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SUBJECT: REPORT BY LON NON ON THE PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE ASPECTS OF OPERATION "TCHENLA II" (b)(3)

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1. [redacted] COMMENT: THERE FOLLOWS BELOW A SUMMARY TRANSLATION OF A SIX-PAGE REPORT PREPARED BY LIEUTENANT COLONEL L O N NON, COMMANDER OF THE CAMBODIAN ARMY (FANK) THIRD INFANTRY BRIGADE GROUP, CONCERNING PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE/PACIFICATION ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED IN CONNECTION WITH OPERATION "TCHENLA II". IT HAS NOT BEEN TRANSLATED IN ITS ENTIRETY DUE TO ITS LENGTH. HOWEVER, THE MAJOR POINTS ARE SUMMARIZED AND AN EFFORT HAS BEEN MADE TO PRESERVE THE TONE OF THE REPORT. THE TERM "ENEMY" HAS BEEN USED IN THE SUMMARY TRANSLATION FOR "VIET CONG/NORTH VIETNAMESE". THERE IS NO

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2. ON ORDERS OF MARSHAL L O N NOL, A PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE HEADQUARTERS PROCEEDED IMMEDIATELY TO THE AREA OF TCHENLA II AND ESTABLISHED ITSELF ON 2 SEPTEMBER 1971 IN BARAY. IT MET AT ONCE WITH THE CLERGY AS WELL AS WITH THE RESPECTABLE MEMBERS OF THE AREA. THE MAYOR WAS IMMEDIATELY CHARGED WITH TAKING A CENSUS OF THE INHABITANTS, PAGODAS, CLERGY AND THOSE WHO HAD BEEN FORCIBLY TAKEN AWAY BY THE ENEMY. LOCAL TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES WERE INVENTORIED. ON-THE-SPOT INVESTIGATION COLLECTED POPULAR REACTIONS AND TESTIMONIES. THE HARSH OPPRESSION OF THE ENEMY BECAME IMMEDIATELY APPARENT, ALONG WITH THE GENERAL UNHAPPINESS OF THE POPULATION. THE ENEMY HAD RESTRICTED THE MOVEMENTS OF THE AGED, INFIRM, WOMEN AND CHILDREN AND HAD HELD THEM AS HOSTAGES. BOTH MARRIED AND UNMARRIED WOMEN HAD BEEN RECRUITED FOR CARNAL PURPOSES. THE ARRIVAL OF TCHENLA II WAS A DELIVERANCE FOR THE POPULATION. THANKS TO PSYCHOLOGICAL ACTION ACTIVITIES, THE PEOPLE RETURNED TO THEIR HOMES, AND THOSE WHO REMAINED IN ENEMY HANDS SOUGHT TO ESCAPE. AT THE TIME OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE HEADQUARTERS IN BARAY, THE TOWN CONSISTED OF 8,918 INHABITANTS. WITHIN A WEEK THE FIGURE CLIMBED STEADILY. WHILE THE HEADQUARTERS WAS THERE 4,000 ADDITIONAL PERSONS ARRIVED AND 333 INDIVIDUALS WHO HAD BEEN ENROLLED WITH THE ENEMY WERE INTERVIEWED BY THE HEADQUARTERS. THE RESULTS OF THESE INTERVIEWS REVEALED THE INFORMATION CONTAINED BELOW.

3. BECAUSE OF MEASURES TAKEN BY THE ENEMY, THE PRACTICE OF THE BUDDHIST RELIGION WAS IMPOSSIBLE. MONKS COULD NO LONGER CIRCULATE TO OBTAIN FOOD, THE ENEMY INSISTING THAT IF THEY WISHED TO EAT THEY HAD TO WORK. RELIGIOUS CEREMONIES OF ANY SORT WERE FORBIDDEN. SALE OF WHITE AND YELLOW CLOTH WAS STOPPED TO PREVENT THE MONKS FROM MAKING THEIR ROBES. THOSE WHO OPPOSED THE ENEMY WERE TORTURED OR KILLED. SEVEN OF 32 PAGODAS WERE COMPLETELY PILLAGED; NINETY SIX MONKS WERE CARRIED

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OFF FROM BARAY AND THEIR FATE IS NOT KNOWN. IF BARAY HAD NOT BEEN LIBERATED THE BUDDHIST RELIGION WOULD HAVE BEEN EXTINGUISHED.

