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SUBJECT: DISTRIBUTION OF ANTI-GOVERNMENT PROPAGANDA LEAFLETS IN
VARIOUS AREAS OF PHNOM PENH

ACQ: CAMBODIA, PHNOM PENH (23 NOVEMBER 1971)

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1. [Redacted]

COMMENT: THE RELATIVE PROXIMITY OF COMMUNIST FORCES (b)(1)
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TO THE CITY OF PHNOM PENH, COMBINED WITH INCREASING INDICATIONS THAT THERE HAS BEEN A DECLINE IN THE LEVEL OF SECURITY AROUND THE CITY, HAS LED TO A WIDESPREAD ASSUMPTION THAT TERRORIST GROUPS ARE INSTALLED AND PREPARING FOR ANTI-GOVERNMENT ACTIVITY. THERE HAS BEEN RELATIVELY LITTLE PROVEN TERRORIST ACTIVITY SINCE FIGHTING BEGAN WEST OF PHNOM PENH, AND THE LOCAL SECURITY SERVICES HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING SPECIFIC INFORMATION ABOUT THE MEMBERS, LOCATIONS, MODUS OPERANDI, AND INTENTIONS OF SUBVERSIVE GROUPS. THE FOLLOWING REPORT, OBTAINED FROM THREE DIFFERENT SOURCES, IS THE FIRST RECENT INDICATION THAT REASONABLY WELL-ORGANIZED SUBVERSIVE GROUPS MAY BE PREPARING TO INITIATE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES IN PHNOM PENH. ALTHOUGH IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO SAY WITH CERTAINTY THAT THE TRACTS WERE IDENTICAL AND PRODUCED BY A SINGLE ORGANIZATION, THE CIRCUMSTANCES SUGGEST A COORDINATED EFFORT.)

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3. BETWEEN 1900 AND 1930 HOURS ON 22 NOVEMBER 1971,

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APPROXIMATELY 100 PROPAGANDA LEAFLETS WERE DISTRIBUTED AT THE OLYMPIC MARKET. THEY WERE THROWN IN A BUNDLE FROM A MILITARY JEEP CARRYING TWO MEN IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES. THE TRACTS WERE ANTI-GOVERNMENT, ANTI-VIETNAMESE, AND ANTI-AMERICAN IN THEME, AND THEY ENJOINED ALL SEGMENTS OF THE POPULATION TO RISE UP AND "EXPULSION OF ALL FOREIGN ELEMENTS FROM CAMBODIA".

COMMENT:

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SOURCE DID NOT PERSONALLY OBSERVE THE TRACTS, WHICH WERE QUICKLY COLLECTED BY PREVOTE MILITAIRE (PM) SOLDIERS. HE HAD HEARD, HOWEVER, THAT THE TRACTS WERE HAND PRINTED AND REPRODUCED BY A "SIMPLE STAMP". HE WAS NOT AWARE WHETHER EXPLICIT REFERENCE WAS MADE TO LON NOL, SIRIK MATAK, AND SON NHOC THANH, BUT STATED HE WAS TOLD THAT THE TRACTS OFFERED "LARGE REWARD" FOR THE HEAD OF LON NOL.)

4. AT 2000 HOURS ON 22 NOVEMBER 1971, TWO MEN RIDING ON A HONDA MOTORBIKE SCATTERED PROPAGANDA TRACTS BETWEEN THE "BANQUE KHMER POUR LE COMMERCE" AND THE "HOTEL LE PHNOM" ON MONIVONG BOULEVARD. THEY WERE CHASED BY PM SOLDIERS, WHO FAILED TO CATCH THEM. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF TRACTS WAS ESTIMATED AT APPROXIMATELY 70, THE MAJORITY OF WHICH WERE COLLECTED BY PM SOLDIERS IN THE AREA. ACCORDING TO MP'S WHO READ THE

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LEAFLETS, THE THEMES WERE BASICALLY ANTI-GOVERNMENT AND ANTI-AMERICAN IN THEME. THEY EXHORTED ALL CAMBODIANS TO RISE UP AND OVERTHROW THE PRESENT REGIME. [Redacted] COMMENT: THE SOURCE WAS UNABLE TO OBTAIN ONE OF THE TRACTS AND COULD NOT COMMENT ON ITS EXACT CONTENTS. FROM HIS SECOND HAND AND IMPRECISE DESCRIPTION IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO SAY WHETHER THE TRACTS WERE IDENTICAL TO THOSE DISTRIBUTED IN THE MEPHLOEUNG MARKET.

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5. FIELD DISSEM: STATE DEFATT CINCPAC ARPAC PACFLT PACAF (ALSO SENT SAIGON [Redacted] VIENTIANE).

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