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((UNDATED AND UNATTRIBUTED INTERVIEW WITH NORODOM SIHANOUK:
"NORODOM SIHANOUK: WHY WE REFUSE TO NEGOTIATE WITH LON NOL"--8/74
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((TEXT)) AFRIQUE-ASIE: YOU HAVE RECENTLY WARNED INTERNATIONAL
OPINION AGAINST LON NOL'S LATEST PROPOSALS. WHAT IS THE EXACT
SITUATION AND IN WHAT CONTEXT HAVE THE AMERICANS BEEN INDUCED TO TRY
THIS LATEST, OBVIOUS MANEUVER THROUGH THEIR HENCHMAN?

NORODOM SIHANOUK: THE MAIN REASONS WHY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS
BEEN INDUCED TO ORDER THE LON NOL REGIME TO PROPOSE UNCONDITIONAL
NEGOTIATIONS WITH CAMBODIAN RESISTANCE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1 FIRST, NIXON AND KISSINGER ARE BECOMING INCREASINGLY APPREHENSIVE ABO
THE DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING THE RESTORATION OF THE RIGHTS OF THE
ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF THE NATIONAL UNION OF CAMBODIA ((GRUNC))
IN THE UNITED NATIONS WHICH IS TO TAKE PLACE DURING THE NEXT SESSION OF
THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

SECOND, THE SO-CALLED KHMER REPUBLIC IN PHNOM PENH COSTS THE
U.S. BUDGET TOO MUCH AND IS NOW REJECTED BY ITS OWN RIGHTIST YOUTH.
THE POSITION OF THIS FRAUDULENT AND COMPLETELY ROTTEN "REPUBLIC"
IS CONTINUALLY WORSENING.

YOU WILL RECALL THAT IN 1971 SEVEN ONE THE PHNOM PENH TRAITORS
PROCLAIMED URBI ET ORBI THAT "7 SEVEN MILLION KHMERS SUPPORTED
THEM," THAT THERE WAS NO "CIVIL WAR" AND THAT THEIR "REPUBLIC"
WAS SIMPLY A VICTIM OF A COLONIALIST AGGRESSION PERPETRATED BY THE
VIETCONG AND NORTH VIETNAMESE.

BY 1972 SEVEN TWO THE TONE OF LON NOL'S SUPPORTERS HAD CHANGED.
THEY ADMITTED THAT THEY WERE OPPOSED BY KHMERS WHO FOUGHT AGAINST
THEM. THEY PROPOSED TO THE "REBEL KHMERS" TO "STOP SERVING THE
RED VIETNAMESE AND REJOIN THE GREAT KHMER FAMILY" REPRESENTED
BY THEIR "REPUBLIC".

IN JULY 1973 SEVEN THREE THE PHNOM PENH TRAITORS AGAIN CHANGED THEIR
TONE, THEIR ATTITUDE TOWARD THE CAMBODIAN RESISTANCE BECOMING MORE
FLEXIBLE. THEY PROPOSED NEGOTIATIONS UNDER ONE CONDITION--
"THE WITHDRAWAL OF VIETCONG AND NORTH VIETNAMESE."

IN JULY 1974 SEVEN FOUR THE SAME LACKEYS OF THE U.S. IMPERIALISTS
FINALLY ABANDONED THE MYTH OF "VIETCONG AND NORTH VIETNAMESE AGGRESSION"
AND PROPOSED UNCONDITIONAL NEGOTIATIONS TO THE CAMBODIAN RESISTANCE.
THESE SUCCESSIVE CHANGES HAVE SHOWN HOW U.S. IMPERIALISM--OF
WHICH THE SO-CALLED KHMER REPUBLIC IS MERELY A DOCILE AND SERVILE LACKEY
IS AWARE OF THE INELUCTABLE AND IRREVERSIBLE WORSENING OF THE SITUATION
IN ALL SPHERES IN CAMBODIA IN THE FACE OF THE NATIONAL UNITED FRONT
OF CAMBODIA ((FUNC)), THE GRUNC AND THE PEOPLE'S NATIONAL LIBERATION ARM,

