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SIHANOUK REPLIES TO THOUS CONGRATULATIONS

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(Text) Hanoi, Il June--Lawyer Nguyen Huu Tho, president of the Presidium of the NFLSV Central Committee, has received a message from Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, chief of state and president of the Council of Ministers of the Kingdom of Cambodia, thanking him for his congratulations on the occasion of the formation of the new Cambodian Government, according to LIBERATION PRESS AGENCY.

In his message of congratulation sent to Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, President Nguyen Huu Tho said:

We are firmly confident that under Samdech's clear-sighted leadership, the Khmer people will carry out earnestly, resolutely, and in complete unanimity the political line laid down by Samdech to defend and consolidate the independence and neutrality of the Kindom of Cambodia, thus actively contributing to the struggle for indpendence and peace of the peoples in Indochina, Asia and the world.

May the militant solidarity between the people of South Vietnam and the brotherly Khmer people in the struggle against the common enemy.-the U.S. imperialists and their henchmen--consolidate and develop with every passing day.

In his message of reply, Samdech Norodom Sihanouk said:

I firmly believe that the militant solidarity between us and the South Vietnamese brothers fighting against the aggressors under the banner of the South Vietnam National Liberation Front will constantly strengthen.

The heroic national resistance war which Your Excellency is leading with high determination is an example for the Khmer people in their struggle to defend their independence, neutrality, and borders, which have repeatedly been encroached upon by the U.S. imperialists and their Saigon and Bangkok henchmen.

I am very happy to reiterate our admiration for the recent victories of the South Vietnamese patriots over the aggressors, and warmly wish your country early liberation from foreign occupation.