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From: The Current Affairs Committee, C.69 ((possibly COSVN)).

To: All sections and branches.

The situation in Cambodia has evolved unfavorably for us. The pro-American reactionaries overthrew the Sihanouk Government and seized power. They have frustrated the independent and neutral policy of Cambodia, broken the friendship between their country and ours, and adopted a reactionary policy while maintaining diplomatic relations with the socialist group in the name of neutrality. They may sow racism, terrorize the Vietnamese people, intensify intelligence activities, and initiate demonstrations against us in the future. They conduct operations against us along the border in coordination with the US and Puppet ((RVN)) troops. To deal with this situation, all localities, agencies, and units must study and implement the following plan:

1. Make the members of the Party Headquarters and Party chapters in border areas understand that although the unfavorable situation in Cambodia has caused us difficulties on the ((Vietnamese - Cambodian)) border, the US and Puppet forces are unable to succeed. We must strengthen our ideology. To cope with new difficulties in the border areas and to win victories, everyone must be determined to surmount difficulties, implement the combat plan, and perform immediate tasks.

2. Agencies and storage facilities in border areas should be carefully protected. If conditions permit, move as much ((property and equipment)) as possible into SVN. (A plan should be made and studied carefully before proceeding.) Remaining depots should be dispersed and properly protected. We should try to gain the support and sympathy of both the Cambodian authorities and the Cambodian people. Everyone must increase vigilance and be ready to fight and protect himself from military reactionaries.

(We must counter Cambodian intelligence activities and surprise attacks which will be conducted either by Cambodian troops or US and Puppet forces).

3. Assessment of the situation in border areas must be accurate and current in order to cope with new difficulties. However, this task should not affect our determination to fight and to implement our combat plan.

Only when this plan is successfully implemented will the US, Puppet, and Cambodian reactionaries' scheme be spoiled, difficulties reduced, and the situation reversed.

Appropriate plans and measures to implement this directive should be taken by all agencies and units of all echelons.

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All B ((possibly Sections))

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Chief of Administrative Office

/S/ Chin Lun

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C.109 ((possibly Security Section, COSVN))
No. 1/CT

No. 162/SY ((sic))
VN: 7b ((sic))

DIRECTIVE

The Cambodian Rightist Party has just overthrown Prince Norodom Sihanouk, Chief of State, in order to adopt a pro-American policy. It is obvious that this Party is fairly strong. It may conduct operations against us ((VC/NVA)) along the border or embroil the Cambodian people or Cambodian troops to expel us.

To deal with this situation, the ((Security)) Section reminds everybody to strictly observe our policy toward Cambodia, that is:

1. Gain the sympathy of the people in support of Sihanouk's neutral policy and our anti-American action, and maintain the friendship between the Cambodian and Vietnamese people.

To succeed, we should proselyte the Cambodian people, especially those along the border, to support us. We should strengthen our relationship with the Cambodian people. We should not make a show of force or violate their rights and privileges. Take precautions against despotic elements who are mingling with the Cambodian people to separate us from the Cambodian people. We should understand that the sympathy and support of the Cambodian people will ensure safety for our messing and billeting areas.

2. Enlist the support of Cambodian troops in outposts on the border. Movement regulations should be strictly observed. Avoid making noise or entering Cambodian hamlets and villages.

3. Avoid conflicts between friendly ((VC/NVA)) and Cambodian troops and increase vigilance to escape enemy surprise attacks.

In order to reach the above goals, we should:

1. Make cadre and soldiers thoroughly understand the general situation, their missions, and regulations concerning the border.

The Party chapter command committees of agencies and units should emphasize training on the Party policy line for their cadre and soldiers.

2. Đoàn 180 ((possibly 180th Armed Security Regiment, Security Section, COSVN)) and Office 4 should direct various border defense elements to implement all cited instructions.

The border defense units should be given additional political and ideological indoctrination. Their assessment of the situation should be accurate and current. A commo-liaison system should be established to transmit information on the situation to Đoàn 180 and C.109.

3. Strengthen ideological and political concepts of border defense units to accomplish the difficult immediate and future missions.

4. In light of the present situation, various B's subordinate to C.109 should reorganize themselves, remain calm, and be careful in conversations with Cambodian people or troops.

19 Mar 70

For the C.109 Executive Committee

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/S/ Sơn Mai

Return this directive to the ((Administrative)) Office after studying it.

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MINUTES OF THE PARTY CHAPTER MEETING TO ESTABLISH A HEALTH
PRESERVATION COMMITTEE WITHIN C ((AKA C.281, MILITARY PROSELYTING SECTION OF COSVN)).

Participants:

Comrade Chin Lun, Party Committee member, Chief of C.281 Administrative Office.

Comrade Miêu Hồi

Comrade Hai Văn of B6 ((sic))

Comrade Chin Hồng of B9 ((sic))

Comrade Năm Châu, Doctor of C.281.

Comrade Hiệp, Doctor, special representative of the Civil Health Section.

Comrades Tú Mai and Tú Ban were absent.

I. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this meeting is to implement Directive 65 of M40 ((possibly COSVN)), dated 28 Dec 68, concerning health preservation for cadre, workers, and personnel, and to discuss the 1969 plan for medical activities within the base area.

