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May 20, 1970

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Henry A. Kissinger *HK*

SUBJECT: Actions on Cambodia

The following is a report on actions taken or underway on Cambodia as of 6:00 p. m. last night.

Military Operations

- There were 55 tacair and 6 ARC LIGHT missions, and 859 artillery rounds fired in Cambodia. U. S. personnel in Cambodia remain almost unchanged at 14, 041.
- An ARVN helicopter/armored force attack was planned in Base Area 740, in Mondolkiri Province in the Northeast, for May 19/20. It will last two weeks.
- In the Parrot's Beak, ARVN forces are partly on a maintenance stand-down but are keeping Route 1 open and conducting local sweeps.
- In the Fishhook and Base Area 351, U. S. forces have uncovered two caches of rice totalling 85 tons.
- ARVN forces in the south are west of Kampot, but have apparently not taken the town itself (it is 35 km. from the border). Other operations reported limited contact with the enemy, the most important (reported underway yesterday) resulting in fifteen enemy KIA, 15 tons of ammunition and 15 tons of rice discovered.
- In Operation Cuu Long I, a cumulative total of 19,750 refugees have been evacuated to SVN.

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Military and Economic Assistance

-- As of May 17, 475, 584 pounds of cargo had been airlifted to Phnom Penh, including

- \* 80,413 pounds of resupply for 1787 Khmer Krom troops. (180,272 pounds including initial supply.)
- \* 6018 AK-47s with 347,050 rounds of ammunition.
- \* 15,025 M-2 carbines with 1,900,800 rounds of ammunition.



52,697 pounds of uniforms and 216,000 rounds of carbine ammunition were delivered May 18/19.

-- Cambodian aid requests. DAO is relaying Cambodian requests for 2400 bombs, napalm tanks and rockets, plus 50 caliber ammunition, rocket launchers, and spare parts for T-28s. Only five T-28s are presently operable. Aside from these "official" requests, General Pok has asked for 1000 rifles for personnel who are to be moved into the delta following ARVN sweeps, and for 2000 more Khmer Krom.

-- During and after the Djakarta Conference, Yem Sambaur continued to press the participants for military aid, including troops. Thanat was cool as to any material assistance, and said "we cannot possibly send combat troops." GVN Foreign Minister Lam said the GVN would "try to respond." Choi said the ROK would consider aid for Cambodia. Aichi has indicated that some humanitarian assistance will be forthcoming, part of it at least for Vietnamese refugees from Cambodia.

-- We understand the GVN military mission to Phnom Penh will be headed by a Colonel Loi, currently head of the GVN military delegation to the Paris Peace Talks. Loi will also serve as Vice-President Ky's personal representative to Lon Nol.

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One ship of the "Mekong flotilla" sent by the GVN to take out refugees has stayed in Phnom Penh and is to act as communications channel for Cambodia/GVN liaison.

- Rives has reported (Phnom Penh 938) that, with the growth of direct FANK/ARVN contacts, we must address the question as to how much of a role the U. S. plays in vetting and supervising the arms deliveries to Cambodia. He also notes that there is widespread distrust of the GVN except among the very top leaders, and that this can be allayed if the USG is seen to be exercising some control. By implication, he suggests that he may need more staff.

Diplomatic and International

- Assessments of Djakarta Conference. From Djakarta, Canberra and Wellington, the reaction has been favorable to the ability of the participants to work together for a consensus, to Australian/New Zealand acceptance into the "Asian Club", and to the re-emergence of Japan in an important Asian political role. Our Djakarta Embassy expects Indonesian and Japanese prestige to rise in the area, and that India's star will wane further as a result of its non-participation. Thanat expressed disappointment at the lack of practical action, but was pleased at the joint effort. The Cambodian observer (Yem Sambaur) expressed gratitude for the moral support.
- ROK/Cambodia relations. At Djakarta, the ROK and Cambodian Foreign Ministers signed a joint statement to open "permanent missions" immediately, with an exchange of Ambassadors to follow at "an early date." (The two-stage formula on recognition apparently reflects continuing ROK fears that Cambodia has not broken formally with North Korea.) 25X1

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- The Cambodian National Assembly May 9 passed a resolution expressing sincere gratitude for your "just and courageous

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decision. " It appealed to the American nation, Congress and youth to support you.

