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Premier PHAT Visiting Cambodia; To Discuss Improvement of Border Problems

(Pnompenh, Correspondent NAGAI, June 30) A South Vietnamese Provisional Revolutionary Government delegation, headed by Premier Huynh Tan PHAT, arrived in Pnompenh, from the South Vietnamese national border, at noon, on June 30, by a plane sent by the Cambodian Government. The group consists of about 20 members, including besides the Premier, Health and Social Actions Minister Duong Huynh HOA, Deputy Chief Cabinet Secretary Ung Ngoc KY, and reporters and cameramen of the Liberation News. They will stay in Cambodia for six days, until July 5. They will confer with Chief of State SIHANOUK as well as visit various places, including Sihanoukville and Battambang.

The Cambodian Government elevated the NLF Mission in Pnompenh to an Embassy on May 8, and it also immediately recognized the Provisional Revolutionary Government upon its establishment. On the other hand, however, Chief of State SIHANOUK has repeatedly denounced the NLF Forces' invasion of Cambodian territory and fighting with the Cambodian forces, since March. He also decided on the restoration of diplomatic relations with the U.S. on June 11. Thus, relations between Cambodia and the NLF have become delicate. In view of the fact that the NLF military leaders notified Cambodia earlier by letter that "all NLF forces will be withdrawn after the Vietnam war," the Cambodian Government probably intends to have this point confirmed at the talks this time, and also upon having the two points -- (1) respect for Cambodian independence and the concluding of friendly relations with Cambodia in accordance with the principles for peaceful co-existence, and (2) recognition of the present national border between South Vietnam and Cambodia -- confirmed this time, will probably emphasize anew its support for the Provisional Revolutionary Government.

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