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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Henry A. Kissinger *HK*

SUBJECT: Actions on Cambodia

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

Military Operations

- There were 86 tacair and no ARC LIGHT strikes.
- Operation Binh Tay I concluded on Monday. This had been an ARVN operation, involving only nine Americans.
- Light and sporadic contacts were reported as units continued search and clear operations in all areas.
- COMINT reports a major reorganization of the enemy's subregion 2, which had suffered heavy losses in the Parrot's Beak. Three of its eight battalions were dissolved and two converted into local force units.

Military and Economic Assistance

- 1,120 pounds of additional T-28 parts were delivered May 24.
- The Philippines confirmed on May 22 that it would not provide arms, but that clothing and medicines would be

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sent through the Red Cross, from public and private contributions. Our Embassy thinks the GOP wants to keep its options open in case Sihanouk should bounce back.

- The FANK has asked our Defense Attache for airlift of two Khmer Krom battalions plus barbed wire and advisers to Cambodian forces still holding in the North-east corner of Cambodia.

Diplomatic and International

- Yem Sambaur is in Saigon and has seen Thieu. He announced the purpose of his visit to be the reestablishment of diplomatic relations. He told newsmen before departure that he would like ARVN and U. S. troops to stay in Cambodia after June 30, and would raise the subject in Saigon. (Ziegler has told the press that we have received no such request and has reiterated the June 30 deadline.)
- Tass has carried a blast by the Soviet Ambassador in Phnom Penh, taking issue with the plan to establish relations with Saigon and warning that the USSR "will make conclusions for its policy from the direction in which this situation develops."
- General Haig presented the case against a SEATO application to Lon Nol and Sirik Matak, who appeared to accept the arguments.
- The three-nation post-Djakarta Conference team will travel in early June to Moscow, London, New York (for the UN), Ottawa, Warsaw and Delhi, according to

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the Malaysian member, who urged us not to embrace it too fervently.

- Sihanouk has arrived in Hanoi. The coincidence with Yem Sambaur's trip apparently was accidental.
- Vietnamese refugees in Phnom Penh total some 68,000. Relief supplies are running low, the rains have started, and the refugees' situation may become serious in a week or two. The GVN cannot accommodate such a number, and there is little hope that they can be re-absorbed in Cambodia. Sambaur will raise this issue in Saigon.
- Yem Sambaur reports agreement reached with Malaysia to establish Embassies.
- The French Ambassador in Phnom Penh has complained of ARVN destruction of the French-owned Chup rubber plantation (the country's largest) and hints that the GVN wants to destroy Cambodia economically. The ARVN commanding general reportedly plans to raze the plantation after it is evacuated Tuesday. At General Abrams' request, the Chief of the ARVN joint staff is checking the situation, but he claims that VC/NVA forces are in the area (this is operation toan thang 42).
- The remaining Communist Embassy personnel have left Phnom Penh in the Swiss-managed swap for Cambodians in China.

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