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LETTER DATED 23 FEBRUARY 1979 FROM THIOUNN PRASITH, AMBASSADOR
EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA,
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit herewith the most recent news of the
people's war of resistance against the Vietnamese invasion and occupation of
Democratic Kampuchea.

I should be grateful if you would have the communication circulated as a
document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Thiounn PRASITH
Ambassador Extraordinary and
Plenipotentiary
of Democratic Kampuchea

Annex

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New York, 23 February 1979

NEWS OF THE PEOPLE'S WAR OF RESISTANCE AGAINST THE VIETNAMESE
INVASION AND OCCUPATION OF DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA

The Revolutionary Army of Kampuchea is continuing its strong attacks against the Vietnamese invaders on all fronts, destroying a large number of their troops and liberating progressively more and more of our territory. Among the enemy soldiers killed on 18 February there were three Cubans, and on 14 February the Revolutionary Army of Kampuchea (ARK) destroyed an enemy jeep containing Soviet and Cuban soldiers.

1. SOUTH-WEST OF PHNOM PENH

On 17 February, ARK and the revolutionary guerrillas liberated Trapeang Andoeurk, Andaung and Trapeang Thom. Outcome: 80 Vietnamese soldiers killed and many wounded, numerous weapons of various types captured and three military vehicles destroyed.

2. NORTH-WEST OF PHNOM PENH

On 12 February, fierce attack by ARK at Damnak Smach and near to Dudong. Outcome: several hundreds of Vietnamese soldiers killed and wounded, a large quantity of weapons captured, including B40s, M79s and AKs, as well as a large quantity of ammunition.

On 13 February, attacks launched by ARK in the vicinity of Thmat Pong, Toul Leap, Bat Doeng and Tum Lerk. Outcome: more than 50 Vietnamese soldiers killed, three enemy tanks destroyed and all their occupants killed, many weapons of various types captured.

On 18 February, ARK attacked Kraing Chek. Outcome: 40 enemy soldiers killed, including three Cubans, many weapons of various types captured.

3. BATTAMBANG (NORTH-WESTERN REGION)

From 14 to 16 February, 15 Vietnamese soldiers were killed in the town of Battambang and many weapons were captured.

During the night of 14 February ARK penetrated the enemy position at Vat O Snguot, killing 30 Vietnamese soldiers and destroying one military vehicle.

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On 16 and 17 February, our guerrillas attacked the enemy at Thmar Kol, to the east of O Snguot and to the north of Me Chbar. Outcome: 35 Vietnamese soldiers killed, two military vehicles destroyed (one blown up by a mine), a large quantity of weapons and ammunition captured.

4. NIMIT - SISOPHON (NORTH-WESTERN REGION)

ARK is continuing its fierce attacks on the Vietnamese invaders at Nimit. Enemy reinforcements dispatched from Sisophon on 14 February were intercepted by ARK, which killed 14 Vietnamese soldiers, destroyed one tank and captured a number of weapons.

On 16 and 18 February, again on the Nimit front, ARK and the guerrillas killed more than 100 Vietnamese soldiers and wounded a great many others. One tank and six military vehicles were destroyed, many weapons of various types and a large quantity of ammunition were captured.

5. PURSAT (NORTH-WESTERN REGION)

ARK is also continuing its fierce attacks on the town of Pursat. The enemy attempted to leave the town by highway No. 5, but 20 of its soldiers were killed and two tanks were destroyed, and it abandoned a number of weapons and other war matériel. On 14 February, enemy reinforcements sent from Krakor to assist the troops encircled in the town of Pursat were intercepted by ARK, which inflicted heavy losses on them. On the same day ARK and the guerrillas launched co-ordinated attacks. They killed 20 Vietnamese soldiers and wounded several others; they captured many weapons of various types and 10 cases of ammunition for AKs, B40s and B41s.

6. KOMPONG CHNANG (NORTH-WEST OF PHNOM PENH)

Outcome of the attack by ARK on the new airfield in the town of Kompong Chnang from 12 to 14 February: 96 Vietnamese soldiers killed, many others wounded, numerous weapons and war matériel captured.

On 14 February ARK launched attacks in the vicinity of Vat Batt Kaun. Outcome: 49 Vietnamese soldiers killed, many weapons and a large amount of ammunition captured. On the Prey Moul-Kraing Tam front 10 enemy soldiers were killed and one jeep containing Soviet and Cuban soldiers was destroyed.

