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Chou En-lai Attends Banquet

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[Text] Peking, August 25 (HSINHUA)--Presided over by Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, Cambodian head of state and chairman of the National United Front of Cambodia, a grand banquet was given here this evening by Samdech Penn Nouth, prime minister of the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia and chairman of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the National United Front of Cambodia, and Madame Penn Nouth to warmly welcome Mr Ieng Sary, special envoy of the interior part of the RGNUC and NUFK. Madame Norodom Sihanouk Princess Monique attended the banquet. Others in the seats of honor were:

Chou En-lai, member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and premier of the State Council; Huang Yung-sheng, member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and chief of General Staff of the Chinese People's Liberation Army; Chang Chun-chiao and Yao Wen-yuan, members of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee; Li Hsien-nien, member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and vice premier of the State Council; Yeh Chien-ying, member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and vice chairman of the Military Commission of the CPC Central Committee; Wu Fa-hsien, member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and deputy chief of the PLA General Staff; Kuo Mo-jo, member of the CPC Central Committee and vice chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress; Wu Te, member of the CPC Central Committee and vice chairman of the Peking Municipal Revolutionary Committee; Keng Piao, member of the CPC Central Committee and head of the International Liaison Department of the CPC Central Committee; Chi Peng-fei, acting foreign minister; and comrades Lin Chia-mei, Yu Li-chun and Hsu Han-ping;

Army General O Chin-u, leader of the military delegation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and chief of General Staff of the Korean People's Army; Lieutenant General O Kuk-yol, deputy leader of the delegation and commander of the KPA air force; and Kim Chae-suk, charge d'affaires ad interim of the DPRK Embassy in Peking;

Ngo Thuyen, ambassador of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam to China; Tran Binh, charge d'affaires ad interim of the Embassy of the Republic of South Vietnam in Peking; and Laotian friends General and Madame Huon Mongkhunvilay.

The banquet was held in the banquet hall of the Great Hall of the People. Huge portraits of Cambodian Head of State Samdech Norodom Sihanouk and the Chinese people's great leader Chairman Mao hung side by side in the banquet hall. The portraits were flanked by the national flags of the Kingdom of Cambodia and the People's Republic of China. The banquet began with the band playing the national anthems of China and Cambodia.

Samdech Sihanouk spoke at the banquet (full text of his speech is released separately). He introduced to all present an eminent member of the Khmer resistance, special envoy Ieng Sary who arrived in Peking recently and was accorded a very warm applause and welcome. Special envoy Ieng Sary then spoke at the banquet (full text of his speech is released separately). Premier Chou En-lai also spoke at the banquet (full text of his speech is released separately).

The banquet was permeated with a friendly atmosphere of unity for struggle of the Cambodian people with the people of China, Vietnam, Laos and Korea. The hosts and guests proposed toasts to the great victories of the Cambodian people in the war against U.S. aggression and for national salvation, to the great victories of the three Indochinese peoples in the war against U.S. aggression and for national salvation, to the common victories of the people of the world in the struggle against U.S. imperialism and all its lackeys, to the constant development of the revolutionary friendship and militant unity of the people of Cambodia and China, to the ever-lasting revolutionary friendship and militant unity of the peoples of Cambodia, Vietnam and Laos, and to the daily consolidation of the anti-imperialist united front of Cambodia, China, Vietnam, Laos and Korea.

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Attending the banquet were:

Members of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress Hsieh Fu-min, Chi Pang, Lo Shu-chang and Lin Chiao-chih;

Leading members of the various departments of the Chinese People's Liberation Army Hsiao Ching-kuang, Wang Hsin-ting, Tien Wei-hsin, Chang Chih-ming, Wang Hung-kun, Kuang Jen-nung, Chang Nan-sheng, Li Chung-chi, Tsai Cheng-wen and Yuan Hua-ping;

Leading members of the departments concerned of the CPC Central Committee and the government, and the Chinese People's Association for Friendship With Foreign Countries Han Nien-lung, Li Chiang, Liu Ta-yu, Kuo Lu, Chang Kuo-min, Wang Meng, Ting Hsi-lin, Chang Chi-chih, Liu Chien-kung, Lu Ying and Ti Fu-tsai; Chinese Ambassador to Cambodia Kang Mao-chao and Comrade Yang Ling.

