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SIHANOUK-PENN NOUTH SEND MESSAGE TO DRY LEADERS

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[Text] Kampuchea 18 November AKI--On 15 November Prince Norodom Sihancuk, head of state and chairman of NUFK, and His Excellency Penn Nouth, chairman of the NUFK Central Committee Political Bureau and prime minister of RGNUC, sent a message to DRV President Ton Duc Thang and Premier Pham Van Dong thanking them for their warm greetings on the occasion of the Cambodian National Day. The message says:

On behalf of the Khmer people, NUFK and RGNUC, and in our own names, we beg your excellencies, the Presidium of the Central Committee of the Vietnam Patherland Pront, the DRV Government and the glorious and heroic Vietnamese people to accept our deepest and most affectionate thanks for the greetings and amiable wishes which you kindly conveyed to us on the occasion of our national day.

It is a great pleasure to us to enjoy your fraternal friendship, esteem, complete support and manifold aid during this crucial phase of our national history when we are conducting a sacred struggle to liberate our fatherland completely. Another duty of ours, which is no less sacred, is to struggle side by side with you and our Lac brothers against U.S. imperialism in order to completely expel it from Indochinese territory.

Together with you, we are firmly convinced that first victory belongs to us and that the fraternal unity between Kampuchea and Vietnam will result in a very bright future for our two countries and peoples.

May we convey to your excellencies our highest and must fraternal regards, together with our fervent wishes for complete victory of the Vietnamese people over U.S. imperialism.