- Cambodian Sim Var, in Japan since May 6 to solicit aid, is quoted in the May 19 Tokyo press as expressing the personal view that U.S. troops will remain in Cambodia past June 30, and that he would welcome the prolongation. He did at least make the point that Cambodia did not expect extensive military and economic aid from us.
- Our Embassy staff in Phnom Penh on Monday totalled 25 employees (including 10 on TDY and 2 construction supervisors), plus 7 dependents.
- Sihanouk has previously stated that three of his Ministers are in the "liberated zone" in Cambodia. NCNA on Monday published two intriguing letters from the trio to Sihanouk and Penn Nouth. The Ministers mentioned that they had been empowered by Sihanouk "to manage all affairs of the country in the name of our Government", and that "the people of the liberated areas have elected committees of the FUNK and organs of power at different levels. " They appear to be reminding Sihanouk, almost contemptuously, that they are creating the new system in Cambodia while he languishes willingly or otherwise in Peking. (These three are the identified hard-core pro-Communists who fled Cambodia in 1967. To further confuse the situation, Phnom Penh has unearthed a Radio Peking report of 1967 that Sihanouk had killed the three, and is making the apocryphal claim that they are now simply a VC/NVA fiction. )
- Sihanouk's Prime Minister Penn Nouth told AFP that Ambassadors to Peking and Pyongyang have been announced, with others to follow shortly. He claimed three-fourths of Cambodia already "liberated", and made the observation -- interesting though hardly authoritative -- that Phnom Penh "would have fallen two weeks ago had it not been for massive intervention by the Americans. " He spoke of the possibility of a trip abroad by Sihanouk.

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- State is exploring a statement allegedly made May 7 by the Polish Foreign Minister, that Poland would not oppose an international conference on Indochina if a majority of states favored it.
- Large numbers of French dependents are leaving Phnom Penh on "early leave."

Internal

- Kompong Som port activity is higher than previously thought, suggesting a greater continuing level of export activity than had been assumed, and some possibility that congestion of the Phnom Penh-Kompong Som road may be a problem. On Monday, five ships were reported in port with ten waiting in the roads. Four ships departed over the weekend, with two entering. Our naval surveillance has not reported significant vessel activity elsewhere.

Press Policy

- The Cambodian Information Ministry has put out a new magazine, Cambodge Nouveau, to replace Sihanouk's old magazines. The first issue paints a grim picture of Cambodia's problems but goes on to describe that the enemy has problems, too.
- Defense notes that major attention was given to Cambodia in the 50 major Armed Forces Day speeches given by DOD officials. It observes that the most difficult public affairs problems in coming weeks will be the level of U. S. casualties, the disposal of caches discovered, and the rate of withdrawal of U. S. personnel from Cambodia.

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May 19, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR DR. KISSINGER

FROM: John H. Holdridge *JH*

SUBJECT: Actions on Cambodia

Your daily report for the President of Actions on Cambodia through 1800 hours May 19 is enclosed. The reports submitted by State, Defense and CIA are at Tabs for your information.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you forward the daily report to the President (Tab A).

Enclosures

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

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May 19, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HENRY A. KISSINGER  
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Daily Report on Cambodia No. 24

Military and Economic Assistance

1. No Indonesian Military Aid Commitment Yet. As of May 18 there was no known commitment by Indonesia to provide military support to Cambodia. Embassy Phnom Penh feels this may change in the period after the Djakarta conference.

2. Cambodia Request for Air Force Ammunition. DAO has forwarded a Cambodian request for 800 250 lb. bombs, 400 napalm tanks, 1200 rockets, 180,000 rounds of 50 caliber machine gun ammunition, 16 multiple rocket launchers, 60 rocket tube clusters, and 32 350 round canisters for 50 caliber machine guns. He recommends delivery of one quarter of the total now and the rest at 5-day intervals.

3. T-28 Spare Parts Lists. DAO is forwarding to CINCPAC lists of T-28 spare parts required. Only five Cambodian T-28's are currently available for service.

4. Cambodians Request 1000 Individual Weapons. General Pok Sam An has asked AIRA and MACV representatives for 1000 individual weapons for military and law enforcement personnel who will move into the delta border area following completion of ARVN operations there.

5. Cambodians Want More Khmer Krom. Pok Sam An also asked for the arrival as soon as possible of 2000 additional Khmer Krom said to be forming in South Vietnam for duty in Cambodia.

6. Possible Japanese Aid. Japanese press reports Sim Var said the Japanese had made no commitment for economic aid, but he thought they would provide Cambodia "with some materials such as trucks, medicines, jungle shoes and raincoats."

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7. Possible Thai Aid. Bangkok Post May 18 reported interview with Yem Sambaur in Djakarta. Story indicated Cambodia was asking Thailand for military instructors and advisors and would eventually ask for combat troops to help drive out NVN/VC forces.