Attending were:

Sarin Chhak, minister of foreign affairs of the RGNUC and member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the NUFC; Chan Youran, minister of popular education and youth of the RGNUC and member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the NUFC; Thiounn Mumm, minister of economy and finance of the RGNUC and member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the NUFC; General Duong Sam Ol, minister of military equipment and armament of the RGNUC and member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the NUFC, and Madame Duong Sam Ol; Keat Chhon, minister delegate to the Prime Minister of the RGNUC and alternate member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the NUFC; Thiounn Prasith, minister in charge of the coordination of the efforts of struggle for national liberation of the RGNUC and alternate member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the NUFC, and

Princess Norodom Keth Kanya, aunt of Samdech Sihanouk; Madame Kou Roun; Samdech Sihanouk's sons and daughter Prince Norodom Yuvaneath, Princess Norodom Roeungsy, Prince Norodom Sihamoni and Prince Norodom Norindrapong; Prince Sisowath Methavi, director of the Office of the Cambodian Head of State, and Madame Sisowath Methavi; Van Piny, second vice minister of foreign affairs of the RGNUC, and Madame Van Piny; Cambodian Ambassador to China Ker Meas; and Cambodian Ambassador to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea Ang Kim Khoan, and Madame Ang Kim Khoan.

Diplomatic envoys of various countries concerned attended the banquet.

Sihanouk Banquet Speech

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[Text] Peking, August 25 (HSINHUA)--Following is the full text of the speech by Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, head of state of Cambodia and chairman of the National United Front of Cambodia, at the banquet here this evening in honour of Ieng Sary, special envoy of the interior part of the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia and the National United Front of Cambodia:

Your Excellency Respected Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China,

Your Excellencies respected national military and civil authorities of the People's Republic of China and Mesdames,

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Dear Chinese friends,

Your Excellencies esteemed ambassadors of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Republic of South Vietnam and the Democratic Republic of Vietnam and Mesdames,

Your Excellency Esteemed General Mongkhunvilay and Madame,

Your Excellency Esteemed General O Chin-u, chief of General Staff of the Korean People's Army and leader of the Korean military delegation, and all the members of the Korean military delegation,

Your Excellencies esteemed Messrs ambassadors of the countries friendly to the Khmer people, and Mesdames,

Esteemed Messrs charges d'affaires and Messrs representatives of the countries and peoples friendly to the Khmer people, and Mesdames,

Dear friends, dear compatriots,

First of all, allow me to express my profound gratitude to His Excellency Premier Chou En-lai who, in spite of his very heavy duties of the state and his very numerous diplomatic obligations, has honoured us with his high presence at this banquet, thus once again testifying to his great and constant friendship for the Khmer people and to the militant solidarity and complete support of the People's Republic of China to our struggle of national liberation.

My cordial thanks also go to Their Excellencies the national military and civil authorities of the People's Republic of China, to all the Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese and Laotian brothers and sisters who have honoured us by taking part in this banquet as well as to all the foreign personages friendly to the Khmer people present here and to the distinguished representatives of the Chinese press and international press.

Your Excellencies and Mesdames, ladies and gentlemen, the purpose of this reception is to introduce to you an eminent member of the Khmer resistance Mr Ieng Sary who has arrived in Peking recently, a delegate sent by the NUFC, the RGNUC and the PAFNLO (National United Front, the Royal Government of National Union and the People's Armed Forces of National Liberation of Cambodia) to the head of state, the prime minister of the RGNUC and the Political Bureau of the NUFC to bear testimony to the unbreakable union, indestructible unity and total solidarity of all the resisters who can be found within our country, Cambodia, with the Khmer resisters who must accomplish a mission outside of the country.

Certain foreigners in the world have tried and are still trying to make the international opinion believe that the Khmer resistance at home and the Khmer resistance abroad are two different movements. They have also insinuated that the NUFC and the RGNUC abroad are in reality nothing but a "group" of Khmers "in exile" and "uprooted" from the soil of their fatherland with which they no longer have any political ties and still less administrative ties.

In the speech which he will make presently, Mr Ieng Sary will acquaint you with the true situation of our united front and our government which are not and will never be divided into "NUFC and RGNUC at home" and "NUFC and RGNUC abroad."

