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COUNTRY: CAMBODIA

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SUBJEC: ACTIVITIES OF KHMER ROUGE AND VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS IN
KOMPONG CHAM PROVINCE

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SOURCE:

1.

THE DISTRICT OF TSAUNG KHUM
IN KOMPONG CHAM WAS INFESTED WITH KHMER ROUGE AND VIETNAMESE
COMMUNISTS. THE COMMUNISTS' ACTIVITIES WERE CHARACTERIZED BY
THE DESTRUCTION OF BRIDGES AND ROADS, BY EXACTIONS OF FOOD AND

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MONEY FROM THE LOCAL POPULACE, AND BY THE SPREADING OF PRO-COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA.

2. ANYONE OWNING A RICE MILL IN TBAUNG KHMUM DISTRICT WAS REQUIRED TO PAY THE KHMER ROUGE TEN BAGS OF RICE AND 500 RIELS PER MONTH. [REDACTED] COMMENT: AT THE LEGAL RATE OF EXCHANGE, 55.5 RIELS EQUAL US \$1.00. PERSONS WHO WERE LESS WELL OFF HAD TO PAY 15 KILOGRAMS OF RICE PER HEAD PER MONTH. POOR PEOPLE WERE FORCED TO MAKE A MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION IN CASH, ASSESSED ACCORDING TO THEIR MEANS.

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DURING THE LAST WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 1969, A GROUP OF ABOUT 40 KHMER ROUGE REQUISITIONED FOOD AND MONEY ON FOUR SUCCESSIVE NIGHTS FROM THE INHABITANTS OF KHMUM KOR COMMUNE (VICINITY 12-00 N, 105-45 E) IN TBAUNG KHMUM DISTRICT. ON 30 SEPTEMBER 1969 K U A N G LYHUONG, DEPUTY FOR KANDOL CHHUM CONSTITUENCY IN WHICH KHMUM KOR LIES, WROTE TO THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT IN PHNOM PENH TO ASK THE AUTHORITIES TO ESTABLISH A MILITARY OR PROVINCIAL GUARD POST IN KHMUM KOR TO PROTECT THE INHABITANTS.

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3. IN THE FIELD OF PROPAGANDA THE KHMER ROUGE IN
IBAUNG KHMUM DISTRICT ASSERTED THAT PRINCE Sihanouk WAS
THE LACKEY OF THE AMERICANS. THEY TRIED TO CONVINCE THE
INHABITANTS THAT WHEN THE KHMER ROUGE CAME TO POWER,
CAMBODIA WOULD BE A RICH COUNTRY. THE KHMER ROUGE
ALSO SAID THAT IN "ABOUT 1970" THEY WOULD LAUNCH GENERAL
ATTACKS THROUGHOUT CAMBODIA TO CLEAR THE COUNTRY OF
AMERICAN LACKEYS.

4. [REDACTED] DISSEM: STAF ARMY NAVY -IR USMACVTHAI
CINCPAC PACFLT ARPAC PACAF [REDACTED]
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