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Sihanouk Message

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[Text] Hanoi VNA May 10--Samdech Head of State Norodom Sihanouk has sent a message to Ton Duc Thang, president of the D.R.V.N. and president of the Presidium of the Viet Nam Fatherland Front Central Committee, and Premier Pham Van Dong, voicing his thanks for the recognition by the D.R.V.N. of the newly set up Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia. The message dated May 8, 1970 said:

"It is with enthusiasm and most profound gratitude that the Khmer people, their National United Front, their Central Committee, their Political Bureau, their Government of National Union and I myself receive the so cordial message from you announcing the official recognition by the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam of the newly set up Royal Government of National Union headed by Samdech Penh Nouth. "The Democratic Republic of Viet Nam is one of our greatest friends, a fraternal and neighboring country, one of the first sovereign states that have officially recognized the present borders of Cambodia, and in our present national misfortune, she is also one of the first friendly states that grant us a total and effective support. That is why her official recognition of the new legal government of Cambodia and of the Khmer people is of great importance for us and constitutes a priceless encouragement for the heroic struggle of the Khmer people against the U.S. aggressor. "At present the U.S. imperialists have impudently shown to the world that they do not hesitate to expand their war and aggression to the whole of Indochina. They invade and savagely bombard my country which they overtly turn into their colony and this with the odious tanks from the vile clique of Lon Nol. At the same time they anew invade the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam which they shamelessly bombard. But your glorious people and army have inflicted on them new and resounding defeats, for which we warmly congratulate you.

"Together, the Khmer, Vietnamese and Lao peoples shall defeat the common enemy and their despicable henchmen. Our three peoples shall drive the U.S. imperialists out of our Indochina and severely punish their hideous servants, the traitors now in Phnom Penh, Saigon and Vientiane. It is with such a conviction that I request Your Excellencies to accept my very high and affectionate considerations".

Penn Nouth Message

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[Text] Hanoi VNA May 10--Premier Pham Van Dong has received a message dated May 7 from Samdech Penn Nouth, Prime Minister of the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia, thanking him for the recognition by the D.R.V.N. of his newly set up government as the only legitimate and legal government of Cambodia. The message said:

"On behalf of the Cambodian people and their government, I wish to express to the Government of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam and her heroic people our most profound and heartfelt gratitude.

"The recognition by your government and the fraternal Vietnamese people constitutes an evidence of the unshakable friendship and fraternity which bind together our two peoples and our two governments in the struggle which we are together carrying out against the U.S. aggressor, for national salvation.