Our NUFC and our RGNUC are "one". There are only Khmers who have the mission of waging the struggle for national salvation inside the country and other members of the NUFC and the RGNUC who have accepted from the people the task of fulfilling a mission over a certain period of time outside the country.

Moreover, I must point out that certain international circles seek to separate the Khmer communists from the other non-communist resisters. In this regard, it is appropriate to make it clear that my nationalist, progressive and Marxist compatriots who are carrying on resistance have decided of one accord to reject all ideological distinction or differences between them. They are and will be none other than members of the NUFC.

This is not a Utopian amalgamation, but corresponds strictly to the reality of our united front. In effect, the political programme of the NUFC which governs and will govern the political, administrative, social, cultural, economic, religious and diplomatic life of the Khmer nation during the present struggle and after liberation has been worked out together and adopted unanimously by the qualified representatives of the resisters of all socio-ideological tendencies who, finally, are alike in the sense that they are above all Khmers, and then legitimist, progressive, neutralist and anti-imperialist patriots.

Love of legitimacy (constitution of 1947, constitutional kingdom, people's democracy, that is to say, those which draw their legitimacy and reality from the people, the masses of the people of whom the peasants and workers constitute the pure symbols, and not fascist "democracy" and anti-popular "republic" which is "legitimized" by a putsch), love of the national ideals of progress, neutrality, independence without compromise and consequently anti-imperialism characterize and firmly unite, in fact, all the members of the NUFC, the RGNUC and the PAFNLC.

With regard to the solution of the problem of restoring peace to Cambodia, the following is the unshakable position of the NUFC and the RGNUC, that is to say, of the Khmer people and their representatives both inside and outside the country:

The putschists who have usurped state power in Phnom Penh since March 18, 1970 must completely remove themselves from that power and let the Khmer state return to its constitution of 1947. Since these traitors refuse to come to such a logical solution, they will be swept away by the armed struggle of the Khmer people represented by the NUFC, the RGNUC and the PAFNLC.

U.S. imperialism which has committed aggression against the independent and neutral Kingdom of Cambodia and has used the most odious means to neo-colonize our country must withdraw totally from Cambodia and withdraw quickly, unconditionally and totally from Cambodia its military personnel and all the non-Khmer armed forces (ground, air and sea) in its pay. Otherwise, the NUFC, the RGNUC and the PAFNLC, side by side with the fraternal peoples of Vietnam and Laos and having China as our vast reliable rear area, will fight unflinchingly and without accepting compromise against U.S. imperialism and its puppets, until they are totally swept out of our Indochina.

If the USA wishes to conform to the aspirations of the Khmer people for peace, it should not talk about any "international conference" or "cease-fire in place". It must stop giving protection, aid and assistance directly or through "intermediary persons or countries" to the anti-constitutional, anti-national and anti-popular regime of Lon Nol-Sirik Matak-Som Ngoc Thanh.

In any case, the USA must know that the NUFC and the RGNUC will never accept an international conference or a cease-fire "in place", still less a partition of Cambodia or a political compromise under the deceitful signboard of "national reconciliation" or "national coalition" with the traitors of Phnom Penh, despicable hirelings of U.S. imperialism without which their problem would not exist.

Finally, the USA must note this well: The Khmer people represented by the NUFC and the RGNUC will forever remain united with the Vietnamese people represented by the DRV and the NLF and the PRG of South Vietnam and the Laotian people represented by the Laotian Patriotic Front. The NUFC and the RGNUC are and will remain unswervingly loyal to the resolutions of the Summit Conference of the Three Indochinese Peoples dated April 25, 1970.

No event, no pressure and no international conference will ever succeed in changing our position as specified above, because we fight not for a lame peace and an incomplete national sovereignty but for the complete liberation of our Khmer fatherland and our Indochina and for a true peace, which will not be acceptable and durable unless U.S. imperialism is totally and irreversibly swept out of Indochina, without being able to camouflage itself in our countries behind the policy called "Vietnamization" or "Khmerization".

