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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 5, 1974

MEMO FOR: GENERAL SCOWCROFT

FROM: RON NESSEN *RAN*

Would you look over the attached and  
let me know if you think it is OK to handle  
it this way?

I really have no idea what Mr. Chung is talking  
about.

Thank you.

November 5, 1974

Dear Mr. Chung:

Thank you for your note. I too enjoyed our brief chat at the party.

One thing puzzles me about your letter, and I am writing you back to correct any misunderstandings you might have. I don't recall the "exchange of information" which you refer to in your letter. We did have a pleasant conversation, but I don't recall saying anything that could be interpreted as "beneficial" to our countries, or that would "further enhance mutual cooperation."

I am making this point because obviously American foreign policy is the responsibility of the State Department and ultimately the President. I don't want you to think that anything said by me in our brief chat in my capacity as Press Secretary represented in any way an authoritative or official comment on relations between our two countries.

I am sure you understand the distinction I am making.

Sincerely,

Ron Nessen  
Press Secretary to the President

Mr. Hae Sik Chung  
Administrator  
Office of Supply  
Government of the Republic of Korea  
48-26, Incul-dong, Jongro-ku  
Seoul, Korea

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November 4, 1974

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES**

**FROM:       RON NESSEN**

**SUBJECT:    Letter from Hae Sik Chung  
              Administrator  
              Office of Supply  
              Government of the Republic of Korea**

**I don't know what Hae Sik Chung is taking about when he says "It was a pleasure for me to exchange information with you which will be beneficial to both your country and mine, and will further enhance mutual cooperation and friendship."**

**I have been extremely cautious in my relations with Koreans and my only contact with this man at the party was an exchange of pleasantries.**

OFFICE OF SUPPLY  
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA  
SEOUL, KOREA

DR. HAE S. CHUNG  
ADMINISTRATOR

CABLE ADDRESS : O S R O K  
TELEPHONE NO. : 72-8921  
TELEX NO. : OSROK 2344S

October 25, 1974

The White House  
Washington D. C.  
U. S. A.

Attn: Mr. Nessen  
White House Press Secretary

Dear Mr. Nessen,

I greatly enjoyed my recent visit to your country, and sincerely thank you for your warm welcome and generous hospitality.

The visit was rewarding to me professionally and personally and I particularly want to express my appreciation to you for interrupting your busy schedule to attend the party held for my benefit. It was a pleasure for me to exchange information with you, which will be beneficial to both your country and mine, and will further enhance mutual cooperation and friendship.

I look forward to meeting you again, and hope I have the opportunity of returning your generosity upon any occasion you may have to visit my home land.

Sincerely yours,



HAE SIK CHUNG  
Administrator

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February 15, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL SCOWCROFT

FROM: RON NESSEN

At your convenience may I have your thoughts on this proposal?

Attachment: Letter from Bill Moyers suggesting satellite conversation with President and three Western world leaders

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January 31, 1975

The Honorable Ron Nessen  
Press Secretary to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Ron:

You were a gracious host on a busy evening and I am grateful for your thoughtfulness and time. I am impressed with the way you had things in hand for the affair that night; where in this business did you learn to be organized?

I mentioned to you the discussion I had with Helmut Schmidt and his expression that a four-way satellite "conversation" between President Ford, President Giscard d'Estaing, Prime Minister Wilson and the Chancellor himself would have great appeal in Europe and could represent a significant breakthrough in relations between the two sides of the Atlantic. It intrigues me, and the purpose of this letter is formally to ask if President Ford would be agreeable in principle.

Specifically, I am proposing that the one-hour program be a joint production of WNET/13, for whom I produce my weekly series devoted to international affairs, and NPACT in Washington; that it originate from the four capitals; that it be offered to networks around the world (my interview with Secretary Kissinger was used wholly or in part throughout Europe, Canada, Australia, Japan, and the Middle East, and this discussion between these four men would, of course, have even greater interest); and that it be conducted live early in March, if possible.

We can discuss the format, if there is agreement in principle. My tentative thinking is for me to put several questions to the men having to do with common problems, to stimulate discussion

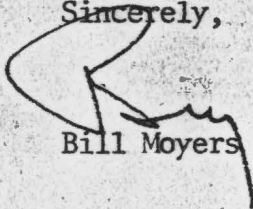


Honorable Ron Nessen  
January 31, 1975  
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between them, and then to have a panel of, say two American  
journalists and three American journalists follow up with  
additional questions. I repeat ~~this is only a tentative~~  
~~suggestion and Jim Karayn and I would be pleased to meet with~~  
~~you to discuss it more concretely.~~

In the meantime, best of luck to you. And thanks, again,  
for the drink.