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2. Cambodian-ChiCom Diplomatic Staffs. It is expected that a Swiss Air charter flight will fly the ChiCom staff to Peking and return with the Cambodian staffs from Peking and Pyongyang. The North Korean staff and the caretakers from NVN and PRG Embassies are scheduled to depart with the ChiComs.

3. French Dependents Leaving. The French Embassy has authorized dependents of the French military mission and Embassy to depart "on early leave." It appears that a large number are leaving.

Internal

1. Vietnamese Refugees. MACV estimates that between 10 and 30 thousand additional Vietnamese are waiting evacuation from Cambodia. The spread in the estimate is due to the fact that many are afraid to indicate their desire to depart until the last minute.

2. Lon Nol Appeals to Chinese Residents. Lon Nol has assured all Chinese residents that the government recognizes their rights as residents in Cambodia and guarantees to take the necessary measures to protect their persons and their business. In return, the government asks only that they respect all laws.

3. Mystery of the Three Sihanouk Ministers. Khieu Samphan, Hou Youn and Hu Nim have allegedly written letters broadcast by the ChiComs. However, radio Peking had reported in 1967 that these three had been killed at Sihanouk's orders. Furthermore, a Phnom Penh newspaper reports that the younger brother of Khieu Samphan spoke on radio Phnom Penh May 17 and said the three had been killed

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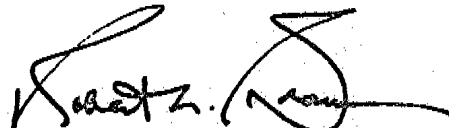
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by men of former Interior Secretary Oum Mannorine, two of them at Kirirom and the other at Bokor. Until Sihanouk can produce these three, doubt will remain that they are alive.

4. New Magazine Appears. Cambodge Nouveau went on sale May 17 replacing Sihanouk's former magazines Kambuja and Sangkum. Three French holdovers are assisting the Information Minister and the editor in putting out this publication. It paints a grim picture of strategic and domestic problems but notes that the enemy's supply lines are seriously extended, he lacks infrastructure and the intellectuals are against Sihanouk.

5. School Names Being Changed. AKP reports that names of all secondary schools associated with the Royal Family, Sihanouk, his entourage, and Sangkum are, as of May 9, to be changed to names with a more traditional association. This is the first evidence of suppression of the Sangkum, Sihanouk's Buddhist/socialist political party.

6. Censorship. Incoming international mail has been censored for several weeks. Because of the volume, however, the Embassy understands that the end of the envelope is slit, the envelope stapled together without the letter having been read. It is then stamped with the "censor" stamp.

  
Theodore L. Eliot, Jr.  
Executive Secretary

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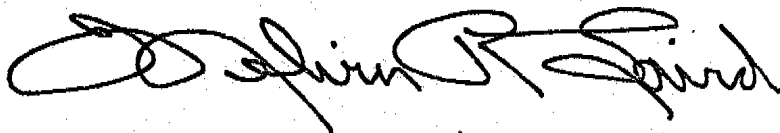
THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20301

19 May 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Attached is the daily report you asked to be provided on the status of activities related to the situation in Cambodia.



Attachment

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a. Ground. The following artillery support (all calibers) was provided in Cambodia during this period:

Toan Thang 42 (BA 367/706)	108 rds
Toan Thang 43 (BA 352/353)	0 rds
Toan Thang 45 (BA 351)	0 rds
Toan Thang 46 (BA 350)	0 rds
Cuu Long I (Riverine, BA 704/709)	0 rds
Binh Tay I (BA 702)	593 rds
Binh Tay II (BA 701)	158 rds
Cuu Long II (BA 704)	0 rds

b. Air

(1) The following tactical air sorties were provided in Cambodia:

	<u>This Period</u>	<u>Cumulative</u>
Toan Thang 42	8	79
Toan Thang 43	28	932
Toan Thang 45	0	19
Toan Thang 46	0	36
Cuu Long I	0	62
Binh Tay I	10	204
Binh Tay II	1	47
Cuu Long II	8	36 (corrected)

(2) The following ARC LIGHT sorties were provided in Cambodia:

	<u>This Period</u>	<u>Cumulative</u>
Toan Thang 42	0	0
Toan Thang 43	0	167
Toan Thang 45	6	58
Toan Thang 46	0	44
Cuu Long I	0	0
Binh Tay I	0	71
Binh Tay II	0	58
Cuu Long II	0	12

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c. Sea. Naval surveillance off the port of Kompong Som reported no significant sightings during this period.