With the very powerful and firm support and the multifarious aid of the People's Republic of China to which we express once again our most profound and affectionate gratitude, with the no less firm support of the 28 reliable friendly countries of Asia, Africa, Latin America and Europe which have officially recognized the RGNUC, and with the sympathy of other peoples in the world, the Khmer people, their NUFC, their RGNUC and their PARNLC are sure to win.

With these sentiments, I ask your permission to raise my glass and drink a toast with all my compatriots present here

To the health and long life of His Excellency Chairman Mao Tsetung.

To the health of His Excellency Vice Chairman Lin Biao,

To the health of His Excellency Premier Chou En-lai,

To the health of all our dear brothers and sisters of China, Korea, Vietnam and Laos,

To the health of all our dear foreign guests, distinguished representatives of the countries and peoples friendly to both the Khmer people and the great Chinese people,

To the health of our friends from various countries present here,

To the health of our compatriot Ieng Sary whom we are entertaining this evening as an eminent representative of all the heroic Khmer fighters,

To Khmer-Chinese friendship, fraternity and militant solidarity,

To the solidarity and common victory of all the peoples who are fighting against U.S. imperialism and its puppets, and

To friendship and peace among all the peoples of the world.

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Ieng Sary Banquet Speech

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[Text] Peking, August 25 (HSINHUA)--Following is the full text of the speech by Ieng Sary, special envoy of the interior part of the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia and the National United Front of Cambodia, at the welcome banquet here this evening presided over by Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, Cambodian head of state and chairman of the National United Front of Cambodia, and given by Samdech Penn Nouth, chairman of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of NUFC and prime minister of RGNUC:

Respected Samdech Head of State, chairman of the National United Front of Cambodia,

Respected Samdech Penn Nouth, chairman of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the NUFC and prime minister of the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia,

On behalf of the interior part of the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia and on behalf of our valiant people and fighters who are waging with determination the heroic struggle against the American imperialist aggressors and their valets, I express my profound gratitude to the two samdechhes for having condescended to preside over and organize this magnificent banquet. This is a great honour which the two samdechhes have condescended to accord me on the occasion of my arrival from the forefront of the fight against American imperialist aggressors and their valets. This banquet is a vivid testimony, among other things, of the firm determination to struggle on the part of the two samdechhes, the Political Bureau and the RGNUC steadfastly and closely united in the resolute struggle of our people and our fighters at home. This precious testimony will certainly give a new and immense encouragement to the heroic struggle of our people and the fighters of the people's Armed Forces of National Liberation of Cambodia.

The two samdechhes have condescended to permit me to address to our distinguished guests present here.

Your Excellency respected Premier Mr Chou En-lai,

Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen, dear friends,

On this happy occasion, allow me to express my profound and warm thanks to Your Excellency and to you all, distinguished guests, for the great honour and the concrete evidence of militant solidarity and militant and fraternal friendship as well as the sympathy that you have been so kind to show to our people and to our fighters of PAFNLC. Your high presence here is a precious encouragement to the struggle of our people and our fighters.

Respected Samdech Head of State and Neak Moneang,

Respected Samdech Penn Nouth and Madame,

Your Excellency respected Premier Mr Chou En-lai,

Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen and dear friends,

In the past year and more, in their heroic struggle for national liberation against the American imperialist aggressors and their valets, under the banner of the NUFC presided

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over by Head of State Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, the valiant Khmer people have won brilliant victories of strategic significance in all fields. Eight tenths of the national territory with nearly 5 million inhabitants have been completely liberated. An entirely new people's power is born there with the mission of building a new life for the people of new Cambodia.

Proceeding from their initiative and offensive position, the fighters of our PAFNLC are now continuing without respite their attacks against the enemy who is compelled to entrench itself in Phnom Penh and some urban centres.

The victories which have been achieved underline the leaping development of the Khmer revolution. The PAFNLC have developed rapidly by leaps and bounds to a very high level in the fight, both in quantity and quality, both from the viewpoint of political consciousness and from the viewpoint of combat technique. The three kinds of armed forces--guerrillas, regional forces and regular forces--are most closely linked among themselves, fighting the enemy on several fronts, wiping them out in very large numbers and mastering the situation completely.

