MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS:

- President Nixon
- Long Boret, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Khmer Republic
- Amb. Um Sim, Cambodian Ambassador
- Major General Brent Scowcroft, Deputy Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, November 15, 1973
12:11 - 12:30 p.m.

PLACE: The Oval Office

The President: You must win your struggle in the UN.

Boret: I have met with sixteen foreign ministers. I am confident we will prevail.

The President: I didn't meet you in Cambodia in 1953; you were probably in school.

Boret: Thank you very much for seeing me. I want to convey greetings and best wishes of our President, Our Prime Minister, and our people. Our people and government have the greatest admiration for you, Mr. President. Your name inspires total confidence in our people and government. Each and every word you have said on Cambodia has been a source of inspiration to us and we appreciate everything you have said.

The situation in my country is of serious concern. We expect a new offensive, and in the economic area we are having inflation, and you are aware of our diplomatic problems. I spoke of them to Secretary Kissinger and he assured me of your support. We are firmly determined to overcome these difficulties though our resources are slim.

BY Brent Scowcroft

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My President wants me to stress we have followed the counsel in your letters to solve our domestic problems, increase our military efforts and solve our problems through negotiations.

Going back to economic problems, we are especially worried about our foreign exchange fund. Australia and are not contributing, so we will get less. We hope for a continued contribution by the United States. In the military sphere we wish to receive the required assistance so the army can face any situation.

We also have recruiting problems, but this situation also prevails with the Khmer Rouge. They take hostages in villages and take the men. If the men don't fight for them, they kill their families. But we are making progress.

One encouraging development has been the number of defectors coming over to us. We keep this quiet so as not to jeopardize our efforts. Also, the number of clashes between the Khmer Rouge and the North Vietnamese is increasing.

The conflicts between Sihanouk and the Khmer Rouge are getting more acute.

The President: You have this government's support and my support personally. Our problem is a drastic one of support from the Congress. They made us stop the bombing, which made it difficult. We are now trying to get the aid you need.

In the UN we are with you to the limit. We will exert whatever influence we can with the Chinese and others to get a settlement. We know it looks difficult. There are your forces, the Khmer Rouge, the North Vietnamese, and Sihanouk cutting across it all. We want an independent and free Cambodia. We want the North Vietnamese out and we think you could handle the Khmer Rouge by yourselves.

The most encouraging thing is you have survived against many predictions. You have survived because you have the people with you. We can't intervene militarily but we will support with military and economic aid, and we will ask our friends like Japan to help.

Our help is not decisive in your struggle. Without it you would lose; with it you have some chance to win. Basically, it is up to you.
You must win your struggle in the U.N.,
try to be well presented. At Moscow you will find out.

I didn't want you to come to Canada in 65
you were married, probably in school.

I think you've run into trouble with your people. The great way out is through education. I'm sure they appreciate everything you have said.

Start with the county and the primary. We expect to have representatives in every community and every large city. I'm sure you can work your diplomatic problems. I spoke to them.

They have asked some these difficult things, perhaps, through some sources are others, but few understand the stress we have. This is being played in your letters to the one or two peace talks. I'll discuss the multi-ed factors and solutions.

Coping with the situations, we're very worried about the U.N. and the United States. We must get our hope for continued assistance by U.S. Can unity be there to achieve our many aims.

From any situation!
Achham. We're meeting again, but this time, we're also prepared to talk. We are not asking for more land, we are not being unreasonable. We are asking for justice and peace. We are not asking for more soldiers, we are asking for peace. We are not asking for more land, we are asking for justice.

On the other hand, the tribal elders and the government officials have been working together to bring about peace. We are not asking for more soldiers, we are asking for justice. We are not asking for more land, we are asking for justice. We are not asking for more soldiers, we are asking for justice.

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