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<p>(C) This report contains information obtained from enemy documents captured on 11 May 1970, and concerns an announcement, in <u>Cambodian</u>, dated 24 March 1970, originated by the Pracheachon ((People's)) Party ((Cambodian Communist Party)), addressed to the Cambodian people, which states that the Pracheachon Party supports the policy declared by Prince Sihanouk in Peking on 23 March 1970. The document further reveals the general policy line of the Pracheachon Party. The report also concerns a message from Prince Sihanouk, undated, reproduced and disseminated by the ((Communist)) Cambodian People's Armed Forces, in which Sihanouk stated that his deposition from his position as Chief of State was unconstitutional. He also declared the establishment of a National Front for the Liberation and Reunification of Cambodia, and pledged to give the power of governing Cambodia to the Communists once he had crushed the Lon Noi clique.</p>					

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PRACHEACHON PARTY.

Dear Compatriots!

Since its foundation, the Pracheachon Party has always clung to its only policy line of national solidarity among workers, farmers, bourgeoisie, intellectuals, priests, ethnic minority people, civilians, soldiers, patriotic capitalists, important personalities and royal families of all organizations and parties, without distinction of political tendency, in order to counter the American imperialists and their lackeys, to protect peace, independence, neutrality, sovereignty and territorial integrity ((of Cambodia)), and to improve democratic freedom and the standard of living of the people.

During a period of 15 years (from 1955 to 1970), the Pracheachon Party, with the support of all of the people of Cambodia, has been very properly and actively applying the above-mentioned policy in favorable as well as in adverse situations.

So far, analysis of the situation has been made, and measures have been taken to counter every plot of the American imperialists and their lackeys in Cambodia, with Lon Nol as ringleader, who prompted and condoned aggression from the outside, and attempted to conduct a coup d'etat at home, in order to destroy peace, independence, and the neutrality of Cambodia, and to put Cambodia under American neo-colonialism.

At present, the obvious events have happened. The American imperialists and their lackeys, with Lon Nol as the leader, and Mao Sai, Sirik Matak, Cheng Heng, In Tam, Trinh Hoanh, Duc Rasi and Sim War as supporters, conducted a coup d'etat, snatching the power from the Chief of State, Prince Norodom Sihanouk, destroying peace, independence and neutrality of Cambodia, and turning the entire Cambodian nation into a satellite of the American imperialists.

Dear Compatriots!

The dreadful aggression is being launched by American imperialists in order to destroy our beloved country. A supply of weapons and money and other means were provided to the traitors and their servants, with Lon Nol as leader, to enable them to achieve their plan of putting Cambodia under their neo-colonialistic regime.

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As for the traitors, headed by Lon Nol and supported by the American imperialists, they are launching acts of pressure on our people, killing them, plundering their properties, in an inhumane manner. They arrested and put to death those who refused to collaborate with them. Even the throne, which exists only in symbolic name, is also endangered.

However, the American imperialists and their lackeys achieved no success as planned; they are being bitterly defeated instead. Their betrayal has become obvious to Cambodians everywhere. The people are very angry and launch attacks to crush them. Many peace-loving countries in the world are also against them, and, therefore, support the struggle movement of our people. They are being isolated at home and abroad.

In such a dangerous situation for the country, the Pracheachon Party declares that the above-mentioned policy will be positively and widely carried out. It should be emphasized that the peace, independence, neutrality and well-being of Cambodia could be achieved if the Cambodian people would remain in firm, united, concentrate their efforts to thwart every plot of the American imperialists, overthrow their lackeys, and establish a patriotic government which really wants peace and neutrality, respects democratic freedom; and hopes for an improvement in the standard of living of the people.

It is in this spirit that the Pracheachon Party agrees and supports the declaration of Prince Norodom Sihanouk, which was announced in Peking on 23 Mar 1970.

The struggle for the just cause of the people of Cambodia will be successful.

Long live the spirit of solidarity and struggle to eliminate the American imperialists and their lackeys with Lon Nol as ringleader!

Down with the American imperialists and the traitorous Lon Nol clique.

24 Mar 1970

Pracheachon Party Committee.

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF PRINCE NORODOM SIHANOUK, CHIEF OF STATE OF CAMBODIA.

(Disseminated by the People's Armed Forces of Cambodia) ((possibly of the Front for National Reunification of Cambodia)).

From Prince Norodom Sihanouk, Chief of State of Cambodia.

To Her Majesty the Queen of Cambodia.

Honorable Chiefs of the two Buddhist Sects.

Venerable Monks.

All the Cambodian people.

My best greetings and salutations to all!

I am an unfortunate man, who is being betrayed by a group of reactionaries whose positions, power, and interests of all kinds derived from me, the chairman of Sangkum Party ((a Cambodian political party founded by Prince Sihanouk)), and from the throne. The good is now paid back with an evil: They not only deposed me from the position of chief of state in an unconstitutional way, but also launched a campaign to unjustly and scathingly dishonor me. They accused me of being a traitor, who betrayed his own country, and who would be mercilessly killed like a beast.