Sincerely,



Bill Moyers

BM/ek  
cc: Mr. James Karayn



February 24, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

**GENERAL SCOWCROFT**

FROM:

RON NESSEN

I have your memo outlining your opposition to Bill Moyers' idea, for an international satellite TV discussion between the President, Harold Wilson, Giscard D'Estaing, and Helmut Schmidt.

I now have a new proposal from Henry Brandon of the London Sunday Times for an interview with the President concerning:

1. What foreign countries can expect from American policy given the growing interference by Congress  
and
2. The relationship between the President and Secretary Kissinger.

May I have your views on such an interview, or a related proposal from several correspondents for a joint interview with the President by reporters from several foreign countries?

FYI: Don Rumsfeld has indicated he favors such a joint interview.

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February 27, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: GENERAL SCOWCROFT  
FROM: RON NESSEN

Marty Schram of Newsday passed on this bundle to me. It includes a letter in French from Prince Sihanouk to the Newsday publisher, William Attwood, and purports to be "an open letter" to the President. Also attached is an English translation by Sylvan Fox.

I accepted all this on your advice with the understanding by Schram that I was not accepting it for the President, or to pass on to the President, but was accepting it as something of possible interest to the Press Office.

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Translated by  
Sylvan Fox



to Mr. William Attwood

Dear friend, I ask you to make it possible to present, simply for their information, the following text of my "open letter to his excellency the president of the USA" to President Gerald Ford himself and to the distinguished senators and representatives who are members of the US. Congress.

<sup>the</sup> Undersigned Norodom Sihanouk, president of the United National Front of Cambodia of which the government GRUNC controls and administers at this moment 80 percent of the territory of Cambodia and is recognized ~~de jure~~ ~~de facto~~ by 62 states and sovereign government ~~in~~ in the world, have the honor to address you with what follows.

Mr. President, you should be thoroughly convinced that the FUNC is in no way frightened by the prospect that you will be able to obtain from Congress the sum of \$220-million to aid the Phnom Penh Quisling group or rather the ~~U.S.~~ U.S. neo-colonialism established in a ~~10~~ tenth of Cambodia to survive for a few more months.

You yourself, Mr. President, have just ~~publicly~~ stated publicly that without massive new aid from the U.S., the so-called "Khmer Republic" will inevitably disappear in a few weeks. It is then without any complexity and without the slightest doubt about the ultimate victory of our struggle for national liberation, that I courteously request your excellency and the U.S.A. government to re-examine the ~~U.S.~~ "Cambodian problem."

Mr. President, you know perfectly well what has befallen my little Cambodian country after five years of intense ~~war~~ warfare. About a million ~~Khmers~~ Khmers out of seven ~~million~~ million are dead or have become invalids. Three and a half million Khmers out of the six million remaining uninjured are totally ruined, that is to say without homes, without rice paddies or fields, without cattle, without anything else.

This is the result of five years of "aid" from the USA, which has spent, to reach this result, more than seven billion ~~million~~ dollars belonging to the American people.

Placing confidence in your number one collaborator, Mr. Henry Kissinger, your excellency asserts that if the U.S. Congress extends once again to the group of Phnom Penh Quislings several hundreds of millions of dollars, the FUNC and the GRUNC will be led to accept "a compromise".

Mr. President, in ~~my~~ taking such a ~~position~~ position before your parliament and your people, are you sincerely expressing your personal conviction or are you ~~using~~ using Mr. Kissinger's duplicity ~~or~~ ~~duplicité~~ or duplicity?

... the GRUNC the FAPINC and I myself struggle

and will never lie to you and we swear on our honor that we will never accept a compromise of any kind with the Phnom Penh traitors, ~~or with your~~ neo-colonialism.

We do not fight in order to get ministerial ~~seats~~ seats or ~~portfolios~~ portfolios in Phnom Penh nor in order to ~~serve~~ serve the interests of this or that communist power. We are fighting to reconquer national independence, ~~national territorial integrity,~~ national territorial integrity, national unity—in a word national ~~sovereignty,~~ sovereignty.

Our sovereignty is neither ~~capable~~ capable of being shared with the traitors and their foreign masters nor negotiable with them.