FORCES OF CAMBODIA ((FAPLNC)) WHICH ARE ABSOLUTELY DETERMINED TO FIGHT
TO THE END TO LIBERATE THE FATHERLAND COMPLETELY AND RESTORE ITS
STATE AND NATIONAL UNITY, CATEGORICALLY REJECTING ANY SOLUTION TO THE
PROBLEM COPIED EITHER FROM THE SOLUTION OF THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PROBLEM
OR FROM THAT OF THE LAOTIAN PROBLEM ENFORCED LAST YEAR.

AND, THIRD, NIXON AND KISSINGER BELIEVE THAT THIS IS THE RIGHT MOMENT TO ISOLATE THE FUNC, THE GRUNC AND SIHANOUK IN THE INTERNATIONAL SPHERE BECAUSE "DETENTE" AND "PEACE" BETWEEN ANTAGONISTIC COUNTRIES, GOVERNMENTS, PEOPLES OR MOVEMENTS ACHIEVED "THROUGH COMPROMISE SOLUTIONS" ARE NOW "FASHIONABLE" THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

CAMBODIAN RESISTANCE IS NOW SEEN AS A "FREAK" BECAUSE IT IS PRACTICALLY THE ONLY RESISTANCE MOVEMENT THROUGHOUT THE WORLD CONTINUING TO WAGE WAR. THEREFORE THE U.S. DIPLOMATIC AND PROPAGANDA APPARATUS FINDS IT EASY TO REPRESENT THE FUNC, THE GRUNC AND SIHANOUK AS "WARMONGERS" AND EVEN AS "VERY BAD CAMBODIANS INSENSITIVE TO THE PEOPLE'S MISFORTUNES."

SOME FRENCH GAULLISTS AND MANY OTHER FOREIGN EMINENCES HAVE NOW BEEN TAKEN IN BY THIS SLANDEROUS PROPAGANDA. THEY HAVE FORGOTTEN THAT PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON, HIS GOVERNMENT AND HIS PHNOM PENH LACKEYS ARE SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE KHMER PEOPLE'S TERRIBLE MISFORTUNES, THAT THE KHMER PEOPLE ARE WAGING AN ARMED STRUGGLE AGAINST THE COUNTRY'S ENEMIES AND THAT THESE PEOPLE THEMSELVES CONSTITUTE THE FUNC, THE GRUNC AND THE FAPLNC. THE CAMBODIAN PROBLEM IS EASY TO UNDERSTAND PROVIDED ITS TWO FOLLOWING ASPECTS ARE CONSIDERED:

FIRST, LEFT TO THEIR OWN DEVICES, THE CAMBODIANS--AN INTELLIGENT, REASONABLE LAJIBS-13-LOVING RACE--WOULD SOON BE ABLE TO DESTROY THE GERMS OF WAR. THE CIVIL WAR NOW PREVAILING IN CAMBODIA WOULD SOON GIVE WAY TO PEACE AND NATIONAL CONCORD IF PRESIDENT NIXON AND THE U.S. CONGRESS WERE TO STOP U.S. INTERFERENCE IN OUR AFFAIRS AND DISCONTINUE MILITARY AID TO THE TRAITOR LON NOL'S CLIQUE.

DEPRIVED OF THE ENORMOUS ASSISTANCE RECEIVED FROM THE AMERICANS, LON NOL'S PHNOM PENH REGIME WOULD DISAPPEAR WITHIN 24 TWO FOUR HOURS.

AND, SECOND, THE FUNC, THE GRUNC AND THE FAPLNC ARE THE CAMBODIAN PEOPLE. IF THESE PEOPLE ON WHOM THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT, THE GAULLIST DEPUTY MICHEL BOSCHER AND OTHER REACTIONARIES ARE NOW SHEDDING CROCODILE TEARS WERE NOT EAGER TO PURSUE THE NATIONAL LIBERATION ARMED STRUGGLE TO THE END, IT IS OBVIOUS THAT NEITHER SIHANOUK, NOR KHIEU SAMPHAN, NOR ANY OTHER RED KHMER LEADERS WOULD BE ABLE TO EXTEND ANTI-IMPERIALIST ARMED RESISTANCE EVEN BY ONE DAY.

