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[Text]. On 25 June 1969, Samdech Chief of State Norodom Sihanouk addressed the following letter to Chairman Nguyen Huu Tho of the NFLSV Central Committee Presidium:

Dear lawyer Nguyen Huu Tho, chairman of the NFLSV Central Committee Presidium:

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SOUTH VIETNAM

In response to your 19 June letter on the decisions of the South Vietnamese people's delegates' congress, I am very honored and happy to announce that the Cambodian Royal Government, loyal to the principles guiding its actions, solemnly recognizes the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam as the only genuine representative of the South Vietnamese people.

With emotion, I thank the congress for asserting its recognition of and respect for Cambodia's sovereignty, independence, neutrality, and territorial integrity within its present borders. I thank the Provisional Revolutionary Government for resolutely pursuing its policy of friendship and solidarity with the Cambodian Kingdom. I can assure you that on its part, Cambodia will always cling to this policy which is consistent with our two peoples' just interests and will resolutely support the Provisional Revolutionary Government as it has constantly supported the NFLSV in the past. Cambodia welcomes the formation of the Provisional Revolutionary Government and considers it as a new decisive phase of the Vietnamese people's just and brave struggle for their independence and freedom which are threatened by the U.S. aggressors.

I am convinced that the formation of the Provisional Revolutionary Government will rapidly prompt the restoration of peace which we are eagerly longing for and will create conditions for the Indochinese peoples, especially the Khmer people and the fraternal Vietnamese people to constantly further strengthen their cooperation in working for prosperity and progress while respecting each other's independence.

Please accept my respectful and friendly sentiments.

Norodom Sihanouk