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THE UNITED NATIONS BORDER RELIEF OPERATION (UNBRO), AND PRIVATE VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS IN ASSISTING THOSE CIVILIANS WHO HAVE FLED INTO THAILAND. WE WILL CONTINUE OUR SUPPORT FOR THEIR EFFORTS.

SUCH VIETNAMESE ATTACKS ALONG THE THAI BORDER HIGHLIGHT THE THREAT TO THAILAND'S SECURITY POSED BY VIETNAM'S OCCUPATION OF KAMPUCHEA. IN A SIMILAR ATTACK LAST MONTH VIETNAMESE FORCES ENTERED THAI TERRITORY, WHERE THEY WERE ENGAGED BY THAI FORCES DEFENDING THEIR COUNTRY'S SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY. THE UNITED STATES JOINS THE ROYAL THAI GOVERNMENT IN URGING VIETNAM TO RESPECT THAILAND'S TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY. WE STAND BY OUR COMMITMENTS TO THAILAND'S SECURITY.

WE CALL ON VIETNAM, AS SO MANY OF THE WORLD'S NATIONS HAVE DONE, TO WITHDRAW ITS MILITARY FORCES FROM KAMPUCHEA AND TO PERMIT THAT COUNTRY TO CHOOSE ITS OWN GOVERNMENT AND -- FINALLY -- LIVE IN PEACE.

END TEXT.

2. ACTION ADDRESSEES (EXCEPT BELGRADE) SHOULD BRING THIS STATEMENT TO THE ATTENTION OF HOST GOVERNMENTS.

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OF THIS STATEMENT TO THE PARTY OF THAI PRIME MINISTER PREM IF POSSIBLE. PLEASE ADVISE.

4. THE FOLLOWING FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS WERE ASKED (NOTE - THIS IS AN UNOFFICIAL RECORD; ANY CORRECTION WILL FOLLOW):

Q: WILL THIS AFFECT THE U.S.-THAI SECURITY RELATIONSHIP, PERHAPS SPEEDING DELIVERY OF MILITARY ITEMS?

A: I DO NOT KNOW OF ANYTHING IN HAND, AND I DO NOT KNOW OF ANY SPECIAL THAI REQUESTS. BUT SHOULD SUCH A REQUEST COME, WE WOULD, AS WE HAVE SAID BEFORE, TREAT IT WITH WARMTH AND COMPASSION.

Q: DO YOU EXPECT THIS STATEMENT TO HAVE A NEGATIVE
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A: EXPECT IT TO HAVE A NEGATIVE IMPACT? DON'T SEE THAT THE TWO ARE RELATED.

Q: IS THE U.S. DOING ANYTHING IN ADDITION TO ITS USUAL TO HELP REFUGEES FLOODING INTO THAILAND?

A: I'LL CHECK ON THAT

4. THE FOLLOWING BACK-UP GUIDANCE WAS PROVIDED THE SPOKESMAN (BUT NOT USED):

Q: HAVE VIETNAMESE FORCES VIOLATED THAI TERRITORY IN THESE LATEST ATTACKS?
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A: -- THAILAND HAS NOT SO FAR REPORTED VIETNAMESE INCURSIONS DURING THESE LATEST ATTACKS, BUT LAST MONTH VIETNAMESE FORCES DID CROSS INTO THAILAND AND CLASH WITH THAI TROOPS. IN THESE LATEST INCIDENTS, AN UNARMED THAI RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN OVER THAI TERRITORY AND A HELICOPTER DAMAGED, APPARENTLY BY VIETNAMESE FORCES. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE ROYAL THAI GOVERNMENT WILL PROTEST THESE ACTIONS TO THE U.N. SECRETARY GENERAL.

Q: WHICH CAMPS ARE INVOLVED AND WHICH RESISTANCE FACTIONS CONTROL THEM? CAN YOU UPDATE THE FIGHTING?

A: -- THE KPNLF'S CAMP AT SOKH SAN AND ITS HEADQUARTERS AT AMPIL (BAN SANGAE) WERE BOTH ATTACKED AS WAS THE KHMER ROUGE CAMP AT BAN CHARAT. SOKH SAN AND BAN CHARAT WERE REPORTEDLY OVERRUN BY VIETNAMESE FORCES. DETAILS ARE SKETCHY AT THIS POINT, BUT WE UNDERSTAND THAT FIGHTING CONTINUES AT AMPIL BETWEEN RESISTANCE FORCES AND THE VIETNAMESE. A PART OF THE CIVILIAN CAMP HAS BEEN DESTROYED.

-- THE FUNCINPEC (SIHANOUK) CAMP AT TA TUM HAS BEEN SHELLED AND AT LEAST PART OF ITS CIVILIAN POPULATION EVACUATED. THERE IS NO REPORTED GROUND FIGHTING BUT

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VIETNAMESE FORCES ARE MASSED NEAR THE CAMP WITH ARTILLERY AND ARMOR.

Q: HOW MANY CIVILIANS ARE INVOLVED? HAVE THEY ALL BEEN EVACUATED TO THAI TERRITORY?

A: -- WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE 8,000 CIVILIANS FROM SOKH SAN AND 2-3,000 FROM BAN CHARAT HAVE BEEN EVACUATED TO

SITES INSIDE THAI TERRITORY. MOST OF THE 38,000
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CIVILIANS AT AMPIL (BAN SANGAE) ARE JUST INSIDE THAI TERRITORY AWAITING TRANSPORTATION TO A PREVIOUSLY PREPARED EVACUATION SITE. OTHERS APPARENTLY FLED TO NEARBY CAMPS WHILE SOME WERE LAST REPORTED STILL IN THE CAMP. AT LEAST PART OF TA TUM'S 30,000 RESIDENTS HAVE BEEN EVACUATED TO A PREPARED SITE IN THAILAND.

-- WE ARE PLEASED THAT THE RTG, UNBRO, AND THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES HAVE BEEN ABLE TO WORK CLOSELY TOGETHER TO ENSURE THAT CIVILIANS UNDER ATTACK OR THREAT OF ATTACK ARE QUICKLY MOVED TO SAFER AREAS.

Q: WERE THERE ANY CIVILIAN CASUALTIES?

A: -- OUR INFORMATION IS INCOMPLETE, BUT WE UNDERSTAND THAT THERE WERE CIVILIAN CASUALTIES.

Q: DID THE VIETNAMESE USE CHEMICAL WEAPONS IN THEIR ATTACKS?

A: -- THERE HAVE BEEN UNCONFIRMED REPORTS OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS BEING USED. MEMBERS OF THE U.S. EMBASSY'S CHEMICAL WEAPONS INVESTIGATION TEAM WILL BE LOOKING INTO THESE REPORTS. SHULTZ

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