The enemy's bitter military defeats during the last dry season have plunged the American imperialists and their valets Lon Nol-Sirik Matak-Son Ngoc Thanh into a still deeper impasse and thrown them into a still more untenable political situation. Not only are they not able to realize their plan for reassembling the population in the strategic hamlets and for recruiting them by force into their puppet army, but on the contrary, they are politically isolated to a very high degree inside as well as outside Cambodia. The clique of valets Lon Nol-Sirik Matak-Son Ngoc Thanh are tearing each other to pieces and slaughtering each other. The defeats of the American imperialists and their running dogs in Cambodia and in Indochina during the last dry season have been glaring.

However, by their aggressive and obdurate nature, the American imperialists and their valets of Saigon and Phnom Penh are not willing to admit their bitter defeats. At present, they are engineering in all fields, everywhere and in all forms, manoeuvres for realizing their criminal designs aimed at continuing their aggression against Cambodia and at subjugating the Khmer people. In the military field, they have made preparations to launch attacks against our liberated zone. In the political and diplomatic fields, the American imperialists have ordered their valets and accomplices to engineer manoeuvres aimed at resolving the Khmer problem by negotiation or by a compromise so as to gain a moment's respite and to deceive the Khmer people and international opinion. In doing so they want to wash their blood-stained hands. Equally, the puppets of Phnom Penh are playing a pernicious comedy with a view to creating a "constitution" and staging "elections" in order to try to make the Khmer people and international opinion believe that their fascist regime is placed on legal bases and emanates from the people's will. All these subversive manoeuvres are aimed at sowing discord within the NUFC.

Educated by a long and rich tradition of struggle for the defence of their fundamental national rights, the heroic Khmer people have resolutely shattered one after another all the perfidious manoeuvres of the American imperialists, their valets and their accomplices.

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Filled with determination and closing their ranks in the relentless attacks against the enemy without retreat and without accepting any compromise, the Khmer people and their valiant PAFNLC will continue to launch offensives to deal still heavier blows at the aggressors until complete victory.

For national salvation, there is but one and unique road: This is a revolutionary war under the banner of the NUFC. Between the patriots and traitors, the line of demarcation is very clear. All the patriots have rallied themselves around the NUFC: All the traitors have taken the side of the American imperialists and the Lon Nol-Sirik Matak-Son Ngoc Thanh puppet clique. The search for a third force or of a solution of compromise is nothing but illusion and will only bring to their authors bitterness, shame and bloodshed. As firmly emphasized by Head of State Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, "the NUFC and the RGNUC will never accept an international conference or a cease-fire 'in place', still less a partition of Cambodia or a political compromise under the deceitful signboard of 'national reconciliation' or 'national coalition' with the traitors of Phnom Penh", valets of the American imperialists.

Our people and fighters possess a very clear view on these problems. That is why, surmounting all kinds of difficulties and making all sacrifices, at present as well as in the future, demanded by the revolutionary war of national and people's liberation, the valiant Khmer people and their valiant fighters will develop still further their revolutionary heroism, strengthen their determination to fight and continue to launch offensives against the enemy to smash the aggression of the American imperialists and their Saigon puppets, to overthrow the regime of the Lon Nol-Sirik Matak-Son Ngoc Thanh traitorous clique, to liberate completely the sacred national territory and to build a new, independent, sovereign, neutral, peaceful, democratic and prosperous Cambodia in its territorial integrity.

The essential reasons for the victories of our people are twofold.

The first essential reason is that the NUFC, which has widely and solidly united all the patriotic classes and social strata of the country on the basis of worker-peasant alliance, has a correct and wise leadership, conforms to a correct political line, and relies on the heroic PAFNLC. Taught by their own experience acquired at the price of blood and sweat, our people have decided to firmly apply the slogans: "independence, be the master of the situation, be the master of the soil, rely on one's own efforts, be determined to take the national destiny into the hand".

In my capacity as special envoy of the interior part of the RGNUC, of our people and our fighters, I have the pride and joy to emphasize before Your Excellencies, before you, ladies and gentlemen and dear friends, the complete identity of views in the conception, position and attitude towards all the above-mentioned problems among the resisters of the NUFC and the RGNUC both inside and outside the country, from the two samdech down to all the Khmer fighters and people.

The complete identity of views on the direction of the revolutionary war of national and people's liberation and on the building of a new Cambodia constitutes a very powerful factor for the present struggle of our people till total victory.

