

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Henry A. Kissinger

SUBJECT: Actions on Cambodia

The following is a report on actions taken or underway on Cambodia from October 20 through 12 midnight, October 26.

Military Operations:

--Ground. Enemy harassment activity continues at a low level while friendly initiated contacts increased during the week.

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--Air.

	<u>U. S.</u>	<u>AVNK^{a/}</u>	<u>VNAF</u>
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Third Country Military Forces In Cambodia

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RVNAF	17,787
Khmer Krom	3,500

--Training. A total of 2,557 Cambodians are now training in RVN (including 749 Khmer Krom) A total of 1,780 Cambodian personnel completed training during the reporting period.

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Military Assistance. The value of equipment delivered during week ending 24 October was \$.690 million compared with \$.670 million last week.

Material delivered follows:

	<u>U. S. Source</u>	<u>Third Country</u>	<u>Captured</u>
Small Arms Weapons	72	-	-
Small Arms Ammunition (rounds)	357,000	-	-
Crew Serviced Ammunition (rounds)	54,432	-	-

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--Organization of Multilateral Group: State is calling in the Australian and New Zealand Ambassadors October 28 to suggest that they work on the Indonesians, as Chairman of the Djakarta Three (Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia) to take the lead in forming a multilateral consultative group to discuss Cambodia's economic aid needs from all sources.

--Cheng Heng's Visit: State reports that the Cambodian Chief of State and his party have expressed great satisfaction at the reception afforded them at UNGA, by the U. S. public and the President and Vice President. The Cambodians have decided they need professional help in maintaining their public image in the U. S. and have started negotiations to obtain it. Cheng Heng will stop in Japan for economic aid talks on the way home.

--New Zealand Recognition: Embassy Wellington has learned that Prime Minister Holyoake has approved extending recognition to the Khmer Republic and granting aid. The New Zealanders are thinking of jointly accrediting to Phnom Penh their Ambassador resident at Saigon and starting a modest aid program. Formal Government approval of these moves is expected in a few weeks.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

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October 27, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HENRY A. KISSINGER
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Weekly Report on Cambodia No. 11

Third Country Aid to Cambodia

Organization of Multilateral Group - We are calling in the Australian and New Zealand Ambassadors October 28 to discuss Cambodian needs for economic aid from all sources, and to suggest that Australia and New Zealand may be able to induce Indonesian Foreign Minister Malik, as chairman of the Djakarta Conference, or the Djakarta Three (Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia), to take the lead in forming a multilateral consultative group.

Diplomatic and Political Developments

1. Visit by Chief of State - Cambodian Chief of State Cheng Heng and his party expressed considerable satisfaction with his visit to the UN General Assembly, his public appearances in the U.S., and his meetings with the President and Vice President. The visit contributed to convincing the Cambodians that they need professional help in maintaining their public image in the U.S., and they are continuing negotiations with a retired Foreign Service officer who helped with arrangements for the Chief of State's visit. On his return home, Cheng Heng will stop in Japan for an official visit, which coincides with the arrival in Japan of a Cambodian delegation for detailed economic aid negotiations.

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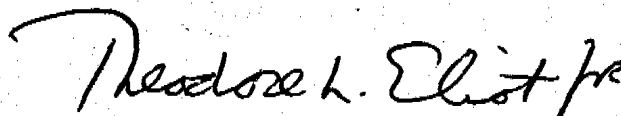
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2. Cambodian Attitudes on President's Cease-Fire Proposal - The GKR has continued to affirm its support for the President's cease-fire proposal, while reserving its position on what such a cease-fire might actually mean. In informal contacts with the Embassy, Cambodian officials have expressed the view that it would have to include a VC/NVA withdrawal. Other Cambodians take the line that no differences between the U.S. and GKR can arise over the cease-fire proposal because the VC/NVA will never accept it.

2. Internal Political Developments - Some jockeying for position is taking place in Cambodian politics as the Senate and National Assembly prepare to elect permanent officers for the 1970-71 session. Other issues which are provoking both private and public debate in Phnom Penh include the new republican constitution which is being drafted (strong president or parliamentary system?) and the retention or elimination of French as a language of secondary-school instruction. ~~The Embassy notes that some~~ of the arguments in progress reflect the continuing pressure of intellectual and youth groups on the entrenched political elite. None of the political infighting constitutes any threat to the GKR.

4. Disposition of Royal Family - The Embassy has learned that the GKR has rejected a request by ex-Queen Kossamak (Sihanouk's mother) to go to France, accompanied by most of Sihanouk's other close relatives remaining in Cambodia, for medical treatment. The GKR feels that their presence in Phnom Penh acts as a deterrent to indiscriminate VC/NVA attacks by fire, and that they are potential hostages in case any important GKR personalities are captured.



Theodore L. Eliot, Jr.
Executive Secretary

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20301

27 OCT 1970

In reply refer to:
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INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR
NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS
ATTN: MR. HERBERT LEVIN

SUBJECT: Weekly Report - Cambodia

Attached is the subject report requested in your August 15, 1970 memorandum.

Enclosure: 1
Report

cc: SecDef
DepSecDef
C/JCS

Arnold L. Golden, Jr.
Principal Deputy
Assistant Secretary

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REPORT ON CAMBODIA, WEEK ENDING 26 OCTOBER 1970

MILITARY OPERATIONS

Ground. Enemy harassment activity continues at a low level while friendly initiated contacts increased during the week. ARVN forces initiated operation Toan Thang 8/B/5 on 24 October in the vicinity of Base Area 707 (Snoul). No significant contacts have been reported in this operation.

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THIRD COUNTRY SUPPORT

Forces Involved In-Country.

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