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Letter dated 16 March 1981 from the Permanent Representative of
Democratic Kampuchea to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

I have the honour to address to you herewith, for your information, an explanatory note transmitting the military map of February 1981 published by the High Command of the National Army of Democratic Kampuchea.

I should be grateful if you would have the explanatory note and military map circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 22 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) THIOUNN Prasith
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EXPLANATORY NOTE ON THE MILITARY MAP
OF FEBRUARY 1981

The herewith military map of Democratic Kampuchea published by the High Command of the National Army of Democratic Kampuchea in February 1981 illustrates the military situation which prevails in the height of the third dry season of the war of national resistance carried out by the people and the National Army of Democratic Kampuchea. In comparison with the military map published in August 1980, the present map shows the perceptible extension of the zone under the control of the Government of Democratic Kampuchea, and the contraction of the zone temporarily occupied by the Vietnamese aggressors. Besides, it shows that the zone of guerilla warfare carried out by Democratic Kampuchea forces stretches throughout the whole country including Svay Rieng province in the far East of the country, while the zones of hot battles between the National Army of Democratic Kampuchea and the Vietnamese troops of aggression are concentrated on strategic points (especially on national highways and in the West of the country).

This map shows obviously that the 250,000 men of the Vietnamese army of aggression are being more and more deeply bogged down in the battlefields in Kampuchea, without any hope to extricate themselves. The living forces of the aggressive troops are more and more worn down. Their moral is at the lowest level. Desertions, individual as well as by entire units, are on the increase. There is the real situation of the army that Hanoi claims as being the third one in the world!

The improvement of the military situation of Democratic Kampuchea shows that the National Army and guerillas of Democratic Kampuchea are gaining every day more strength and vigour in the fields of combativeness and political consciousness as well as in organization and combat techniques.

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