Our valiant people and valiant fighters respectfully admire the great patriotism and the most resolute determination which animate at all times Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, head of state and chairman of the NUFC, and Samdech Penn Nouth, chairman of the Political Bureau and Prime Minister of the RGNUC. The two samdech have raised very high the banner of national independence and struggle against the American imperialists and their valets. The two samdech have worked with vigour to contribute effectively to the revolutionary war of the Khmer people. The Khmer people recognize only Samdech Norodom Sihanouk as the head of state of Cambodia. The Khmer people recognize only the RGNUC with Samdech Penn Nouth as the prime minister and Mr. Khieu Samphan as the deputy prime minister. The RGNUC is the sole and unique legal and legitimate government of Cambodia.

The 18 January 1971 appeal of Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, Samdech Penn Nouth, the Political Bureau and the RGNUC is a powerful echo of the historic declaration of Samdech Norodom Sihanouk dated 23 March 1970 and is a stout crystallization of the determination of the Khmer people to fight.

Another reason for our victories is our powerful and very firm militant solidarity with the heroic fraternal peoples of Viet Nam and Laos on the basis of the joint declaration of the Summit Conference of the Indochinese Peoples. The Khmer people are determined to develop this militant solidarity, shoulder to shoulder, against our common enemies the American imperialists. This militant solidarity is being strengthened with each passing day and has gone through all kinds of tests.

The glorious People's Republic of China and the great Chinese people have contributed powerfully to our struggle as our vast rear area and a very reliable support base. The militant and fraternal solidarity and friendship between the peoples of Cambodia and China are manifested in the stirring facts of the struggle against their common enemies the American imperialists. The great Chairman Mao, the Chinese Government and the heroic Chinese people have given our struggle immense and effective support and assistance in all fields and in all forms, moral, political and material. Such assistance of the People's Republic of China is [a] very important factor in the victory of our struggle.

The heroic Korean people and the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea headed by Marshal Kim Il-song have also extended important and multifarious support and assistance to our struggle.

The great militant solidarity of the revolutionary peoples of Cambodia, China, Vietnam, Laos and Korea is a concrete reality of the Asia of today and will completely repel the aggression by the American imperialists. The anti-imperialist front of the five Asian countries is being strengthened with each passing day as demanded by the struggle against the American imperialists and the Japanese militarists.

In their fight, the Khmer people have equally benefitted from the aid and support given by the governments of other friendly countries. The governments and peoples of these friendly anti-imperialist countries resolutely stand on the side of the Khmer people in recognizing the RGNUC as the sole and unique legal and legitimate Government of Cambodia. I must emphasize that in the present circumstances of their struggle, our people consider that recognition of the RGNUC constitutes the most precious aid and the most powerful support to their fight for national salvation.

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Finally, all the justice-and-[peace]-loving peoples in the world, including the American people, stand on the side of the Khmer people and, as a matter of fact, support their struggle.

All those whom we have just mentioned above are also important factors for our victories. We will always keep them in our memory and would like to express here our profound gratitude to the friendly governments and peoples.

Your Excellency respected Premier Mr Chou En-lai,

Dear Chinese friends,

Cambodia and China, the Khmer and Chinese peoples are intimate friends of long standing. At present, the militant solidarity between our two countries and two peoples has been raised to an unprecedented level. The Khmer people rejoice over, admire and wish to congratulate the fraternal Chinese people on the great victories they have achieved in socialist construction under the brilliant leadership of Chairman Mao. The Great Cultural Revolution led personally by Chairman Mao has brought great and important benefits to the Chinese people. All these great victories not only constitute a valuable encouragement but also an unparalleled contribution to the struggle of our people. We have the firm conviction that the valiant Chinese people will further achieve other important victories under the unrivalled leadership of Chairman Mao assisted by Vice-Chairman Lin Piao.

