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## SAIGON SPOKESMEN DENY CLAIMS OF RVN TROOPS IN CAMBODIA

### Denial of Sihanouk Aide's Claim

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[Text] Saigon 17 Aug (VP)--This morning the RVN Government spokesman totally rejected an allegation yesterday by Chau Seng, Sihanouk's representative in Paris, according to which the RVN had sent its troops to Cambodia.

Chau Seng made this allegation while denying the presence of North Vietnamese Communist troops in Cambodia. Faced with this vague allegation, RVN Government spokesman Bui Bao Truc challenged Chau Seng to produce proof of the RVN troops' presence in Cambodia. Dealing with the North Vietnamese communist troops' presence in Cambodia, he recalled a statement by Sihanouk to the paper L'EXPRESS that he himself allowed the North Vietnamese troops to cross Cambodian territory in exchange for North Vietnam's military aid. On the basis of genuine documents, the RVN Government spokesman affirmed that communist North Vietnam had more than 50,000 troops in Laos and more than 40,000 troops in Cambodia.

### Denial of Hieu Claim

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[Text] Saigon, 17 Aug (VP)--A government spokesman this morning stated that at the 21st session of the La Celle-Saint-Cloud conference between the two South Vietnamese parties yesterday, it was the communist side that destroyed the hope of settling the political problem in Vietnam.

The government spokesman also denied a report by Nguyen Van Hieu that the RVN had sent 10,000 troops to fight in Cambodia.

### Denial of Cambodian Recruiting

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[Text] Saigon, 17 Aug (VP)--The RVN Foreign Ministry spokesman this morning again mentioned a report about the denial by the Embassy of the Khmer Republic in the RVN of the rumor concerning recruitment of Cambodian-born Vietnamese to be sent to Cambodia to take part in the fighting.

According to a statement by the representative of the Embassy of the Khmer Republic in the RVN to a foreign news agency, there is no such thing as a Cambodian official recruiting troops in the RVN.

This denial is consistent with the rejection by an RVN Government spokesman this morning of the rumor about the sending of Vietnamese volunteer troops of Cambodian descent to fight in Cambodia.