2. Cambodian (Khmer Kroms)

a. It is planned to move Khmer resupply of peculiar items (16,800 pounds) and 216,000 rounds 30 caliber carbine ammo on 20 May.

b. An update from COMUSMACV indicates that there is no change in the number of troops, AK-47 weapons or number of M-2 carbines delivered as previously reported. AK-47 ammo increased to 347,050 rounds and carbine ammo increased to 1,900,800 rounds. To date 180,272 pounds of supplies have been delivered to Khmer troops, in addition to above.

B. MILITARY ASSISTANCE

1. 52,697 pounds of uniforms and 8,700 pounds (216,000 rounds) 30 caliber carbine ammunition airlifted to Phnom Penh 18/19 May. This completes movement of uniforms.

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191600 EDT May 1970

C. PRESS POLICY

1. No new major public affairs difficulties are evident today. Major reporting of the activities in the Cambodian sanctuaries and their significance continues to come from the correspondents on the scene.

2. We also devoted major attention to the matter during the 50 major Armed Forces Day speeches throughout the country by Department of Defense officials.

3. Special film continues to be taken of refugees relief operations and will continue to be released both here and in Saigon.

4. The most difficult public problem this week, and perhaps for a few subsequent weeks, will be the level of U.S. casualties. In addition, close attention will be paid to how the caches are disposed of and how fast U.S. personnel leave Cambodia.

5. Of course, the obvious tactical success will ultimately be bypassed by assessment of the strategic benefits which will be measured by the public in terms of continued U.S. withdrawals and lower U.S. casualties.

D. NEW OPERATION. It is planned to attack Base Area 740 on the night of 19 May EDT. Subject operation will be conducted against a major enemy logistics and troop staging area which has had a relatively high level of activity in the recent past.

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TOP SECRET-SENSITIVEDate 19 May 1970Date as 190400 EDT

<u>Base Area</u>	<u>Date Opn Started (EDT)</u>	<u>Max. No. US Involved in Cambodia This Opn</u>	<u>No. US Involved in Cambodia This Opn Now</u>	<u>Date 1st US Units/ Pers Out</u>	<u>Date All US To Be Out</u>	<u>Date Opn Terminated</u>
367/706	28 Apr	930	338	**NA	#NLT 30 Jun	*20 May 70
352/353	30 Apr	10,700	8,400	9 May	NLT 30 Jun	##29 Jun 70
354	5 May	2,300	0	8 May	14 May (Opn terminated)	14 May 70
351	5 May	4,800	4,800	**NA	NLT 30 Jun	*30 Jun 70
350	5 May	19	9	**NA	#NLT 30 Jun	@12 May 70
702	4 May	3,869	12	13 May	@16 May	@16 May 70
704/709 (Cuu Long I)	8 May	2,313	383	13 May	NLT 30 Jun	##30 Jun 70
701	13 May	83	83	**NA	27 May (Estimate)	*27 May 70
704 (Cuu Long II)	16 May	86	86	**NA	30 May (Estimate)	*30 May 70

\* Date based on planned operation. Duration date subject to prevailing tactical situation.

\*\* Will be provided when reported by COMUSMACV.

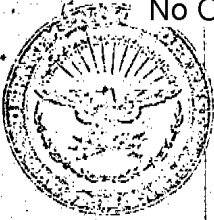
# Recovery of materiel located in caches during the operation may require personnel to remain after tactical operations are completed.

## As reported by COMUSMACV.

@ COMUSMACV reports operation is continuing.

@@ US participation in this operation has terminated.

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## THE NATIONAL MILITARY COMMAND CENTER

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

19 May 1970  
1451 EDT

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Subject: Special Report on Cambodia

1. Attached are the reported results of US and RVN operations in Cambodia. Information is as of 190400 EDT.

2. All Cambodian operations are progressing as planned. Searches in the Fish Hook and Base Area 351 continue to be productive with 86 tons of rice discovered in these areas since the last report. In operation Cuu Long II, an air-mobile assault put ARVN forces in the Kampot area. Other units, after having secured assigned objectives in this operation, are now conducting searches in areas by-passed in their initial drive.

