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The Honorable Stephen J. Solarz
Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs,
Committee on Foreign Affairs,
U. S. House of Representatives
1536 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20515

Re: Presidential Report on US-Funded Groups' Illegal
Cooperation With Khmer Rouge in Cambodia

Dear Congressman Solarz:

Pursuant to conversations this morning with members of the East Asian and Pacific Affairs subcommittee staff, it is our understanding that hearings will be held by that subcommittee on March 12 to review various aspects of US policy vis a vis Cambodia, including the Report released on February 26 by the White House pursuant to Section 562A of PL 101-153.

Our organization has taken a serious interest in the subject matter of the Report -- cooperation between FUNCINPEC and KPNLF forces on the one hand and the Khmer Rouge on the other, and the extent to which funding of the former two groups tends to augment the military capabilities of the KR -- and has compiled an extensive report on these matters.

Based on three months in Cambodia and a month-and-a-half in Thailand during 1990, the report includes statements by twenty-five eye-witnesses -- ex-Khmer Rouge soldiers, ex-FUNCINPEC soldiers, ex- and currently serving KPNLF soldiers and officials, etc. -- , attesting on a first-hand basis to having, generally within the last ten months, personally participated in the sort of cooperative military activity denied by the Presidential Report and forbidden by Section 562A.

All of these statements were taken down by me personally; eleven were summarized in affidavits signed by the interviewees; three were witnessed by a reporter for the Honolulu Star-Bulletin; and seven more were witnessed by one of my Cambodian translators who is now living in Massachusetts.

These statements, individually and as a group, raise major questions about the validity of both the general and specific assertions made in the Presidential Report.

1) The Presidential Report finding (page 4, para 4) that "...our non-lethal aid has not enhanced the combat capacity of the Khmer Rouge as prohibited by [Section 562A]" is completely inconsistent with the statements we obtained.

The statements made by our witnesses document

- numerous instances of provision of supplies by the Sihanouk group (the "ANKI") and the Son Sann group (the "KP") to the KR,
- the fact that the ANKI and KP supplied on the average over 55% of the manpower of involved in the joint attacks the three groups engaged in, and most telling of all,
- the fact that virtually every major engagement fought north of the Tonle Sap lake in the spring, summer and fall of 1990, without exception, was a jointly planned, jointly executed KhmerRouge/ANKI/KP operation.

2) The assertion (page 4, para 2) that the reports of cooperation are limited to the Samrong area is wrong. Our report details twenty different campaigns or battles in which there was cooperation. In most cases we have more than one eyewitness to the cooperation, in one case, as many as seven eyewitnesses to cooperation in the fighting in a given area.

3) The assertion (page 1, para 3) that the presidential report drafters had no "first hand" sources to guide them is wrong. As noted above, we supplied State with eleven signed affidavits from soldiers who had been in cooperative battles.

We are deeply concerned with this issue not only because of the continuing harm US aid to the ANKI and KP does to the Cambodian people and the aid and comfort it gives the KR, but with the unfortunate precedent of certain individuals in the Executive Branch issuing grossly misleading information to the American Congress and public.

In view of the seriously misleading impression of the tactical military cooperation situation which has been given to the American public and Congress by the Presidential report, and knowing of your concern that the aid provided under 562A not be misused, we hereby request permission to appear before your subcommittee on March 12 for the purpose of presenting our organization's Report and making a brief supplementary statement.

We appreciate your interest in this issue and would be pleased to supply any additional information that you may require.

Very truly yours,



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