4. THE ENEMY USED YOUTH AND INTELLECTUALS FOR PROPAGANDA PURPOSES, AND THEY WERE ENROLLED BY FORCE. THE MOST INTELLIGENT WERE KILLED. YOUNG GIRLS WERE INCORPORATED INTO THE "REVOLUTIONARY GIRLS CORPS" AND BECAME GIRLS OF EASY VIRTUE (FILLES A TOUT FAIRE). MANY WERE HARSHLY VIOLATED AND THE LEAST PROTEST BROUGHT EXECUTION. ABOUT TWENTY GIRLS FROM BARAY WERE CARRIED OFF BY THE ENEMY. CHILDREN FROM AGE 6 TO 13 WERE TAKEN FROM THEIR PARENTS AND SENT TO AN EDUCATION CENTER WHERE THEY WERE TAUGHT COMMUNIST DOCTRINE. THE CHILDREN RETURNED HOME HOSTILE TO TRADITIONAL KHMER LIFE, INSULTING MONKS, OLD PERSONS AND THEIR PARENTS AS USELESS TO SOCIETY.

5. THE GENERAL POPULATION COMPLAINED OF THE CRIMINAL ACTIONS OF THE ENEMY, MURDERS, BESTIALITIES AND PILLAGES. INVESTIGATION REVEALED FLAGRANT POLITICAL GENOCIDE: 182 PERSONS DISAPPEARED, SOME OF WHOM WERE FOUND IN MASS GRAVES.

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COMMENT: THERE THEN FOLLOWS A LISTING BY NAME OF PERSONS KNOWN TO HAVE DISAPPEARED OR TO HAVE BEEN EXECUTED.)

6. THE RESULTS OF THE ACTIVITY OF THE PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE/PACIFICATION HEADQUARTERS WERE REMARKABLE. DUE TO THE EFFORTS OF THOSE FROM THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION, COMMIS-SARIATS FOR WAR VICTIMS AND FOR GENERAL MOBILIZATION, AND FANK BY 13 SEPTEMBER 2,315 PERSONS HAD RETURNED TO BARAY. MAKING A POPULATION OF 11,233. AN ADDITIONAL 333 PEOPLE WHO HAD ENROLLED WITH THE ENEMY RETURNED. A SPONTANEOUS MARCH OF SEVERAL THOUSAND PEOPLE ARMED WITH CLUBS AND MACHETES WENT OFF ON 12 SEPTEMBER 1971 TO LIBERATE ADDITIONAL BLOOD BROTHERS FROM THE CLAWS OF THE ENEMY, AND 304 FAMILIES AND 48 MONKS WERE FREED ON THIS DAY ALONE. INFORMATION OF A MILITARY NATURE WAS OBTAINED, THEREBY DESTROYING THE MILITARY PLANS OF THE ENEMY. THE PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECT ON A

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NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SCALE RESULTED FROM THE EFFORTS. CABLES FROM AROUND THE WORLD DENOUNCED THE CRIMINAL ACTS OF THE ENEMY.

7. A REFUGEE CENTER WAS ESTABLISHED. SCHOOLS WILL BE OPENED. POLITICAL INDOCTRINATION COURSES RUN BY THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AS WELL AS BY POLITICAL ADVISORS AND PERSONS FROM THE PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE HEADQUARTERS WILL BEGIN. [redacted] COMMENT: THERE FOLLOWS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF HELP FROM VARIOUS ORGANS OF THE CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT AND OF THE SUPPORT FROM ALL ELEMENTS OF KHMER SOCIETY.)

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