You are not sincere, Mr. President, when you ~~assert~~ assert that the USA helps the Lon Nol group defend the national ~~independence~~ independence of Cambodia. The entire world knows that in ~~Phnom Penh~~ Phnom Penh the real "head of state" of the "Kmer Republic" is your ~~ambassador~~ ambassador Mr. John Gunther Dean and not Lon Nol, ~~whose~~ whose position in relation to you resembles that of a dog, with ~~one~~ the difference, that your dog

~~is~~ loves you sincerely and does not steal American contributions, while Lon Nol and his entire clique in Phnom Penh are only to the U.S.A. like vile courtesans and incorrigible thieves.

A very recent cable by UPI from Phnom Penh reveals in this connection that "corruption on a massive scale continues. A former senior government official now out of power estimated that sixty per cent of the 452 million US dollars in American aid is ~~not~~ ripped off and pocketed by corrupt officers and officials."

You do not cease, Mr. President, to "comiserate" ~~with~~ with the miserable Lon Nol supporters.

*not parallel*  
~~Yet~~ all the inquiries undertaken by the great American press conclude that the Lon Nol group lacks neither ~~gasoline~~ gasoline which they sell in industrial quantities on the black market, nor rice which flows as contraband to Vietnam and Thailand nor arms and ~~ammunition~~ ammunition which they surrender ~~and~~ and in various ways to our FUEC and to our FALPEC. And you cannot any longer be without knowledge Mr. President of what the students think of "the republicans" of Phnom Penh, of their "independent republic," and of your generous help accorded to Lon Nol supposedly for the defense of "national independence of Cambodia and Cambodian liberty."

The Washington Post in its February 22, 1975 issue, has taken note of the most characteristic words of the students of Phnom Penh. On this subject, James Fenton wrote, "here are two main areas of controversy. The first is the students' claim that through ~~sex~~ corrupt and incompetence the Lon Nol government is responsible for destruction





of American aid. "The students spoke of U.S. aid with undisguised contempt. "We don't want the aid of any poisonous country," they said at one point. "We want to live independently." "Any country that wants to give us aid," said the students, ~~we~~ "we will welcome openly. But any country that gives aid in order to subjugate us we don't want." "Now we have a lot of U.S. aid but the results are bad. Any country that gives a lot of aid does so with an ulterior motive. If the results are bad then both the giver and the receiver must take responsibility." "If the results of the aid are bad," said a student, "then the donor will be punished, destroyed by the Khmer people."

~~Then~~ Mr. President, is what the Khmer youths of Phnom Penh, although of "the right," think of the assistance from the U.S.

Is it believable,

~~in the face of that,~~ in the face of that, that you still have the audacity Mr. President, to ~~insist,~~ insist, with much handwringing, that the U.S. Congress should have pity on people who do not want your poison?

Mr. President, I don't wish to meddle in the affairs of the U.S. but I cannot avoid posing certain questions. Your excellency without doubt wants to ~~resemble~~ resemble the Buddha ~~when~~ when you express your compassion for "a little people who have placed their confidence in the U.S.A." If you are really compassionate like the Buddha why, Mr. President, have you pity for the multimillionaire Lon Nol backers in Phnom Penh more than for your colored countrymen, for example the red skins penned into reservations like animals, the blacks, the Puerto Ricans ~~and~~ others in their ghettos?

Even if you want to be more Asian than the Asians, you could, Mr. President, interest yourself in Bangladesh and other countries where each week thousands and thousands ~~of~~ of people die without food, without medicine despite the laudable efforts of their governments, rather than dispensing billions and billions of ~~your~~ your people's dollars to destroy, ~~more~~ more completely each day, my little ~~country,~~ country, mutilating, starving, assassinating a little more each day my little people.

Imagine, Mr. President, what eight billion dollars could produce in cultural or social terms in our own country or those third world countries other than Cambodia. Cambodia was an exporter of rice, of corn, of meat, of fruit. It never had to beg. In the field of public education, it was one of the most ~~advanced~~ advanced in the third world. It was one of the ~~paradises~~ paradises on earth before the armed U.S. invasion. Between 1953 and 1969, it lived happily and fully independent and developed itself slowly but surely. All of that has been renounced since 1969 by the aid from the U.S. The return of your aid has been enough to make Cambodia the most backward country in the world and its population the most miserable and the most mutilated in the world.



