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## SOUTH VIETNAM N.F.L. PER- MANENT REPRESENTATION SET UP IN PHNOM PENH

ACCORDING to G.P.X., the South Vietnam National Front for Liberation and the Government of the Kingdom of Cambodia have agreed to publish the following communiqué on June 22, 1967:

"Desirous to strengthen further the solidarity and friendly relations between the South Vietnamese people and the Khmer people, the Presidium of the Central Committee of the South Vietnam National Front for Liberation and the Royal Government of Cambodia have with one accord decided that a permanent representation of the South Vietnam National Front for Liberation be set up in Phnom Penh, capital of Cambodia."

In this connection, G.P.X., official organ of the N.F.L., recently ran an editorial which said:

"Not long ago, on May 31, 1967, the Central Committee of the N.F.L. issued a statement solemnly recognizing the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Kingdom of Cambodia within its present borders, and solemnly recognizing the present border between South Vietnam and the Kingdom of Cambodia. This sensible declaration, consistent with the interests and aspirations of the South Vietnamese and Khmer people, has elicited a warm welcome from the Royal Cambodian Government and the Khmer people and sympathy and approval from public opinion all over the world. Head of State Samdech Norodom Sihanouk has solemnly declared that the N.F.L. is the only genuine representative of the South Vietnamese people. He has highly valued the N.F.L.'s fine gesture, laid particular stress on the impor-

tant significance of such a step which strengthens further the neighbourliness and solidarity between the Vietnamese and Khmer peoples. On this occasion, Samdech Sihanouk also expounded his desire to see the N.F.L. Central Committee appoint a representation to Phnom Penh, capital of Cambodia, and declared that the N.F.L. representation will enjoy all privileges and immunities of an official diplomatic mission. The South Vietnam armed forces and people as well as other people throughout the country are greatly elated and sincerely grateful to the important statement full of brotherly affection made by Cambodian Head of State Samdech Norodom Sihanouk.

"The communiqué made public today simultaneously in South Vietnam and Cambodia on the establishment of a permanent representation of the N.F.L. in Phnom Penh is the sequel of the time-honoured and warm friendship between our two peoples and of the above-mentioned historic events. It is a splendid manifestation of the earnest desire of the South Vietnamese people, the N.F.L., the Khmer people, and the Royal Cambodian Government to unceasingly develop, consolidate and broaden the solidarity and friendly relations between the two peoples..."

"With the establishment of the N.F.L. permanent representation in Phnom Penh, the prestige and international position of the N.F.L. are raised higher and the role of the N.F.L., the only genuine representative of the South Vietnamese people, is brought to greater prominence. This is a new victory of justice, the anti-imperialist cause and the cause of peace of the peoples of Indo-China and the world."