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RGNUC OFFICIAL SENDS LETTER OF GRATITUDE TO CHOU EN-LAI

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[Text] Peking, September 28 (HSINHUA)--Khieu Samphan, vice prime minister of the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia, sent a letter to Premier Chou En-lai on September 1, extending heartfelt thanks to the Chinese Government and people for their warm welcome to Mr Ieng Sary, special envoy of the interior part of the RGNUC and the National United Front of Cambodia. Full text of the letter reads:

His Excellency Chou En-lai, premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China

Peking

Your Excellency: The Cambodian people are particularly touched by the warm welcome that the Chinese Government and people have kindly reserved for our special envoy, Mr Ieng Sary. We extend to Your Excellency, and through you to the Chinese Government and people our heartfelt thanks.

In the just combat which we are waging for the national liberation of our motherland, we have always benefited from the aid and support of the great Chinese people and the Government of the People's Republic of China. Determinedly following the firm political line of uncompromising opposition to the Yankee imperialist aggressors and their lackeys, the Cambodian people and the Cambodian People's National Liberation Armed Forces, under the leadership of the National United Front of Cambodia with Head of State Samdech Norodom Sihanouk as chairman, are determined to advance at all costs to total victory over the enemy. We are conscious of accomplishing in this way not only our sacred duty at home but also our just internationalist duty with regard to all our brothers-in-arms and brothers-in-combat who are firmly united in the glorious front of anti-imperialist struggle rallying the Indochinese peoples, the Chinese people, the Korean people as well as all the revolutionary peoples of this region of the world.

Fired by this spirit of uncompromising anti-imperialist struggle, the Cambodian people wish to reaffirm to the valiant Chinese people their unshakable revolutionary solidarity and their indefectible fraternity of combat against U.S. imperialism, its accomplices and its valets of all descriptions.

I beg Your Excellency to accept the assurance of my highest consideration.

Khieu Samphan, vice prime minister of the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia

Liberated zone of Cambodia, September 1, 1971