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SAMDECH SIHANOUK'S DECLARATION TO PRESS

Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, Head of State and Chairman of the National United Front of Cambodia (NUFC) issued to the press on August 28 a declaration which reads in full as follows:

A cable released by Reuter on August 28 signed by Brian Williams from Phnompenh said: "a government official left open the possibility that a Cambodian delegation might be meeting outside Cambodia with insurgent representatives in an attempt to find a peace formula. There has been speculation here that a meeting might be under way in Moscow".

To this, I, on behalf of the NUFC, the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia (RGNUC) and the People's Armed Forces of National Liberation of Cambodia (PAFNLC) once again solemnly point out:

PAFNLC have the least contact (even the most secret one) with an emissary or emissaries of the so-called "the khmer republic" or of the so-called "third force" in any case, under any circumstances and in any place. Neither any contact nor any compromise (still less any reconciliation) can be made with the traitors Lon Nol-Sirik Matak-In Tam-Son Ngoc Thanh-Cheng Heng-Lon Non-Sosthene Fernandez and Long Boret clique. These persons will certainly be hanged as big traitors and big war criminals when Phnompenh is liberated.

Second, the NUFC, the RGNUC and the PAFNLC do not recognize the right of the Soviet Union, France or any other foreign country to meddle in the

Cambodian people's affairs and the Cambodian problem. If the Soviet Union, France or any other foreign country endows itself with the power to help the traitorous Phnompenh clique to make any contact with a member or members of the NUFC, the RGNUC and the PAFNIC, the National United Front of Cambodia, the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia and the People's Armed Forces of National Liberation of Cambodia can not but regard the foreign country concerned to be hostile to Cambodia's sacred cause of national liberation.

Third, the stand of the NUFC, the RGNUC, the PAFNLC and Norodom Sihanouk remains totally rigid and unchanged till the complete (100 per cent) liberation of Cambodia. We will continue our armed struggle against the USA and its valets in the spirit of no retreat or compromise till Phnompenh and the rest of Cambodian soil not liberated are completely, thoroughly and once and for all rid of the imperialist and neo-colonialist forces of the USA and the traitorous Phnompenh clique is completely annihilated.

Norodom Sihanouk, Head of State of Cambodia and Chairman of the National United Front of Cambodia .

August 28, 1973

P.S.- The NUFC, the RCNUC, the PAFNLC and Norodom Sihanouk will always refuse to meet Henry Kissinger, special envoy or other envoys of President Richard Nixon, the biggest, most dangerous and worst enemy of the Khmer people and independent and non-aligned Cambodia ./.

Norodom Sihanouk