What is the real problem that your conscience, Mr. President, and the conscience of the entire American nation has the duty to address it to today.

It is not for me to decide. You are free to decide. But if you decide to prolong or increase your aid to the ~~Phnom Penh~~ Phnom Penh Quisling group, you should understand that you will only delay a few months or one year ~~the~~ the inevitable date when things come due.

The Cambodian people, the FUNC, the GRUNC and the FAPLNC will win. We ~~swear~~ swear it to you.

In conclusion, permit me to reaffirm ~~me~~ once again to your excellency as well as to the Congress and the people of the U.S.A. that the FUNC, the GRUNC, ~~the~~ the FAPLNC and I do not consider ourselves as your enemies. It is Mr. Kissinger and Mr. ~~Schlesinger~~ Schlesinger who unjustly consider us ~~to~~ to be the enemies of the U.S.A. and of the U.S. empire, "enemies" who must be eliminated at all cost. These two ~~men~~ men pay us the very great honor of considering us the ~~leaders~~ leaders of the entire anti-imperialist revolution in Southeast Asia and in the rest of the world.

We assure you that we will not export our revolution to anyone and, on the other hand, we will remain fervent adherents of non-alignment and of the five principles of peaceful co-existence.

True to those principles, we propose to the U.S.A. a rapid reconciliation to re-establish ~~peace~~ peace and ~~friendship~~ friendship between us. To achieve this ~~noble~~ noble objective, we propose no conditions. We demand of you only that you put an end to all your interference in the affairs of ~~Cambodia~~ Cambodia and leave ~~it~~ it to the Cambodians to ~~handle~~ handle these affairs. That conforms to the spirit of the United Nations charter and to the rules of peaceful co-existence.

Accept the assurances, Mr. President, of my high respect.  
chief of the Kingdom of  
Norodom Sihanouk, ~~King of Cambodia~~ Cambodia, and president of the Cambodian National Unity Front.

(To Attwood): Many thanks and greetings. Norodom Sihanouk



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MR WILLIAM ATTWOOD NEWSDAY

NEWYORK

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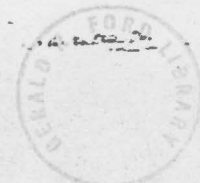
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MR WILLIAM ATTWOOD WENSDAY

NEWYORK

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MR WILLIAM ATTWOOD NEWSDAY

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MR WILLIAM ATTWOOD NEWSDAY

NEWYORK

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THAT WANTS TO GIVE US AID UNQUOTE

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STOP IF THE RESULTS ARE BAD THEN BOTH THE GIVER AND THE RECEIVER  
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H LE PRESIDENT

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CE QUE LA JEUNESSE KHMERE PHNOMPENH POURTANT  
QUOTE DE DROITE UNQUOTE PENSE  
DE LAIDE DES USA STOP SACHANT CELA  
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H LE PRESIDENT DE RECLAMER A GOR  
ET A CRI QUE LE CONGRES US AIT PITIE DE  
GENS QUI NE VEULENT PAS  
DE VOTRE POISON POINTINTERROGATION

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H LE PRESIDENT JE NAI PAS  
LINTENTION DE HINGERER DANS LES  
AFFAIRES DES USA MAIS JE NE PEUX  
PAS NE PAS ME POSER CERTAINES QUESTIONS  
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ET AUTRES OU CHAQUE SEMAINE MEURENT  
DES MILLIERS ET DES MILLIERS  
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ET CELA MALGRE LES LOUABLES EFFORTS  
DE LEUR GOUVERNEMENT PLUTOT  
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DE DEPENSER DES MILLIARDS ET  
DES MILLIARDS DOLLARS DE VOTRE  
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MON PETIT PAYS  
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JOUR DAVANTAGE MON PETIT PEUPLE  
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VUE CULTUREL OU SOCIAL DANS VOTRE

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Cambodge STOP Le cambodge lui etait

EXPORTEUR DE RIZ DE MAIS DE

VIANDE DE FRUITS STOP IL N'AVAIT

PAS DE MENDIANT STOP AU POINT DE

VUE INSTRUCTION PUBLIQUE

IL ETAIT L'UN DES PLUS AVANCES DU TIERS-

MONDE STOP IL

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ETAIT L'UN DES PARADIS TERRESTRES AVANT L'INVASION

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MR WILLIAM ATTWOOD NEWSDAY

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PACIFIQUE STOP FIDELES A CES PRINCIPES



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SEULS CAMBODGIENS

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LE SOIN DE REGLER LESDITES AFFAIRES STOP CELA EST  
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To: MAOLTY SCARAN

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SERGE ROHNSKY

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE

PEKING - CHINESE PRIME MINISTER CHOU EN-LAI EXPECTS A  
COMMUNIST-BACKED RED KHMER VICTORY IN CAMBODIA. "IN A VERY SHORT  
TIME," CAMBODIA'S FORMER KING AND HEAD OF STATE PRINCE NORODOM-  
SINANOUK DECLARED HERE THURSDAY.

