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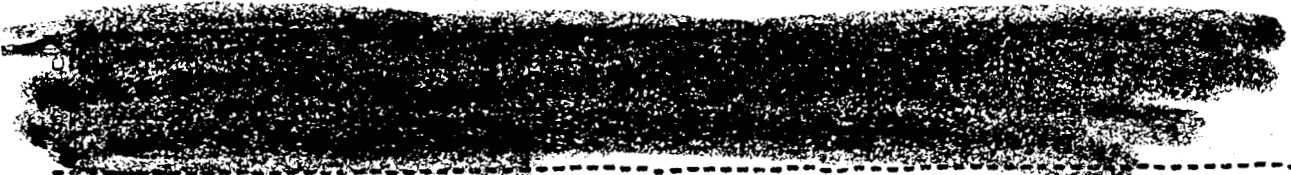
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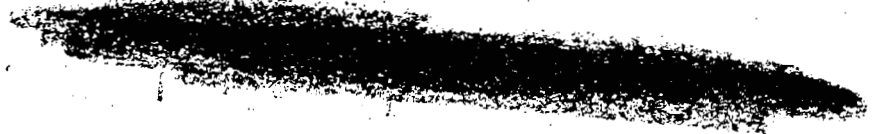


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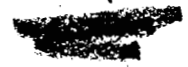
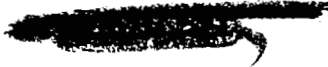
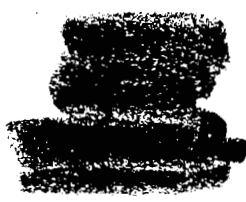
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1. (C) ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY AND INTRODUCTION: A KHMER ROUGE CADRE (MR. LONG NORIN OF THE DK MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS) BRIEFED A VOLAG MEDICAL DELEGATION AND AN ABC-TV TEAM AT NONG PRU ON THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE WAR AGAINST THE VIETNAMESE AND ON THE KR EXPERIENCE WITH POISON GAS. THE MEDICAL TEAM OF BANGKOK - BASED VOLAG PERSONNEL (U.S. NATIONALS) WAS AT NONG PRU TO COLLECT BLOOD SAMPLES OF ALLEGED VICTIMS OF A VIETNAMESE GAS ATTACK. THE ABC TEAM ACCOMPANIED IN CONJUNCTION WITH A DOCUMENTARY PROJECT ON THE POISON GAS ISSUE. NORIN TOLD OF TWELVE GAS INCIDENTS IN KAMPUCHEA SINCE SEPTEMBER 1. HE PORTRAYED A VIETNAMESE ENEMY OF DETERIORATING MORALE INCREASINGLY ON THE DEFENSIVE. END SUMMARY AND INTRODUCTION.

3. NORIN STATED THAT THE DK IS FIELDING 6,000 TROOPS IN THREE BASE CAMPS SOUTH OF ARANYAPRATHET. AN ADDITIONAL 8,000 TROOPS, HE CLAIMED, ARE OPERATING ALONG THE BORDER AREA FARTHER TO THE SOUTH. THE 6,000 MEN IN THE NONG PRU REGION FACE ONE VIETNAMESE BATTALION OF 1,500 MEN BASED AT MAK HOEUN MOUNTAIN AND AN ADDITIONAL 600 MEN FOUR KILOMETERS SOUTH OF MAK HOEUN. THE OUT-NUMBERED VIETNAMESE ARE VERY MUCH ON THE DEFENSIVE AND UNABLE TO LEAVE THEIR SURROUNDED POSITIONS. DK TROOPS HAVE HELD BACK FROM A MAJOR ASSAULT BECAUSE THEY ARE UNWILLING AT THIS STAGE TO INCUR HEAVY CASUALTIES.

4. ACCORDING TO NORIN, DK TROOPS SUSTAINED ONLY ONE KIA DURING THE PAST MONTH. AN UNDETERMINED ADDITIONAL NUMBER, HOWEVER, WERE KILLED FROM MINE ACCIDENTS OR POISON GAS. ESTIMATED VIETNAMESE CASUALTIES ARE 100 KIA/KIA.