TO CONCLUDE, THE CAMBODIAN PROBLEM WILL BE SOLVED ONLY ONCE U.S. IMPERIALISM COMPLETELY AND DEFINITELY WITHDRAWS FROM CAMBODIA EITHER WILLINGLY OR AS A RESULT OF THE FINAL VICTORY OF THE CAMBODIAN RESISTANCE.

IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THIS VICTORY, WITHOUT WHICH OUR KAMPUCHEA CANNOT SURVIVE, WE CAMBODIAN PATRIOTS ARE PREPARED TO WAGE A VERY LONG STRUGGLE, FOR ANOTHER 5 FIVE, 10 ONE ZERO OR EVEN 20 TWO ZERO YEARS IF NECESSARY.

AFRIQUE-ASIE: WHAT IS THE SITUATION LIKE IN THE LIBERATED REGIONS A D, ESPECIALLY, WHAT HAVE THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE BOMBING BEEN?

NORODON SIHANOUK: BETWEEN JULY AND NOVEMBER OUR FAPLNC WILL HAVE TO REDUCE THEIR OFFENSIVE ACTIVITIES BECAUSE OF HEAVY RAIN AND FLOODS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. THEY WILL CONTINUE TO ENGAGE IN CERTAIN "WORK," ESPECIALLY BRINGING THEIR UNITS UP TO STRENGTH, TRAINING NEW VOLUNTEERS AND AMALGAMATING THEM WITH ALREADY SEASONED TROOPS, WORKING OUT LOGISTICS PROBLEMS, PREPARING OFFENSIVES FOR THE NEXT DRY SEASON AND SO FORTH. NOT TO MENTION PARTICIPATION IN AGRICULTURAL WORK. 5 AUG-8 SEP MORE AP/AIREY/ML/AP 08/0706Z AUG

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WORK.

((TEXT)) THE RAINY SEASON IN OUR COUNTRY ALWAYS FAVORS THE
ENEMY, WHO HAS A STRONG NAVY ABLE TO OPERATE ALMOST THROUGHOUT
A FLOODED CAMBODIA WHOSE CITIES ARE RENDERED SAFE AS A RESULT
OF HIGH WATERS AROUND THEM FORMING A NATURAL BARRIER AGAINST FAPLNC
ATTACKS.

THE MILITARY SITUATION WILL COMPLETELY CHANGE ONCE THE DRY
SEASON, WHICH WILL GIVE ALL ADVANTAGES TO THE FAPLNC, ARRIVES.

AS FOR FAIDS BY LON NOL'S AIR FORCE AGAINST OUR LIBERATED
REGIONS, THEY DO NOT HARM US MUCH BECAUSE OUR COMBATANTS
AND PEASANTS, WHO GAINED GREAT EXPERIENCE IN THE FACE OF THE
U.S. AIR ATTACKS, ARE PERFECTLY CAPABLE OF AVOIDING LOSSES
WHEN FACED WITH LON NOL'S PITIFUL AIR FORCE.

AFRIQUE-ASIE: HOW CAN NONALIGNED PEOPLES AND COUNTRIES CONTINUE
TO SHOW THEIR SOLIDARITY WITH THE FUNC AND THE GRUNC IN THE
PRESENT CONTEXT? WHAT ARE THE PROSPECTS FOR THE RESTORATION
OF GRUNC RIGHTS IN THE UNITED NATIONS THIS YEAR?

