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SIHANOUK COMMENTS ON NIXON'S PEACE PROPOSAL

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[Text] Kampuchea 31 January AKI--On 29 January Prince Norodom Sihanouk, head of state of Cambodia, sent a telegram to Mr Mike Gallagher, (304 Dominion Square Building, Montreal), Canada, commenting on Richard Nixon's new proposals. The telegram reads as follows:

As you know, the allegedly generous proposals of President Nixon have been unanimously rejected by the DRV, the PRGRSV, the RGNUC, the NUFK and the NLHS. These proposals are fallacious and are not aimed at ending the Indochina war.

First, there is no satisfactory provision concerning air raids; second, Thailand will continue to serve as a base for launching air and even ground attacks against the Indochinese people; and third, President Nixon implicitly reserves the possibility of supporting and insuring the survival of the renegade Indochinese regimes.

Though speaking of peace, Mr Nixon in fact intends to prolong his war in Indochina, for he will continue to send planes against the three Indochinese peoples while intensively developing the ground forces of his Saigon, Phnom Penh and Vientiane satellites and even sending them reinforcements in the form of Thai units. Units of the Thai army have penetrated my country to occupy and operate in Cambodian provinces bordering Thailand.

Under these conditions, we can only continue to struggle until President Nixon completely stops intervening in the affairs of our three Indochinese countries. Yours faithfully.