IN AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE, THE PRINCE  
SAID CHOU TOLD HIM THAT SINCE LAST NOVEMBER HE HAD REPEATEDLY  
ADVISED UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER TO ABANDON  
THE PHNOMPENH GOVERNMENT HEADED BY MARSHAL LON NOL IN ORDER TO  
SAVE THE HONOR OF THE U.S.

PRINCE SINANOUK SAID HE MET CHOU ON MONDAY, FEB. 24 AND  
THAT THE CHINESE PREMIER WAS "IN VERY GOOD FORM" IN THE HOSPITAL  
WHERE HE HAS BEEN LIVING SINCE JUNE OF LAST YEAR.

THE PRINCE, WHO IS HEAD OF THE ROYAL CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT OF  
NATIONAL UNITY (GRUNK), SAID HE DID NOT ENVISAGE STAYING ON AS  
CHIEF OF STATE "AFTER THE VICTORY." HE HAD SENT WORD OF HIS  
DECISION OFFICIALLY TO THE RED KHMER; HE SAID; ALTHOUGH THEY



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PRINCE Sihanouk described American President Gerald Ford as 'naive' if he believed the Red Khmers would now consent to

negotiate with anyone.

Even Kissinger did not believe this was possible and sought

only to prolong the war in Cambodia with the hope that some external

event would change the situation there; the Prince declared.

He reaffirmed his belief that reconciliation was possible between

the U.S. and the forces he leads provided the American abandoned

the Lon Nol government; a position he stated recently in an

open letter to President Ford which he sent to the Long Island

Daily Newsday.

"But I am doubtful that the U.S. will take advantage of this possibility for an honorable outcome," the Prince said Thursday.

Prince Sihanouk gave the following details of his talks with

Chou:

"Things appear to me to be going very well for you and I congratulate you," the Chinese Premier told the Prince.

"I can forecast that things are coming to a head and that you will win in a very short time. You do not have to wait much longer."

Chou, Prince Sihanouk stated, told Kissinger last November that "the longer you delay your withdrawal from Cambodia the more you endanger the honor of your country."

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OF CAMBODIA "WITH THEIR HEADS HIGH;" CHOU STATED.

"I GAVE THIS ADVICE AND I DEEPLY REGRET THAT MR. KISSINGER DID  
NOT RECEIVE IT FAVORABLY;" CHOU TOLD THE PRINCE. THE CAMBODIAN  
LEADER ADDED THAT CHOU HAD SENT THE SAME ADVICE TO KISSINGER  
THROUGH INTERMEDIARIES ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS; SOME OF THEM RECENTLY.

COMMENTING ON CHOU'S STATEMENTS; PRINCE Sihanouk DECLARED:  
"VERY WELL; IT IS NOW A CONTEST TO THE FINISH BETWEEN US ON ONE  
SIDE AND THE AMERICANS WITH LONG HOLE ON THE OTHER SIDE."

THE PRINCE REVEALED THAT DURING HIS VISIT TO HANOI FOR TET  
(LUNA NEW YEAR) CELEBRATIONS AT THE BEGINNING OF FEBRUARY HE  
REACHED AGREEMENT WITH NORTH VIETNAMESE LEADERS THAT THEY  
WOULD RESPOND TO AN AMERICAN AIRLIFT TO PHNOMPENH BY STEPPING  
UP OVERLAND DELIVERIES OF CHINESE ARMS AND AMMUNITION TO CAMBODIA  
THROUGH NORTH VIETNAM.

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FIRST ADD SIHANOUK (ROMENSKY; AFP)

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ANSWERING A QUESTION ON WHEN HE BELIEVED THE PHNOMPENH GOVERNMENT  
WOULD COLLAPSE; PRINCE SIHANOUK REPLIED THAT "UNLIKE LON NOL,  
I HAVE ALWAYS DETESTED ASTROLOGERS. BUT I THINK THAT IF IT IS  
NOT BY THIS YEAR, IT WILL BE NEXT YEAR THAT THE WAR ENDS."

