom Penh puppet administration into a position of serious collapse.

The South Vietnamese people in general and the urban people in South Vietnam in particular greatly admire and are extremely enthusiastic at the splendid victories recorded by the fraternal Cambodian people and army and consider them as a source of encouragement to the just struggle of the South Vietnam people. The Vietnam Alliance of National, Democratic and Peace Forces resolutely demands that the U.S. Government immediately end all acts of aggression and interference into Cambodia, stop its policy of "Khmerization of the war" in Cambodia, and respect the independence, peace, neutrality and territorial integrity of the Cambodian people. We firmly believe that the just struggle of the heroic Cambodian people will finally triumph. May the intimate friendship and close solidarity between the South Vietnamese people and the Cambodian people last forever.

Spokesman Scores U.S. Escalation

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[Text] South Vietnam March 24 LPA--The spokesman of the Foreign Ministry of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam today issued the following statement sternly denouncing and condemning with vehemence the U.S. for escalating its war against Cambodia.

On March 21, 1973 the spokesman of the Foreign Ministry of the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia issued a statement sternly condemning the U.S. imperialists for intensifying their savage bombing and strafing of many heavily populated areas in Cambodia. Following the establishment of bases to supply fuel, bombs and shells to U.S. planes in the Pochentong airfield, the U.S. has delivered to the Phnom Penh puppet administration dozens of AU-24 military planes and sent many U.S. military advisors disguised as civilians to Phnom Penh.

This new step of war escalation of the U.S. imperialists and their henchmen once again exposed their brutal and perfidious nature and grossly trampled underfoot the fundamental national rights of the Cambodian people, heedless of the strong protest from the Cambodian people and progressive public opinion in the world. This criminal act of war escalation also proved that the U.S. imperialists still obdurately maintain the rotten Phnom Penh puppet administration in a bid to continue realizing their policy of intervention and aggression in Cambodia.

However, the more the U.S. imperialists drag on and intensify their war of aggression against Cambodia, the more ominous will be their setbacks. The people and the People's National Liberation Forces of Cambodia have duly punished the U.S. aggressor and their lackeys, and recorded many extremely great victories, driving the Lon Nol-Sirik Matak-Son Ngoc Thanh puppet administration into a predicament and collapse. In the flush of victories, and with the determination to step up their anti-U.S. struggle for national salvation to achieve the objectives expounded in the March 23, 1970 five-point declaration of Samdech Head of State Norodom Sihanouk, the heroic armed forces and people of Cambodia will frustrate all the war adventures of the U.S. and its henchmen.

Fully supporting the statement issued on March 21, 1973 by the spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia, the people and the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam sternly denounce and strictly condemn the new steps of war escalation of the U.S. imperialists and their henchmen in Cambodia, resolutely demand that the U.S. immediately stop its bombing, strafing and acts of intervention and aggression in Cambodia and respect the fundamental national right of the Cambodian people.

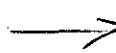
Editorial Lauds Cambodian Gains

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["LPA editorial: Three Years of Valiant Fight, Three Years of Great Victories"]

[Text] South Vietnam March 23 LPA--Today, March 23, 1973, the Cambodian people are jubilantly celebrating the founding anniversary of the National United Front of Kampuchea and the Cambodian People's National Liberation Armed Forces. Sharing the same joy, the South Vietnamese people wish to extend to the Cambodian people their warmest greetings.

Three years ago, (March 23, 1970), the National United Front of Kampuchea came into being, marking an important turn in the revolutionary struggle of the Cambodian people to build an independent, peaceful, neutral, democratic and prosperous Cambodia.



In over a thousand days and nights of relentless and continuous fighting, the masters of the country of Angkor temple under the clear-sighted leadership of the National United Front of Kampuchea and the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia, have repeatedly recorded marvelous exploits, driving the U.S. aggressors and the Lon Nol-Sirik Matak-Son Ngoc Thanh clique of stooges into an irretrievable predicament. A new situation on the balance of forces has been created on the whole territory of Cambodia. The liberated areas like a rising flame have ceaselessly expanded, linking the mountainous areas to the plains and the countryside to the towns and provincial capitals closing in to big cities, thus creating a multi-sided pressure to reduce the terrain of the Lon Nol puppet administration. At present, with a completely liberated vast area occupying 90 percent of the whole Cambodian territory and a population of five and a half million, the staunch fighters of the Angkor temple have dealt stunning blows at the U.S. "Khmerization" policy. With these glorious victories, the prestige of the National United Front of Kampuchea and the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia--the only legitimate and authentic government of the Cambodia people--is raising ever higher at home and abroad. Panic-stricken, the U.S. Government, regardless of its commitment to respect the fundamental national rights of the Cambodian people and end all its military activities in Cambodia as stipulated in the Paris agreement on Vietnam, has continued sending more weapons and war means into Cambodia and continued using aircraft including B-52's to repeatedly bombard her territory. But the more crazy and obdurate the U.S. Government is, the heavier will be its crimes and the higher the determination to fight of the heroic Cambodia people. United around the glorious banner of the National United Front of Kampuchea, the Cambodian people will win total victory.

Loyal to the joint declaration of the summit conference of the Indochinese peoples, the South Vietnamese people resolutely and fully support the Cambodian people in their valiant fight and their just stand to solve the Cambodian question on the basis of the respect for the fundamental national rights. This stand was once again expounded in the January 26, 1973 statement of Samdech Head of State Norodom Sihanouk, Samdech Premier Penn Nouth and Vice-Premier Khieu Samphan, stressing before the world public opinion that "the Cambodian issue can be settled and the atrocious war in Cambodia can be ended only with the realization of the March 23, 1973 [date as received] five-point statement of Samdech Head of State Norodom Sihanouk, chairman of the National United Front of Kampuchea." The U.S. Government must respect the independence, sovereignty, neutrality and territorial integrity of Cambodia, end all acts of intervention and aggression against Cambodia, stop all support to the Lon Nol clique of traitors, and let the Cambodian people settle their internal affairs without foreign interference.

PRGRSV LEADERS GREET CZECH PRESIDENT ON HIS REELECTION.

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[Text] South Vietnam March 26 LPA--President Nguyen Huu Tho and President Huynh Tan Phat sent a joint message of congratulations to Mr. Ludvik Svoboda, president of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic, on the occasion of his reelection as President of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic on March 23, 1973.