7. KOMPONG SPEU (WESTERN REGION)

On 13 February, at 9 a.m., a special unit of ARK penetrated the town of Kompong Speu. It killed 132 Vietnamese soldiers; two vehicles for transporting ammunition and other war matériel were destroyed, large quantities of weapons and ammunition were captured.

On 14 February, at 2 a.m., ARK intercepted the enemy as it was moving from Kompong Tram to Roleang Kraul, killed 20 Vietnamese soldiers and captured some B40s, B41s, M79s and AKs. On the same day, one military vehicle belonging to the enemy was blown up by a mine between Prey Pchoek and the village of Dei Kraham, and the 10 soldiers it was carrying were killed.

8. TAKEO (SOUTH-WEST)

On 15 February the enemy attempted to leave the town of Takéo to go to Angtassom. Outcome: 17 Vietnamese soldiers killed, one military vehicle destroyed and many weapons captured.

9. KRATIE (NORTH-EASTERN REGION)

ARK is continuing to attack and encircle the enemy in the town of Kratié. The attacks are being launched from all sides. From the east ARK penetrated the airfield of Kratié town. From the north it reached and took control of the bridge leading to the market of Kratié town. In the west ARK is in full control of the western bank of the river.

The sections of highway No. 7 between Kratié and Snoul and between Kratié and Stung Treng are still controlled by ARK. On 17 February the guerrillas killed six enemy soldiers in the village of Krieng.

10. RATTANAKIRI (NORTH-EASTERN REGION)

Since 3 January 1979 the Vietnamese invaders coming from Laos have been sowing death, suffering and destruction in the territory of Kampuchea, in the region of Rattanakiri. They have massacred the population and plundered its property. The Kampuchean people and ARK, however, fired with a fierce hatred of the Vietnamese enemy, is daily inflicting heavy losses on it.

The invaders sent a further regiment to try to reopen highway No. 19. But they were under constant attack from ARK and found it very difficult to use this highway.

From 9 to 13 February 44 Vietnamese soldiers were killed. On 15, 16, 17 and 18 February ARK and the guerrilla units launched attacks on highway No. 7, along the Sékong River, at Siempang, Sra Mar and O Snang. Outcome: 62 Vietnamese soldiers killed, many others wounded and large quantities of military equipment destroyed.

11. HIGHWAY NO. 3 (SOUTH-WEST OF PHNOM PENH)

On 13 and 14 February ARK launched attacks against Bar Set, Slab Long on highway No. 3 between Ang Tasom and Noreay and in the vicinity of Doeurm Rorka,

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to the south of Kantuot. Outcome: 70 Vietnamese soldiers killed, one military vehicle destroyed and many weapons captured.

On 15 February ARK attacked the enemy, which was trying to penetrate Noreay; one military vehicle was destroyed and all its occupants were killed.

On 17 and 18 February the guerrillas intercepted the enemy at Slakou and Tako. Outcome: 40 Vietnamese soldiers killed, many others wounded, weapons and ammunition captured.

12. HIGHWAY NO. 4 (WESTERN REGION)

On 17 February, at 1 p.m., ARK destroyed one Vietnamese military vehicle and one 130 mm cannon near the O Kambot bridge. The ammunition inside the vehicle exploded, killing the 17 Vietnamese soldiers riding in the vehicle. On the same day ARK pillaged and destroyed the ammunition depot of the Vietnamese invaders at Srè Ambel, close to highway No. 4. Five Vietnamese soldiers were killed and a large number of others were wounded.

13. HIGHWAY NO. 5 (NORTH-WEST)

On 12 and 13 February ARK launched attacks at Sap Angkam, Thmar Kol, to the east of Pursat and at Krakor. Outcome: 80 Vietnamese soldiers killed and one military vehicle destroyed. On 15 February ARK attacked Kbal Damrei, killed 47 Vietnamese soldiers and captured weapons of various types and other war matériel. On the same day the Vietnamese invaders sent four tanks to launch attacks against Speu. ARK made fierce counter-attacks, killing a large number of Vietnamese soldiers and wounding a number of others. On 16 February ARK liberated Ta Prok, Kralav Torng and Ta Paing, and also highway No. 21.

Outcome from 14 to 18 February (with further figures 12-14 February) are as follows:

More than 1,500 Vietnamese soldiers killed and a large number of others wounded;

One 130 mm cannon, 7 tanks, 25 military vehicles and 1 ammunition depot destroyed;

A large quantity of weapons and ammunition captured.