THE U.S., WITH OR WITHOUT THE EXTRA FUNDS FOR CAMBODIA  
REQUESTED BY PRESIDENT FORD, HAD NO HOPE OF ELIMINATING PHYSICALLY  
THE RED KHMERS, HE SAID. THEIR ONLY MEANS OF DOING THIS, ACCORDING  
TO THE PRINCE, WOULD BE TO USE THE ATOMIC BOMB IN CAMBODIA OR SEND  
IN MASSIVE NUMBERS OF AMERICAN SOLDIERS.

THESE WERE THEORETICAL POSSIBILITIES, THE PRINCE SAID. "I DON'T  
THINK EITHER OF THESE TWO EVENTUALITIES IS POSSIBLE," HE ADDED.



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TURNING TO THE QUESTION OF HIS OWN FUTURE IN A "LIBERATED  
CAMBODIA," PRINCE Sihanouk STATED THAT THE ONLY JOB HE WOULD  
ACCEPT WOULD BE THAT OF A REPRESENTATIVE OF HIS COUNTRY OUTSIDE  
CAMBODIA AND THAT THE RED KHMER WOULD BE ENTIRELY FREE TO HANDLE  
THE COUNTRY'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

"I DON'T WANT TO BE MIXED UP WITH INTERNAL QUESTIONS EVER  
AGAIN," PRINCE Sihanouk AFFIRMED. "THEY HAVE ALREADY COST  
ME MUCH TOO DEARLY."

EVEN AS A FIGUREHEAD CHIEF OF STATE, THE PRINCE DECLARED, "I  
WOULD LIVE OUTSIDE CAMBODIA FOR 11 MONTHS OUT OF 12.

THE PRINCE RECALLED THAT THE LON NOL GOVERNMENT HAD SENTENCED  
HIM TO DEATH IN HIS ABSENCE AS A TRAITOR AND HE STRESSED HIS  
IDEOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES WITH THE COMMUNISTS.

"TO BE SURE, AFTER THE VICTORY, I WOULD BECOME ONCE AGAIN A  
PATRIOT AND A HERO IN THE EYES OF THE RED KHMER," THE PRINCE SAID.

"VERY WELL. I PREFER TO STOP THERE AND END MY CAREER RATHER  
THAN RISK, ONE FINE DAY, TO HAVE THE RED KHMER PUT ME ON TRIAL  
AND MAKE ME A 'TRAITOR' ONCE AGAIN."

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UP-123

(CAMBODIA)

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- NORODON SIHANOUK, NOMINAL LEADER OF THE CAMBODIAN REBELS, PREDICTED IN A CABLEGRAM TO SENATE DEMOCRATIC LEADER MIKE MANSFIELD TODAY THAT PHNOM PENH WOULD FALL TO INSURGENTS "IN THE NEAR FUTURE".

SIHANOUK, A LONG-TIME ACQUAINTANCE OF MANSFIELD'S, ASSERTED THAT NO AMOUNT OF FUNDS WHICH CONGRESS MIGHT APPROPRIATE UNDER THE PRODDING OF PRESIDENT FORD COULD STAVE OFF THE INSURGENT TAKEOVER OF ALL CAMBODIA.

"WE WISH TO ASSURE THE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS," SIHANOUK SAID IN THE CABLEGRAM DISPATCHED FROM PEKING, "THAT THOSE FUNDS HOWEVER IMPORTANT THEY MAY BE WILL NEVER BE SUFFICIENT TO DESTROY OUR UNCONQUERABLE AND IMMORTAL NATIONAL AND PEOPLE'S RESISTENCE MOVEMENT AND TO PREVENT THE RED KHMER FROM TRIUMPHANTLY AND HEROICALLY ENTERING PHNOM PENH IN THE NEAR FUTURE."

SIHANOUK'S CABLEGRAM WAS ADDRESSED TO SEN. JOHN SPARKMAN, CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, SEN. EDWARD KENNEDY, D-MASS., AND SEN. GEORGE MCGOVERN, D-S.D., AS WELL AS TO MANSFIELD.

REP. LES ASPIN, D-WIS., A FREQUENT PENTAGON CRITIC, ALSO WAS SENT A COPY OF THE 11-PAGE MESSAGE.

