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SIHANOUK SENDS MESSAGE OF THANKS TO TRINH DINH THAO

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[Text] On the occasion of the first anniversary of the Indochinese People's Summit Conference, lawyer Trinh Dinh Thao addressed a message of congratulations to Samdech Chief of State Norodom Sihanouk. On 4 May, Chief of State Norodom Sihanouk sent a message of thanks to lawyer Trinh Dinh Thao. Here is the text of the message:

"Respectfully to Mr. Trinh Dinh Thao, chairman of the Vietnam Alliance of National, Democratic and Peace Forces, vice chairman of the Advisory Council of the PRGRSV.

"I have the honor of informing you that I have received your message, full of warm sentiments, which was sent to me on the occasion of the first anniversary of the Indochinese People's Summit Conference. On behalf of the Cambodian people, the NUPK, and in my own name, I beg to express to the heroic Vietnamese people, to the Vietnam Alliance of National, Democratic and Peace Forces Central Committee, and to its chairman, our deepest thanks and our best wishes. The Indochinese People's Summit Conference was an event of historic importance for the Cambodian, Vietnamese, and Lao people as well as for the revolutionary people worldwide. The conference (?reflected) to the highest point the militant solidarity and the friendly relations among the three Indochinese peoples. In the year since the conference was convened, the people of the three Indochinese countries have heroically struggled and achieved glorious victories of strategic importance in the struggle against the U.S. aggressors and their henchmen.

"For their part, the heroic South Vietnamese people have taken advantage of their victories to advance to attack the enemy everywhere from the 17th Parallel to Ca Mau point, and have smashed the so-called pacification plan, the backbone of the Nixon administration's pacification plan, and have destroyed many large units and great quantities of war material of the U.S.-puppet clique. The resounding victories of the South Vietnamese people on Route 9 and at Khe Sanh were glorious victories.

"I beg to address to the Vietnam Alliance of National, Democratic and Peace Forces Central Committee my sincere congratulations for the active part the alliance has contributed to the Vietnamese people's struggle. On this occasion, I also want to convey my admiration for the brilliant victories which the Lao people and the North Vietnamese people have scored in the struggle for the common interests of our three peoples. With the experiences acquired from our common struggle, the Cambodian people have not ceased to develop the militant solidarity and friendly relations with the fraternal Vietnamese and Lao people. Whatever hardships they may encounter, the Cambodian people are resolved, now more than ever, to step up the present uncompromising struggle to expel the U.S. aggressors and the Saigon puppets from Cambodia, and to exterminate to the last man the traitorous Lon Nol-Sirik Matak-Son Ngoc Thanh clique, and to regain their sacred national sovereignty. May the militant solidarity between the Cambodian and Vietnamese people be forever strengthened. Please accept, Mr Chairman, my most intimate and respectful salutations.

"(signed) Norodom Sihanouk, chief of state of Cambodia and chairman of the NUPK.

"4 May 1971."