5. DK ACTIVITIES HAVE AIMED PRIMARILY AT CUTTING VIETNAMESE SUPPLY LINES. THE TROOPS AT NONG PRU HAVE BEEN INTERDICTIONING THE ROAD BETWEEN NIMIT UN ROUTE AND THE THREE VIETNAMESE OUTPOSTS CLOSER TO THE BORDER. OTHER DK UNITS ARE ATTEMPTING TO AFFECT

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COMMUNICATIONS ON THE PHNOM PENH - BATTAMBANG ROUTE, ESPECIALLY THE PURSAT - KAMPONG CHHNANG STRETCH, AND ON THE TRAIN LINES IN KAMPONG CHHNANG. THE TRAIN LINES HAVE BEEN REPEATEDLY CUT, NORIN SAID, BUT THE VIETNAMESE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GO BACK IN TO REPAIR THEM. ROUTE 6 NORTHEAST OF THE GREAT LAKE IS CUT, AND THE VIETNAMESE MUST USE A BATALION TO PASS THROUGH. (A RECENT VIETNAMESE DEFECTOR FROM SIEM KIEP, AS WELL AS MANY OTHER REPORTS, CONFIRM THAT PORTIONS OF ROUTE 6 AS WELL AS THE ENTIRE NORTH SHORE OF THE GREAT LAKE ARE UNDER DK INFLUENCE.)

6. THE DK ASSESSMENT OF THE VIETNAMESE FORCE HAS UNDERGONE MAJOR CHANGES SINCE 1979. ACCORDING TO NORIN, VIETNAMESE TROOP MORALE HAS MARKEDLY DETERIORATED, EVEN MORE SO OVER THE PAST SIX MONTHS. IT USED TO BE THAT IF TEN VIETNAMESE WERE UP AGAINST A HUNDRED DK TROOPS, NORIN SAID, THE DK WOULD TRY TO ESCAPE. NOW THE REVERSE IS TRUE. MOREOVER, THE VIETNAMESE DIVISIONS IN THE WEST ARE UNDERMANNED. THE 5TH DIVISION, HE CLAIMED, NOW HAS ONLY ONE BATTALION OPERATING.

7. HITHERTO, THE DK HAS NOT ATTEMPTED TO LIBERATE TERRITORY, BUT TO CUT LINES OF COMMUNICATION AND HARASS ENEMY FORCES. NOW THE TIME IS APPROACHING, NORIN SAID, FOR THE FINAL STAGE OF THE WAR EFFORT:

THAT IS, A GENERAL OFFENSIVE UTILIZING REGULAR TROOPS TO ATTACK VIETNAMESE POSITIONS. AN EFFORT IS PRESENTLY UNDERWAY TO CUT OFF WESTERN KAMPUCHEA ACROSS THE GREAT LAKE. DK FORCES IN THE NORTH HAVE BEEN PUSHING SOUTH TOWARD THE GREAT LAKE AND HAVE SUCCEEDED IN THEIR EFFORTS, NORIN SAID. THEY ARE WAITING FOR SOUTHERN-BASED FORCES TO SUCCEED IN PUSHING NORTH TO MEET UP AT THE LAKE. IN DK PARLANCE, THEY ARE AT THE END OF THE SECOND OF THREE STAGES IN A WAR OF NATIONAL LIBERATION (STAGE 1 IS DEFENSE, STAGE 2 IS ACHIEVING A BALANCE OF FORCE). THEY ARE ABOUT TO EMBARK ON STAGE 3, NAMELY, LIBERATION.

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6. NORIN WAS CAUTIOUS IN HIS ESTIMATES OF POPULAR SUPPORT FOR THE DK CAUSE IN THE CAMBODIAN COUNTRYSIDE. IT IS EASIEST TO ENLIST SUPPORT, HE SAID, WHERE THE VIETNAMESE ARE PRESENT IN THE GREATEST NUMBER. PEOPLE ARE BEGINNING TO COMPREHEND THE NEW DK POLITICAL LINE, NAMELY AN END TO SOCIALISM AND A COMMITMENT TO FREE ENTERPRISE, A GOVERNMENT OF LAWS, AND RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. IN ANY EVENT, THIS IS NOT AN IDEOLOGICAL WAR, BUT A STRUGGLE TO PRESERVE THE NATION.

9. NORIN ACKNOWLEDGED RECEIVING MILITARY SUPPLIES FROM CHINA, BUT STATED THEY WERE NOT ARRIVING IN SUFFICIENT QUANTITY. DK TROOPS REMAIN IN NEED OF HEAVY MACHINE GUNS, TRANSPORT, FOOD AND MEDICINE.