It does not matter, if it is just my own fate. But what I am concerned about is the fate of Cambodia, which is being endangered by the reactionaries who threw away the national constitution. Cambodia, which is widely known as an island of lasting peace, and an exemplary country, is now in the course of falling into a state of anarchy and into the war of the Americans. Freedom, democracy, progress, unity, and national solidarity were all destroyed. Cambodian soldiers have to turn their gun toward the Cambodian people in order

to stop and subdue, without mercy, those who dare antagonize the neo-facist absolutist power which works only for the good of the American imperialists.

This is not just my comment, but it is also the comment of many countries in the world.

The clique of Lon Nol, Sirik Matak and Cheng Heng bitterly accused me of being a traitor and selling out Cambodia because of my refusal to defame Cambodia in its world reputation and to prevent the future of Cambodia from possibly being endangered

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in the hostile manner of Vietnam, whose strength cannot be defeated by even such a great power as the United States.

((Since when is)) to be faithful to the fate of the country an act of betrayal.

This is a petty undertaking. These ungrateful traitorous people, through thirst for power and property, are cowards and lack the courage of a man. They only dare stab me in the back. I never hesitate to do anything I can to protect the important interests of Cambodia. Besides me, millions of our people at home, and thousands of others living abroad will certainly rise up to crush the reactionaries Lon Nol, Sirik Matak, Cheng Heng, and their master, i.e. the Americans. After defeating them, efforts will be concentrated to build a new Cambodia, the governing power of which will remain in the hands of the proletariats and the real progressive people, who could achieve prosperity, equality, and a society of justice for Cambodia.

These abominable acts of the reactionaries give light to my conscience, which makes me realize my fault in believing that the personalities of the government and both houses, that conducted the coup d'etat, could achieve peace, freedom, democracy and prosperity for Cambodia.

It is a very interesting lesson for me to have encountered this great misfortune, which I will never forget during my life. Therefore, I promise never to assume the position of chief of state. When our people achieve their victory over the reactionaries and their master, i.e. the American Imperialists, I will cede the mission of governing Cambodia to the progressive people and the proletariats ((possibly the Cambodian Communists)) who will protect and work for the development of Cambodia along with our Cambodian people.

Up to now, my mission has not been completed, for I never agreed to let the reactionaries, the traitors, trample ((my)) ideology, law and principles of our nation, by resorting to the power of the American dollars and bayonets. In this case, I make known to the public that:

1. As a legal chief of state, the position which was offered to me by the Cambodian people, I call for the dissolution of the Lon Nol Government and the two Assemblies, who betrayed their promises and the constitution.
2. The Cambodian people and foreigners should not obey any law, decree, order, or decision made by Lon Nol, Sirik Matak, Cheng Heng and their henchmen.
3. A national coalition government and a provisional advisory council with

the participation of the representatives of the people of various walks of life, namely monks, farmers, workers, businessmen, industrialists, soldiers, police, royal police, youths, intellectuals, officials, women, etc ... should be established.

4. A liberation army must be established.

5. A Front for the National Reunification of Cambodia must be established, which is composed of all Cambodians at home, abroad, monks, laymen, soldiers, and civilians, who are faithful to the independence, democracy, neutrality, development, and territorial integrity of Cambodia, and who are nationalist, buddhist, socialist, and opposed to the American Imperialist. The mission of the Front should be:

1). To liberate Cambodia from the domination of the fascist reactionaries led by Lon Nol, Sirik Matak, and Cheng Heng.

2). To struggle in coordination with the people of Vietnam and Laos and with the full support from socialist countries, against the American Imperialist, who launched aggression in Indochina, who brought to the people of Cambodia, Vietnam and Laos war, destruction, hostility, injustice, disunity, and sufferings of all kinds.

3). To build a new Cambodia of solidarity and unity.

I am very unhappy for being far from my benevolent mother, my honorable monks who used to be my teachers, my fellow countrymen, and my beloved country.

If I am not killed in the struggle-the struggle to be conducted for the prosperity, development, and glory of Cambodia - I will soon have the opportunity to come to see all of you. At present, I have to serve Cambodia from abroad.

Soldiers and civilians! If you cannot work under the wicked authority of the traitors, or if you have enough courage to show your patriotic spirit, you should go into the jungle to join the Front to liberate your country. You will be provided with weapons, ammunition, and training from the Front for the National Reunification of Cambodia,

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which is presently operating in the deep jungle, far from the view of the enemy.

Our compatriots, who live abroad, such as in Europe or the countries near Europe, and want to enlist in the Liberation Army, or join the Front for the National Reunification of Cambodia, should come to see me in Moscow or Peking.

LONG LIVE CAMBODIA!

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