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SUBJ: (C) Communique From Prince Sihanouk
Pertaining to the Establishment of a
National Front for the Liberation and
Reunification of Cambodia.

(C) Item 1: (1 page, typewritten; B-3) Communique in French, dated 23 Mar 70, prepared by Prince Sihanouk, addressed to all the Cambodian people, states that his deposition from the position of Chief of State of Cambodia by Premier Lon Nol was unconstitutional. Sihanouk warned the people that collaborators with the reactionary clique of Lon Nol, Sirik Matak, and Cheng Heng, would be severely punished when the National Reunification Front of Cambodia established a government in Phnom Penh in the near future.

(C) Item 2: (2 pages, handwritten; B-3) Communique in Cambodian, dated 23 Mar 70, prepared by Prince Sihanouk in Peking ((Communist China)), appealed to the Cambodian people to tighten solidarity to fight against the US imperialists and their lackeys. Sihanouk, who declared himself legal Chief of State, decided to dissolve the government of Lon Nol, the National Assembly, and the Royal Council; to ask foreign countries not to recognize the regime of Lon Nol, Sirik Matak, and Cheng Heng; to establish a new government; to activate a liberation army; and to form a National Front for the Liberation and Reunification of Cambodia. The Front would consist of Cambodians from all walks of life. Its purpose would be to liberate Cambodia from the hands of the the reactionary clique of Lon Nol, Sirik Matak, and Cheng Heng; to fight, side by side with the people of Vietnam and Laos, against the invasion on Indochina by the American imperialist; and to build a new Cambodia.

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