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SUBJECT: DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEAN PRESS RELEASE RE ALLEGED
VIETNAMESE USE OF TOXIC CHEMICALS

REF: VIENTIANE 0669 (NOTAL)

AT THE REQUEST OF THE MISSION OF DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA,
THE UN HAS CIRCULATED AS AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT (A/34/489,
S/13543, SEPTEMBER 18, 1979) A PRESS RELEASE DATED
SEPTEMBER 16, 1979 ISSUED BY THE "MINISTRY OF INFORMATION"
OF DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA CONCERNING THE "CRIMES COMMITTED
BY THE VIETNAMESE ADMINISTRATION IN CONTINUING TO DROP
TOXIC CHEMICAL PRODUCTS ON THE PEOPLE OF KAMPUCHEA."
VERBATIM TEXT FOLLOWS:

ON 5 AND 6 SEPTEMBER 1979, A VIETNAMESE AIRCRAFT DROPPED

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TOXIC CHEMICAL PRODUCTS AT ANDAUNG TOEK AND THMAR BAING IN THE PROVINCE OF KOH KONG. A 60-YEAR-OLD WOMAN, THREE CHILDREN AND TWO PREGNANT WOMEN WERE KILLED AND 10 OTHER PERSONS ARE SERIOUSLY ILL.

THE EFFECTS OF THESE TOXIC CHEMICAL PRODUCTS ARE AS FOLLOWS: A CHILLED TINGLING OF THE SKIN, FOLLOWED SHORTLY AFTERWARDS BY HOT FLUSHES, AND THEN THE VICTIM DIES OF CEREBRAL FEVER.

IT SHOULD BE RECALLED THAT ON 25 AND 26 JULY AND 25 AND 29 AUGUST 1979, VIETNAMESE AIRCRAFT DROPPED TOXIC CHEMICAL PRODUCTS AT REACHTORNG (NORTH OF KIRIROM IN THE PROVINCE OF KAMPONG SPEU) CAUSING EIGHT DEATHS AMONG ELDERLY PERSONS AND CHILDREN AND SEVERAL CASES OF SERIOUS POISONING AMONG PREGNANT WOMEN AND CHILDREN. THE EVIDENCE IS INDISPUTABLE. SEVERAL DOZEN PEOPLE HAVE THUS BEEN KILLED BY TOXIC CHEMICAL PRODUCTS DROPPED BY THE VIETNAMESE ADMINISTRATION.

THESE ACTIONS BY THE LE DUAN CLIQUE ARE ABOMINABLE CRIMES. HISTORY HAS NEVER KNOWN ANY PERSONS AS FASCISTIC AND HYPOCRITICAL AS THIS CLIQUE, WHICH ONLY KNOWS THE LAW OF THE JUNGLE AND BRUTE FORCE, TRAMPLES INTERNATIONAL LAWS UNDERFOOT AND HAS NO SCRUPLES ABOUT USING WEAPONS SUCH AS TOXIC CHEMICAL PRODUCTS, WHICH ARE UNIVERSALLY PROHIBITED. BY THESE CRIMINAL ACTS, THE LE DUAN CLIQUE WANTS TO EXTERMINATE THE RACE OF KAMPUCHEA AND, WITH ITS SOVIET MASTER, TO EXTEND ITS EXPANSION INTO OTHER COUNTRIES.

THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION OF DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA MOST VIGOROUSLY CONDEMNS THE VIETNAMESE ADMINISTRATION WHICH IS GUILTY OF MONSTROUS CRIMES AGAINST THE PEOPLE OF KAMPUCHEA AND CALLS UPON WORLD OPINION AND ALL MANKIND TO CONDEMN THAT ADMINISTRATION, TO TAKE THE NECESSARY MEASURES TO PREVENT IT FROM PERPETRATING NEW MASSACRES AGAINST THE PEOPLE OF KAMPUCHEA AND TO DEMAND THAT IT PUT AN END TO ITS WAR OF AGGRESSION AGAINST KAMPUCHEA AND IMMEDIATELY AND UNCONDITIONALLY WITHDRAW ALL ITS TROOPS FROM KAMPUCHEA, THEREBY PERMITTING THE PEOPLE OF

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KAMPUCHEA TO SETTLE THEIR PROBLEMS BY THEMSELVES, WITHOUT
EXTERNAL INTERFERENCE. END TEXT.
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