II. PRINCIPAL TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:

a. Characteristics of the situation and the health status of personnel within C.

b. Leadership guidelines.

Characteristics of the situation:

C.281 has many aged cadre who suffer from chronic diseases. Some are disabled, because they were formerly captured and tortured by the enemy or overworked during the years of resistance for national salvation.

They have to work around the clock. They must perform heavy work such as building houses, transporting heavy goods, or making long commo-liaison trips to deliver flash messages.

Their work is two or three times as heavy as that of others. Their food provisions are insufficient. Some have to work even though they are sick.

The manpower of the agency is decreasing while tasks are numerous.

Indoctrination on health preservation and preventive medicine was not regularly provided for the personnel.

The organization of the medical section in the agency, the specialized skills of cadre, and their understanding of the medical principles still remain poor.

Medicine and medical equipment are inadequate.

Due to the poor health of the personnel, C failed to meet the requirements of its missions during 1968.

Leadership guidelines:

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a. After discussion, the participants of the meeting decided to establish a health preservation committee in C and in the various B's ((sic)) to provide preventive medicine for cadre and personnel and keep them healthy to ensure enough manpower for C to implement its activity plan for 1969.

Composition of the health preservation committee:

Chief: Comrade Tư Mai, in charge of the overall mission.

Deputy Chief: Doctor Châu, in charge of planning and controlling preventive medicine activities and submitting quarterly reports to the committee.

Deputy Chief: Comrade Chin Lun, Chief of the Health Preservation Section of B 10 ((sic)). He will provide medical guidance for the other B's and help solve their problems on health preservation.

Members:

Hai Van, Chief of the Health Preservation Section of B6.

Chin Hong, Chief of the Health Preservation Section of B9.

Tư Ban, Chief of the Health Preservation Section of B11.

Comrades Hai Van, Chin Lun, Chin Hong and Tư Ban are in charge of establishing the Health Preservation Sections for B6, B9, B10, and B11 ((sic)).

Composition of B's Health Preservation Sections:

Chief: A member of the Health Preservation Committee of C.

Two deputy chiefs:

1. A medic of B.
2. A member of B administration ((section)).

Two members:

1. A member of the Party Chapter.
2. A member of the Group Chapter.

The establishment of the Medical Sub-Section of C was also proposed to increase and improve preventive medicine and treatment for cadre and personnel during General Offensive and Uprising phases. However, this sub-section will not be established until more doctors are assigned.

Activity plan for the Health Preservation Committee:

1. Prevention of diseases including malaria, colds, and influenza.
2. Prevention of intestinal diseases (diarrhea, dysentery, typhoid fever, cholera, and food poisoning, etc... ((sic))).
3. Immunization against disease.
4. Prevention of labor accidents and wounds ((sic)).
5. Improvement of discipline and medical treatment in dispensaries and B's.
6. Indoctrination of personnel within C on preventive medicine.

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Prevention of malaria:

All personnel should use mosquito nets. On TDY, they should carry along nylon tents, raincoats, and hats. They should put on their clothing immediately after taking a bath. They should wear pajamas at night.

They should protect themselves against lice or insects.

They should wear clothes ((sic)) and hats while performing ((farm)) production tasks.

Prevention of intestinal diseases:

Personnel should not eat cookies bought from the markets, drink water after eating a sour fruit, or eat spoiled food. They should wash their hands before eating.

Wells should be covered. Drains should be available. Latrines and garbage pits must be at least 15 meters from the wells.

Dishes should be washed 20 meters from the wells.

Keep animals out of the kitchen. The kitchen should be screened to keep out flies and dust. Kitchen utensils must be clean. Dishes must be washed with hot water. Garbage pits must be covered. Regulations for cooking must be strictly observed.

Dining rooms:

Dining rooms must be furnished with tables and chairs. Water containers must be clean and covered. Animals should be kept out of dining rooms. Messing regulations must be followed. Food provisions, rice, and salt must be kept dry and protected from mice and insects.

Health preservation:

Living rooms must be well ventilated and clean. (Mess gear must be kept three meters and latrines 10 meters from the living rooms.)

Latrines must be clean.

Pits must be dug to contain unwanted water ((sic)).

There must be a place to wash laundry.

Trenches must be solid and clean. There must be two entrances. Clear trenches of insects and snakes regularly.

Physical exercise:

In the morning, everyone must have physical exercise. (Youths should play volleyball or ping-pong and pole vaulting, etc... ((sic)).) Once every week, clean living rooms, dining rooms, kitchens and kitchen utensils. (Members should be assigned this task.)

Avoid drinking too much or staying up too late.

Immunizations:

(The medical ((section)) will take charge of this task.)

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Medical record books should be available for everybody. The medical records books will be prepared by the Medical Sub-Section.

A sanitation system should be established.

Training on preventive medicine should be conducted once each month for cadre within C and once every week for cadre within B's. Results should be reported weekly.

Additional medical training should be provided for adjutants, mess, and sanitary personnel.

Remarks:

Take care of sick and aged personnel and issue them sufficient food. Women should be given easy tasks during their menstruation period.

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