

SUBJ: (U) Directives on the Situation in Cambodia,
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(C) Item 1: (3 pages, typewritten; B-3) Directive 83/CT, dated 28 Mar 70, signed by Nguyen Van Trong, Chief ((of Political Staff)), Doan 54 ((possibly Headquarters, 9th VC Division)), prescribes a series of measures to be taken by subordinate units and agencies to cope with new developments of the situation caused by the coup d'etat which overthrew Prince Sihanouk on 18 Mar 70.

These measures called for all personnel to proceed with their preparations for Campaign, regardless of temporary friendly ((VC/NVA)) difficulties in Cambodia. They were to heighten their vigilance against surprise attacks by reactionary Cambodians cooperating with US and Puppet ((RVNAF)) elements to attack friendly units. All existing regulations concerning movement along the ((Vietnam - Cambodia)) border were to be strictly observed.

(C) Item 2: (3 pages, typewritten; B-3) Report, number 242/NQ, dated 3 Apr 70, signed illegibly for the Current Affairs Committee of Doan 54 Party Committee ((9th VC Division)), provides an account of a meeting held to study directives from COSVN Current Affairs Committee)) concerning the new situation in Cambodia. The report also discusses the morale of cadre and soldiers ((of the 9th VC Division)) in the aftermath of the coup d'etat in Phnom Penh on 19 Mar 70. It was noted that most subordinate personnel still had a wait-and-see attitude since they lacked thorough understanding of what friendly ((VC/NVA)) forces should do to support Cambodian revolutionary elements. These personnel had failed to take an active part in bolstering the Cambodian Revolution. Other personnel either had overlooked the new developments of the Cambodian situation or underestimated the combat potential of the reactionaries ((meaning the new regime in Cambodia)). Consequently, they had failed to take appropriate defensive measures against possible enemy attacks.

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The report also states that additional ideological training should be given to all personnel to make them aware of the international proletarian task that friendly forces were to fulfill in both Cambodia and Laos. While this task was to be regarded as being of prime importance, no attempt was to be made to do everything for friendly Parties ((meaning Lao and Cambodian Communist Parties)). Instead, these Parties were to be encouraged to develop a do-it-yourself spirit. Plans were to be formulated to expand ((VC/NVA)) controlled areas ((in Cambodia)) and to activate two or three armed propaganda units which were to coordinate with local elements to proselyte both the ((Cambodian)) soldiers and Buddhist monks. In addition, Plan AB was to be implemented. " 14 1 11