10. POISON GAS: NORIN ALLEGED THAT THE VIETNAMESE HAVE PERPETRATED TWELVE POISON GAS INCIDENTS SINCE SEPTEMBER 1. THESE INCLUDE SIX IN SIEM KIEP, 3 IN BATTAMBANG, 2 IN PUSAT, AND 1 IN KAMPCT. RESULTANT CASUALTIES ACCORDING TO DK STATISTICS, ARE 205 DEATHS, 70 SERIOUSLY ILL, AND 10 MODERATELY ILL. GAS ATTACKS BEGAN IN THE AREA IN EARLY 1980, WITH THE VIETNAMESE USING A VARIETY OF DELIVERY SYSTEMS, INCLUDING AIRCRAFT, HAND-GRENADES, WATER BOOBY TRAPS, AND MIND-TRIGGERED DEVICES. IN MARCH 1980, A CHEMICAL WAS SPRAYED FROM AN AIRCRAFT ABOUT TEN KILOMETERS FROM NONG PRO. IT AFFECTED AN AREA OF ABOUT 3 X 1.5 KILOMETERS, HAVING A DEFOLIANT EFFECT. A FRENCH DOCTOR NAMED BERNARD DID AUTOPSIES ON VICTIMS, NORIN SAID, AND SENT SPECIMENS TO PARIS (SIC). IN PAILIN IN MARCH - APRIL 1981, THE VIETNAMESE IMPLANTED A DEVICE OPERATED BY A SMALL MOTOR RUN ON BATTERIES AND ACTIVATED BY MIND, PRODUCING ALL THE STANDARD POISON GAS SYMPTOMS IN ITS VICTIMS. (COMMENT: THE ICRC EXAMINED WHAT THEY CALLED "SUSPICIOUS" PATIENTS IN MARCH 1980. SOME SAMPLES SENT TO GENEVA THEN FAILED TO TEST FOR C* AGENTS. WE ARE NOT AWARE THAT ICRC SAMPLES INCLUDED TISSUE FROM ALLEGED VICTIMS. END COMMENT).

11. COMMENT: AS USUAL WITH DK ACCOUNTS, MUCH OF

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THAT NORIN CLAIMS IS EXAGGERATED. THE TROOP STRENGTH HE CITES SEEMS HIGH FOR THE NONG PRU AREA. INTERVIEWS WITH NEW ARRIVALS AT THE BORDER DO TEND TO SUPPORT CLAIMS THAT DK FORCES HAVE BEEN INCREASINGLY ACTIVE IN RECENT MONTHS ALTHOUGH THE CONFLICT HAS NOT YET HAD AN APPRECIABLE EFFECT ON VILLAGE LIFE. FEW IF ANY NEW ARRIVALS TELL US THEY ARE COMING TO THE BORDER BECAUSE OF DETERIORATING SECURITY. KPNLF AND SIHANDUKIST LEADERS CONTINUE TO BELITTLE DK STRENGTH POINTING TO THEIR FAILURE TO LIBERATE ANY MAJOR PIECE OF KHMER TERRITORY. CIVILIAN LEADERS HAVE TOLD US, HOWEVER, THAT AMONG THE REASONS FOR THE REDUCED FLOW TO THE BORDER THIS PAST MONTH ARE THE SEVERED TRAIN LINES AND DETERIORATING SECURITY ALONG THE ROADS.

12. DESPITE NORIN'S UPBEAT RENDITION OF THE SITUATION, INDICATIONS FROM KHMER IN NON-KR AREAS OF THE BORDER CONTINUE TO BE THAT THE KR HAS NO FUND OF GOOD WILL TO DRAW UPON AND WILL NOT SOON BE ABLE TO COUNT ON WIDE-SPREAD VILLAGER-PROVIDED INTELLIGENCE AND SUPPORT IF

AND AS THEY MOVE INTO THE LIBERATION PHASE OF THE STRUGGLE.
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Note: Receipts must be submitted to TRO within 60 days of the date expense incurred.

EMPLOYEE TYPE OR AFFILIATION

- Harvard Employee
- Affiliate/Harvard Student/Casual/Stipend- Complete Non-Employee Section
- Invited Guest/Visitor- Complete Non-Employee Section

PAYMENT TYPE (CHECK ONLY ONE)

- Out of Pocket
- GE Capital MasterCard Corporate Card
- Reimbursement Method** (Check only one)
 - Direct Deposit
 - Paper Check

Date:

Harvard ID#:	Reimbursee or Cardholder Name:	Web Voucher/PO#:
Non-Employees Complete This Section.	Social Sec/Tax ID#:	US Citizen or Permanent Resident: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Permanent Residents - Resident Alien Card # _____ If you are not a US Citizen or Permanent Resident, provide: Visa Type: _____ Country of Tax Residency: _____

BUSINESS PURPOSE (Detailed reason for expenditure. For travel or entertainment, include person and/or organization visited and location. Also include expense date range. List additional business purposes on page 2.)

Date(s) of expense(s)

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SUMMARY OF EXPENSES (Room for additional expenses is available on page 2)

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TOTAL AMOUNT OF RECEIPTS UNDER \$75

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REIMBURSEE: I certify that these are all legitimate Harvard University business expenses.

SIGNATURE:

Date:

Reimbursee Permanent Legal Address:

Reimbursee Check Mailing Address, if different than Legal:

I have reviewed these expenses and all are in accordance with University and Tub policy.

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Approver: _____
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