It is with these profound sentiments that I raise my glass and drink a toast:

--To the militant unity and firm determination to fight and defeat the American imperialist aggressors, their Saigon valets and the traitorous Lon Nol-Sirik Matak-Son Ngoc Thanh clique, on the part of our valiant people and the valiant fighters of our PAFNLC under the banner of the NUFC presided over by Head of State Samdech Norodom Sihanouk;

--To the militant solidarity and revolutionary fraternity between the Khmer, Vietnamese and Laotian peoples;

--To the militant, fraternal and ever-lasting solidarity and friendship between the Khmer and Chinese peoples, between Cambodia and the People's Republic of China;

--To the strengthening of the anti-imperialist front of the five countries, Cambodia, China, Vietnam, Laos and Korea;

--To the great common victory of the peoples of the world over imperialism, colonialism, neo-colonialism and Japanese militarism;

--To the health and long life of Samdech Norodom Sihanouk and Neak Moneang;

--To the health and long life of Samdech Penn Nouth and Madame;

--To the health and long life of His Excellency Chairman Mao Tsetung and His Excellency Vice Chairman Lin Piao;

--To the health and long life of His Excellency Premier Chou En-lai and Their Excellencies the other Chinese leaders;

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--To the health of Their Excellencies Messrs heads of diplomatic missions and their wives present here; and

--To the health of ladies and gentlemen and all our dear friends present here.

Address by Chou En-lai

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[Text] Peking, August 25 (HSINHUA)--Following is the full text of Premier Chou En-lai's speech at the banquet given here this evening by Samdech Penn Nouth, chairman of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the National United Front of Cambodia and prime minister of the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia, in honour of special envoy Ieng Sary:

Respected Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, head of state of Cambodia and chairman of the National United Front of Cambodia, and Mme Sihanouk,

Respected Samdech Penn Nouth, chairman of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the National United Front of Cambodia and prime minister of the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia, and Mme Penn Nouth,

Respected Mr Ieng Sary, special envoy of the interior part of the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia and the National United Front of Cambodia,

Distinguished guests from Cambodia, comrades and friends,

Today we are very much honoured and pleased to attend this grand banquet at the invitation of Head of State of Cambodia Samdech Norodom Sihanouk and Prime Minister of the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia Samdech Penn Nouth to express warm welcome to Mr Ieng Sary, special envoy of the interior part of the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia and the National United Front of Cambodia, who has come from the forefront of the struggle against U.S. imperialism.

In the excellent situation of the Cambodian and other Indochinese peoples' war against U.S. aggression and for national salvation, special envoy Mr Ieng Sary has come to Peking from the forefront of battle to report their work to Head of State Samdech Norodom Sihanouk and Prime Minister Penn Nouth. This is of very great significance to the strengthening of the Cambodian people's struggle against U.S. imperialism and for national salvation. The coming of special envoy Mr Ieng Sary will certainly further promote the firm unity of the Cambodian people and the National United Front of Cambodia and at the same time is a heavy blow to all the rumours and slanders spread by U.S. imperialism and its lackeys. With immense excitement, we join our Cambodian friends in expressing the warmest welcome to special envoy Mr Ieng Sary.

Special envoy Mr Ieng Sary has brought to the Chinese people the happy tidings of victory and militant friendship of the Cambodian people, which are a tremendous support and encouragement to the Chinese people now engaged in socialist revolution and socialist construction. The Chinese people will learn from the fraternal Cambodian people and pay respect to the heroic Cambodian people.

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The Chinese people are determined to follow the teachings of their great leader Chairman Mao and pledge themselves to provide powerful backing to the three peoples of Indochina and give firm support to the peoples of Cambodia, Vietnam and Laos in carrying through to the end the war against U.S. aggression and for national salvation. U.S. imperialism is bound to be defeated! The three peoples of Indochina are sure to win!

In conclusion, I propose a toast

To the great victory of the Cambodian people in their war against U.S. aggression and for national salvation,

To the great victory of the three peoples of Indochina in their war against U.S. aggression and for national salvation,

To the great friendship and militant unity between the Chinese and Cambodian peoples,

To the great friendship and militant unity of the peoples of China, Cambodia, Vietnam, Laos and Korea,

To the health of Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, head of state of Cambodia, and ~~Mme~~ Sihanouk,

To the health of Samdech Penn Nouth, prime minister of the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia, and ~~Mme~~ Penn Nouth,

To the health of special envoy Mr Ieng Sary,

To the health of all the other distinguished guests from Cambodia,

To the health of the heads of diplomatic missions and their wives present, and to the health of our friends and comrades present here!