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ADD. 1 CAMBODIA, WASHINGTON (UP-123)

SIHANOUK'S MESSAGE, DENOUNCING THE U.S. "WAR OF GENOCIDE" IN CAMBODIA, APPEARED TO BE A DELIBERATE PUBLIC GESTURE TO ENCOURAGE CONGRESS NOT TO YIELD TO THE ADMINISTRATION'S REQUEST TO APPROPRIATE AN EMERGENCY \$222 MILLION FOR AMMUNITION AND MILITARY SUPPLIES FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT LON NOL.

SIHANOUK HAS RESIDED IN PEKING SINCE HE WAS OVERTHROWN BY NOL IN MARCH, 1970. EXPERTS IN WASHINGTON BELIEVE THE CAMBODIAN INSURGENTS ARE GREATLY ENCOURAGED BY THEIR CURRENT MILITARY SUCCESSES.

SIHANOUK ASSERTED THE UNITED STATES HAS TURNED DOWN "PROPOSALS FOR PEACE" OFFERED BY THE CAMBODIAN REBELS. HE SAID THESE PROPOSALS WERE:

-- THE UNITED STATES MUST END ITS "INTERFERENCE" IN CAMBODIA AND SUPPORT FOR NOL.

-- THE CAMBODIAN REBEL GROUPS SHOULD ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES.

-- OFFICIALS OF THE CURRENT REGIME MAY ESCAPE RETRIBUTION BY GOING INTO EXILE, AND PRESIDENT NOL MAY BE PARDONED OR GRANTED AMNESTY IF HE AGREES TO JOIN THE INSURGENT REGIME.



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 5, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

BRENT SCOWCROFT  
PHIL BUCHEN

FROM:

RON NESSEN

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Also attached is a draft re-write of the Customs Office proposal, written by my office, which somewhat softens the tone of the letter.

I would appreciate your guidance on 1) Would the Customs Service's position be considered an insult by the Soviet Union, who presented the whalebone to the reporters, and 2) Is it absolutely necessary, from a legal point of view, that the reporters be forced to return these souvenirs?

It seems to me the best option would be to find a way to let the reporters keep the gifts. The second best option would be to find a way to ask the reporters to return the gifts in a tone that would not bring complaints of harassment and stories about this episode.

May I have your advice on this?



Dear Sir:

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Enclosed is a picture of this souvenir to help you identify what we are talking about. The back or base of the plaque is a product of the Finback Whale called Baleen, a fibrous material found in the mouth of the whale used for filtering plankton, (upon which the whale feeds) from the sea water.

If you have a plaque, it should be turned in to the nearest office of either the U.S. Customs Service or the National Marine Fisheries Service. There will be no legal action taken against anyone who voluntarily turns in his or her whalebone plaque.

Please give this letter (or a copy) to the local Customs or Marine Fisheries office when you turn in the plaque.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

2-28-75

Mr. Zook:

Attached is a copy of a proposed letter which will go to all the newsmen who accompanied the President on his trip to Russia.

Will you please review the letter to see if it meets with your approval. We will wait on your say so before sending the letters out. If you find any problems with the letter call Mason Hirsh on 964-8482. If the letter can fly as is, call Jean Hendrick on 964-5871.

Thank you.

*Jean Hendrick*  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE

WASHINGTON



REFER TO

INV. 9-02 I:G:R  
Subject: Wildlife  
Violations

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All whaling countries of the world except Japan and Russia have agreed upon a moratorium on the taking of the whale. We feel that there is a possibility that the importation of this plaque could cause an embarrassment to you, the President and the United States, should it become a public issue.

Therefore, it is imperative that you voluntarily give this plaque to the nearest office of either the U.S. Customs Service or the National Marine Fisheries Service. The plaques will then be turned over to the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.

If you make this voluntary donation, we are able to assure you of no legal repercussions as per proposed Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 219.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

April 7, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR RON NESSEN

FROM:

Brent Scowcroft *B*

SUBJECT:

Soviet Souvenirs for Newsmen at Vladivostok

With regard to your memorandum of March 5 concerning the whalebone souvenirs which reporters were given at Vladivostok, we believe that Soviet officials will be understanding should the Customs Service require that the souvenirs be turned in to the Government.

I know Phil Buchen has sent a separate memorandum to you on this, and I concur that it should be left to the Customs Service to take the necessary action.

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