NORODOM SIHANOUK: THIS YEAR THE DISCUSSION SHALL VOTING ON THE
RESTORATION OF THE RIGHTS OF THE CAMBODIAN KINGDOM AND ITS
GOVERNMENT IN THE UNITED NATIONS, WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE
FALL IN THE UN MANHATTAN BUILDING WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE
FORTHCOMING UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION, WILL BE OF SPECIAL
IMPORTANCE FOR THE FUTURE OF CAMBODIA AND ITS PEOPLE. IN
FACT, IF THE CAMBODIAN CAPITAL WERE RESTORED TO THE ROYAL
CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT, THE U.S. CONGRESS COULD BE FORCED TO REFUSE
TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE POINTLESS SURVIVAL OF A "KHMER REPUBLIC"
REPUDED BY THE UNITED NATIONS.

IF, HOWEVER, THIS ILLEGAL, ANTINATIONAL AND ANTIPOPULAR
"KHMER REPUBLIC" WERE TO RETAIN ITS SEAT IN THE UNITED NATIONS,
PRESIDENT NIXON, WHO HAS LITERALLY CREATED THIS "REPUBLIC,"
WOULD HAVE NO DIFFICULTY IN SECURING FURTHER ENORMOUS FUNDS
TO INSURE THE SURVIVAL OF HIS PHNOM PENH PUPPET.

AS A RESULT OF THE VOTING IN THE UNITED NATIONS LAST
YEAR PRESIDENT NIXON WAS ABLE TO PERSUADE THE U.S. CONGRESS
TO DOUBLE THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MILITARY, ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL
AID TO THE PHNOM PENH PUPPET REGIME. IF THE UNITED NATIONS GENUINELY
AND SINCERELY DESIRES TO SHORTEN THE TERRIBLE SUFFERINGS ENDURED
BY CAMBODIA AND ITS PEOPLE IT MUST DISSUADE PRESIDENT
NIXON AND THE U.S. CONGRESS FROM CONTINUING TO PROVIDE THEIR COLOSSAL
AND UNJUST AID TO THE LON NOL CLIQUE BY VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE
ADMISSION OF THE GRUNC TO THE UNITED NATIONS IN PLACE OF A
BOGUS KHMER REPUBLIC.

AS FOR NONALIGNED COUNTRIES BELONGING TO THE UNITED NATIONS, MOST OF THEM WILL UNDOUBTEDLY SUPPORT THE GRUNC AND VOTE FOR IT.

UNFORTUNATELY, SOME OTHER NONALIGNED COUNTRIES--ESPECIALLY INDONESIA AND MALAYSIA--WILL CAST THEIR VOTES AGAINST IT, THUS HELPING THE UNITED STATES TO OPPOSE THE GRUNC'S ADMISSION. BY ACTING IN THIS MANNER THESE COUNTRIES WILL GROSSLY VIOLATE BOTH THE SPIRIT AND OF THE UNAMBIGUOUS RESOLUTION ADOPTED DURING THE FOURTH CONFERENCE OF NONALIGNED COUNTRIES IN ALGIERS, THAT IS, THE IDEALS OF JUSTICE, PEACE, FREELAM AND ANTI-IMPERIALIST SOLIDARITY OF THE NONALIGNED NATIONS.

THE FUTURE OF CAMBODIA AND ITS PEOPLE WILL LARGELY BE DETERMINED BY THE FORTHCOMING VOTING IN THE UNITED NATIONS ON THE SUBJECT. AND EVERYBODY AT THE UNITED NATIONS KNOWS THAT THE NONALIGNED COUNTRIES PLAY A ROLE OF DECISIVE IMPORTANCE.

MAY ALL THOSE WHO, LIKE INDONESIA OR MALAYSIA, ARE HOSTILE TO THE CAMBODIAN RESISTANCE REALIZE IN TIME THAT THE CAMBODIAN PEOPLE ARE BLEEDING THEMSELVES WHITE IN THEIR ARMED STRUGGLE WITHOUT CONSIDERING EITHER RETREAT OR COMPROMISE, NOT ONLY FOR CAMBODIA'S SALVATION BUT ALSO IN THE INTEREST OF THE THIRD WORLD AND ALL NONALIGNED COUNTRIES. 5- AUG-8 SEP ENDALL AP/AIREY/

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