3. More detailed information on significant actions is included as the final item in this report.

JAMES G. STIANAHAN  
Brigadier General, USA  
Deputy Director for  
Operations, NMCC

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A. LEVEL OF EFFORT (Personnel)

In Cambodia: RVNMF 26,869

In RVN: RVNMF 5,575

US 14,111

US 8,764

B. CUMULATIVE RESULTS (As of: 190400 EDT May 70 )

	PARROT'S BEAK (BA 706/367)	FISH HOOK (BA 352)	BINH TAY I (BA 702)	BINH TAY II (BA 701)	GIONG TO (BA 351)	HAC MA (BA 350)	CUU LONG I (BA 704/709)	CUU LONG II (BA 704)	TERMINATED OPERATIONS	GRAND TOTAL
nemy KIA	1,850	1,824	227	34	491	17	622	424	1,468	6,957
nemy PW	937	267	17	3	16	5	81	29	270	1,625
UNN KIA	174	41	6	3	0	8	37	20	67	355
UNN WIA	809	176	50	23	0	14	180	76	554	1,662
S KIA	9	53	30	0	35	0	6	0	24	157
S WIA	65	210	72	0	112	0	4	3	169	635
Individual Wpns Captured	1,045	4,051	803	202	899	220	712	320	1,290	9,542
rew-Served Wpns Captured	259	730	23	111	86	29	112	65	184	1,595
Rice (Tons)	635	1,792	600	37	189	29	15	0	191	3,488
rice (Xan Months)	27,940	78,848	26,400	1,628	8,316	1,276	660	0	8,404	153,477
Wpns/Structures	826	1,980	1,180	184	82	171	0	0	355	4,778
ehicles	11	162	3	0	19	2	7	0	5	207
s	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	40

\*1 ton of rice will feed 1,333 NVA/VC for 1 day (1.5 lbs/Man/Day)

\*\*Totals for ROCK CRUSHER IV previously reported in this column now appear in Terminated Operations column.

\*\*Operation ROCK CRUSHER IV & Operation TTA CHOP (BA 354)

CUMULATIVE TOTALS SHOWN INCLUDE PREVIOUSLY UNREPORTED ADJUSTMENTS

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D. OTHER SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS:

(1) In the Parrot's Beak (Base Area 367/706), ARVN Task Forces 318 and 333 are conducting a maintenance stand-down; however, Highway #1 security and local search operations continue. Task Force 225 continues search and sweep operations with only light contact reported.

(2) In the Fish Hook (Base Area 353), the 1st ARVN Airborne Battalion discovered a 20-ton rice cache at XT 4398.

(3) In Base Area 351, the 1/8 Cavalry discovered 65 1/2 tons of rice at YU 2045.

(4) In Operation Cuu Long II:

(a) The ARVN task force engagement near VS 5788, reported in progress yesterday, has terminated. Fifteen enemy soldiers were killed and a cache containing 34 weapons, 15 tons of ammunition, and 15 tons of rice was discovered.

(b) 9th ARVN Division forces reported contacts with the enemy at VT 7010 and VS 7473 and the discovery of two caches at VS 8468 and VS 0389. These actions resulted in 13 enemy soldiers killed and 10 tons of rice seized. Search in the cache areas continues.

(c) In actions around Kampot, elements of the 21st ARVN Division conducted an airmobile assault at VS 1869 without contact with the enemy. Link up forces, however, fought an enemy unit at VS 2665, killing 12. ARVN forces are currently reported to be west of Kampot, but with no confirmation that the town has been entered and/or secured.

(d) In the 44th STZ area of operations, a CIDG Mobile Strike Force battalion, during the conduct of an airmobile assault at WT 1408, made contact with the enemy. No results were reported. At WT 0406, Regional Force units discovered a 3-ton ammunition cache.

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## D. OTHER SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS:

(1) In the Fish Hook (Base Area 352)

Several small caches were uncovered in the area. The largest cache was uncovered in the vicinity of XU 249016 by a US infantry battalion. Principal items found were 60 pounds of documents, five (one crew-served) weapons, and 4 tons of bagged rice. Additionally, miscellaneous other equipment and a small amount of ammunition were seized. The cache will be destroyed.

(2) In Operation Cuu Long I (Base Area 704/709)

As of 18 May 70, 19,750 refugees have been evacuated from Cambodia to the Republic of Vietnam.

NOTE: Extract from "Special Report on Cambodia" published by the NMCC, 0715 EDT 19 May 1970 for the period 180401 to 182000 EDT May 1970.



**CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

**OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR**

19 May 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR:

The Honorable Henry A. Kissinger  
Assistant to the President for  
National Security Affairs

SUBJECT:

Daily Report on Cambodia

We have nothing significant to report.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dick", written in dark ink.

Richard Helms  
Director

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