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(TEXT) PEKING, APRIL 15 (HSINHUA) -- HEAD OF STATE OF CAMBODIA SAMDECH NORODOM SIHANOUK SENT A MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE ON APRIL 13 TO NGUYEN HUU THO, PRESIDENT OF THE PRESIDIUM OF THELCENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE SOUTH VIET NAM NATIONAL FRONT FOR LIBERATION, AND HUYNH TAN PHAT, PRESIDENT OF THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIET NAM, FOR THEIR GREETINGS ON THE OCCASION OF THE KHMER

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THE MESSAGE SAID: IN MY OWN NAME AND IN THE NAME OF THE KHMER PEOPLE AND THE NATIONAL UNITED FRONT OF KAMPUCHEA. I EXTEND TO YOUR EXCELLENCIES, THE NATIONAL FRONT FOR LIBERATION. THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT AND THE HEROIC PEOPLE OF SOUTH VIET NAM OUR MOST PROFOUND GRATITUDE FOR YOUR NOBLE WISHES ON THE OCCASION OF THE KHMER CHAUL CHHNAM AND FOR YOUR COMPLETE SUPPORT GIVEN TO OUR PEOPLE IN THEIR STRUGGLE AGAINST THE ANTI-POPULAR. ILLEGAL REGIME OF THE LON NOL-SIRIK MATAK CLIQUE AND ITS MASTER. U.S. IMPERIALISM. PLEASE ACCEPT THE WARM WISHES OF US KHMERS FOR THE COMPLETE VICTORY OF YOUR VALIANT PEOPLE AND THEIR GLORIOUS ARMY, WHO WILL SOON LIBERATE SOUTH VIET NAM COMPLETELY AND CONSEQUENTLY BRING ABOUT THE REUNIFICATION OF YOUR GREAT FATHERLAND OF VIET NAM. WITH WHICH THE PEOPLE'S CAMBODIA WILL ALWAYS REMAIN UNITED BY THE INDESTRUCTIBLE. FRATERNAL TIES OF FRIENDSHIP AND MILITANT SOLIDARITY. 152308Z APR BA/MELI/SN 16/0220Z APR

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