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To Prince Souphanouvong

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[27 December 1974 Message of Thanks From Chairman Nguyen Huu Tho and PRGRSV President Huynh Tan Phat to Lao Patriotic Front Chairman Prince Souphanouvong]

[Text] Respectfully to Prince Souphanouvong, chairman of the Lao Patriotic Front Central Committee, Viengsay:

On behalf of the South Vietnamese people, the NFLSV, and the PRGRSV, and on our own behalf, we sincerely thank you for your warm greetings on the occasion of the 14th anniversary of the NFLSV.

Your cordial sentiments and resolute and unchanged support are new manifestations of the great friendship and rock-like militant solidarity between our Lao and Vietnamese peoples and an extremely valuable source of encouragement for the just struggle of our South Vietnamese people.

Please accept our very respectful and fraternal salutations.

[Signed] Nguyen Huu Tho, chairman of the NFLSV Central Committee Presidium and chairman of the PRGRSV Advisory Council; Huynh Tan Phat, president of the PRGRSV

South Vietnam, 27 December 1974

To Sihanouk, Penn Nouth

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[27 December 1974 message of thanks from Chairman Nguyen Huu Tho and PRGRSV President Huynh Tan Phat to Cambodian Chief of State Norodom Sihanouk and Prime Minister Penn Nouth]

[Text] Respectfully to Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, chief of state of the Kingdom of Cambodia and NUFC chairman, and Samdech Penn Nouth, chairman of the NUFC Political Bureau and RGNUC prime minister:

On behalf of the South Vietnamese people, the NFLSV, and the PRGRSV, and on our own behalf, we sincerely thank you for your cordial and fraternal greetings on the occasion of the 14th anniversary of the NFLSV. We are also very moved by the resolute and unswerving support you have provided to the just struggle of the South Vietnamese Armed Forces and people. This valuable support proves the firm and unchanged Cambodian-Vietnamese militant solidarity and constantly encourages us in the struggle against the schemes and acts of the U.S.-Thieu clique, which is sabotaging the Paris agreement on Vietnam.

Please accept our very respectful and fraternal salutations.

[Signed] Nguyen Huu Tho, chairman of the NFLSV Central Committee Presidium and chairman of the PRGRSV Advisory Council; Huynh Tan Phat, president of the PRGRSV

South Vietnam, 27 December 1974

#### GIAI PHONG EDITORIAL HAILS NFL PRG VISIT TO CAMBODIA

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[12 January GIAI PHONG editorial: "Ever Stronger Militant Friendship"]

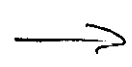
[Text] At a time when the peoples of Vietnam and Cambodia were happily welcoming the resounding feat of arms recorded early in the 1975 dry season, the NFLSV-PRGRSV delegation headed by Chairman Huynh Tan Phat paid an official friendship visit to the liberated zone of Cambodia.

During its stay in Cambodia the delegation was given an extremely warm, fraternal and comradely welcome by the NUFC and RGNVC. It toured some localities and economic establishments and had cordial talks with the NUFC-RGNVC delegation. Both sides issued a joint communique expressing complete identity of views on the issues discussed.

This is a very great victory for the close militant friendship between the two peoples, marking a new phase in their fight against a common enemy. In the grand meeting held by the Cambodian Government and people to welcome our delegation, Chairman Huynh Tan Phat pointed out: "Our struggle and the long history of our common sufferings under colonialism and of our common uprising to eliminate the colonialist yoke--as well as the present heroic fight against the common enemy, U.S. imperialism--have closely linked the destinies of both our people. We not only share a common ideal and fight against a common enemy but we also share, as deputy Prime Minister Khieu Samphan has often said, 'common fences and backyard' and moments of joy as well as moments of grief." Closely linked with each other by nature and history since time immemorial, the two peoples have developed a lasting militant friendship indispensable to their respective national liberation causes. The past visit to the liberated zone of South Vietnam by the NUFC-RGNVC delegation and this visit to the liberated zone of Cambodia by the NFL-PRGRSV delegation have further strengthened the fraternity and comradeship between the two peoples.

In the joint communique both delegations expressed their determination to further strengthen their militant solidarity and mutual support and assistance in the protracted struggle against the common enemies--the U.S. imperialist aggressors and their lackeys--on the principle of equality and mutual respect for each other's sovereignty and interests.

The visit to friendly Cambodia by Chairman Huynh Tan Phat and the PRGRV delegation has helped us better understand our friends' valiant fight and industrious construction work.



We joyfully welcome the celebrated feats of arms recorded by the heroic Cambodian people and CPNLA who have liberated more than 90 percent of their national territory and more than 80 percent of the population, and who are firmly maintaining their offensive position in annihilating considerable enemy forces, liberating many more areas and defending and expanding the liberated zone. We joyfully welcome the great achievements of the industrious Cambodian people in the liberated zone who, led by a judicious revolutionary policy and with extraordinary efforts are turning the liberated zone into an impregnable stronghold for their national salvation struggle. We are elated to note the ever growing international stature and role of the RGNUC, which has been recognized by and had established diplomatic relations with more than 60 countries, and which has also been recognized as an official member of the organization of nonaligned countries.

These great victories of the Cambodian people constitute a considerable encouragement for our people.

Speaking at the 28 December 1974 welcoming meeting, Chairman Huynh Tan Phat pointed out: "The Cambodian people's heroic and victorious resistance is, by nature, an invaluable encouragement and assistance to our anti-U.S. national salvation resistance. On the other hand, ever since our people were forced to rise up in arms against the United States and its henchmen till now, the Cambodian people have wholeheartedly helped and encouraged us. In the Cambodian people, the South Vietnamese people have always found a brother, a comrade-in-arms and a close comrade."

We are sincerely grateful for this sincere and invaluable assistance. We firmly believe that the Cambodian people will always stand by our side, sympathize with and support us in our anti-U.S. national salvation struggle until complete victory.

The mutual assistance and support between the people and the PRGRSV and the Cambodian people and the RGNUC is an infallible guarantee of each people's complete victory. The NUFC and RGNUC have reaffirmed their unreserved support for the South Vietnamese people's just struggle in all respects with a view to building a peaceful, independent, democratic, neutral and prosperous South Vietnam in order to advance toward the peaceful reunification of the country. They resolutely support the correct stand of the PRGRSV expounded in its 8 October 1974 statement.

The NFISV and the PRGRSV have declared that they fully support the Cambodian people's resolute struggle position expounded in Samdech Chief of State Norodom Sihanouk's 23 March 1970 five-point statement and the NUFC political program solemnly approved by the national congress of Cambodia which met between 19 and 21 July 1973.

All this constitutes an iron-clad guarantee for the continued solidarity and mutual assistance between the two peoples in their struggle against the common enemy. The Vietnamese-Cambodian militant friendship is like a sturdy, ancient evergreen tree with roots firmly planted. We South Vietnamese people have the duty to constantly strengthen this militant fraternity and make it last forever. The recent visit to the Cambodian liberated zone by the NFISV-PRGRSV delegation has added considerably to strengthening this militant friendship and comradeship.

The South Vietnamese people are greatly elated at the ever growing solidarity and support demonstrated by the Cambodian people and the RGNUC. The South Vietnamese people, profoundly grateful for the militant friendship showed by the Cambodian people, pledge to remain absolutely loyal to their unshakable position based on the spirit of equality and mutual respect for national sovereignty and interests, and to do their best to ever strengthen their friendship, militant solidarity, fraternity and comradeship with the Cambodian people. Although the enemy of both peoples may have more than one trick up his sleeve, their militant friendship will remain pure, shining and eternal.