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LETTER DATED 8 JANUARY 1979 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF VIET NAM TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT
OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of the report of the Saporamean Kampuchea News Agency of the Kampuchea National United Front for National Salvation (SPK) dated 7 January 1979 about the complete liberation of the capital city of Phnom Penh by the revolutionary armed forces of Kampuchea for your information and request you to have it circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Ambassador Extraordinary
and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative
to the United Nations

Annex

Ha Noi VNA January 7 - By half past noon today, the revolutionary armed forces of Kampuchea had completely liberated the capital city of Phnom Penh, the Saporamean Kampuchea News Agency of the Kampuchea National United Front for National Salvation (SPK) reports.

The SPK report reads:

After annihilating or disintegrating the main force divisions of the Pol Pot-Ieng Sary army and smashing the outer defence ring of the enemy, the revolutionary armed forces of Kampuchea, in co-ordination with the people, entered Phnom Penh from various directions.

They captured important positions of the enemy, one after another, and the nerve centres of the Pol Pot-Ieng Sary reactionary administration.

By 1230 today, 7 January 1979, Phnom Penh capital had been completely liberated.

The dictatorial and militarist régime of the Pol Pot-Ieng Sary clique has completely collapsed.

The red banner with five yellow towers of the National United Front for National Salvation is flying atop many public buildings in the Kampuchean capital.

Also today, the revolutionary army and people completely liberated Kompong Som port and the provinces of Kampot, Takeo, Prey Veng, Kompong Cham and Kandal.

Responding to the appeal of the Central Committee of the Kampuchea National United Front for National Salvation and in co-ordination with the great victory in the capital city, the revolutionary armed forces and the people, together with many insurgent patriotic soldiers in the Pol Pot-Ieng Sary army have pressed their attacks on the enemy and seized control of many vast areas in the provinces of Kompong Thom, Preah Vihear, Siem Reap, Battambang, Koh Kong, Kompong Speu, Kompong Chhnang and Kirirum.
