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### LETTER FROM PRINCE SIHANOUK TO THE PRIME MINISTER

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER DATED 11 AUGUST FROM SIHANOUK TO THE PRIME MINISTER WHICH WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO TRANSMIT BY SIHANOUK'S OFFICE:

BEGINS

YOUR EXCELLENCY,

THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN BANGKOK HAS KINDLY CONVEYED TO ME YOUR EXCELLENCY'S THOUGHTFUL LETTER OF 8TH AUGUST 1988. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOUR EXCELLENCY FOR THE VERY GENEROUS TERMS IT CONTAINS CONCERNING 'SITE B' AND MY PERSONAL EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE FREEDOM, INDEPENDENCE AND NEUTRALITY FOR CAMBODIA.

IT WAS A GREAT PLEASURE AND A GREAT HONOUR TO BE ABLE TO WELCOME YOUR EXCELLENCY. MY FAMILY, MY PEOPLE AND MYSELF WERE VERY TOUCHED BY THE PERSONAL CONCERN YOUR EXCELLENCY HAS SHOWN IN OUR PEOPLE'S WELFARE. I AM WELL AWARE THAT YOUR SCHEDULE IN THAILAND WAS A VERY HECTIC ONE, STILL YOUR EXCELLENCY FOUND THE TIME TO VISIT MY PEOPLE, THAT IS A VERY NOBLE GESTURE THAT WE SHALL FOR EVER CHERISH AND REMEMBER.

PERSONALLY, I AM VERY ENCOURAGED BY THE SUPPORT HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT HAS EXTENDED TO MY HUMBLE EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF MY UNFORTUNATE PEOPLE. I AM VERY MUCH LOOKING FORWARD TO DISCUSSING THE SITUATION AT LENGTH DURING MY FORTHCOMING VISIT TO LONDON.

I AVAIL MYSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REITERATE TO YOUR EXCELLENCY THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION AND PERSONAL ESTEEM.

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