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aka VC/NVA Military Region 304 in
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Concerning Guidance on Relations between Friendly
((Red Khmer)) Troops and the Various
Units of Đoan ((Binh Long))

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Thanks to the guidance of the Headquarters ((of Đoan Binh Long)) on relations between friendly ((Red Khmer troops)) and us, our cadre and troops have understood the ideals of "independence and equality, the principle of not interfering with the internal affairs ((of other countries)), and the necessity ((for Cambodia and Vietnam)) to help and respect each other."

As a result, they understood the difficulties faced by the friendly ((Red Khmer)) troops, especially their lack of cadre in command and leadership positions. Furthermore, the capability of friendly ((Red Khmer)) cadre to execute directives of higher echelons was still poor in some places. (They ((lacked initiative)), and worked in a set pattern). Therefore, the operating methods of the friendly ((Red Khmer)) troops were not good and their relations with us were poor.

However, our cadre and soldiers knew to be modest, patient, tactful, persuasive, positive, and considerate toward friendly ((Red Khmer)) troops, thus contributing to the solidarity and harmony between ((the two people)) and creating favorable conditions for our unit and many other friendly units to accomplish their combat and combat support missions.

But in certain areas there were still some cadre and troops who sometimes did not follow prescribed guidance on relations with friendly ((Red Khmer)) troops, thus badly influencing friendship between the two countries and our combat missions.

To promote solidarity and improve relations between the two countries and create favorable conditions for better accomplishing combat missions and strengthening our ((VC)) and friendly ((Red Khmer)) forces and the people's confidence in our victory, the Headquarters, ((Đoan Binh Long)), prescribed the following main points concerning relations ((between both forces)) in accordance with the spirit of a joint meeting held on 7 Oct 70, at (Xang Tuc and Ba Rai Areas) by the friendly ((Red Khmer forces)) and us:

1. After a unit has arrived at a local area, its leader must assign cadre to establish contact with the local authorities.
2. The personnel of an agency or unit assigned to transport rice and other food within their area of responsibility must be provided with letters of introduction ((used as travel orders)) by their commanders.
3. All units or individuals going on duty within the province or the region must be provided with letters of introduction ((used as travel orders))

by their commanders or those of units one echelon higher. If a ((Red)) Khmer comrade is on TDI alone, he must be provided with a letter of introduction by the ((Red)) Khmer authorities or be accompanied by a Vietnamese.

4. If ((Đoàn Bình Long)) wants to borrow "big" means of transportation ((from the Khmer people)), it must receive approval from local ((Red)) Khmer authorities. All borrowed items must be returned to the owner in due time and compensation for damage, if any, must be made.

5. In no circumstance are we to permit our ((VC)) troops to encircle and open fire on friendly ((Khmer)) troops, as was done by a unit located in the Xăng Túc Area.

If there is any ((hostile)) act or disagreement between our men and friendly ((Red Khmer)) elements, our unit ((commanders)) should assign personnel to the friendly ((Red Khmer)) element concerned to settle them.

6. Intensively indoctrinate our cadre, troops, and the people in their bivouac sites to be vigilant and avoid being fooled by deceitful enemy propaganda speaking ill of the Vietnamese liberation troops' attitude toward friendly ((Khmer)) troops and the Khmer people or vice versa. Such lies are to alienate us from the Khmer troops and people. Recently there was a groundless rumor that the Khmer troops fighting in the ranks of the ((South)) Vietnam Liberation Army would not be entitled to any rights or benefits extended by the Khmer Government in the future to the Khmer Liberation Army. This rumor was intended to confuse the Khmer troops. Friendly ((Khmer)) troops working in our ranks must be told that this rumor is absolutely groundless, so that they can have peace of mind to accomplish the task of liberating their country. They should also be told that after the liberation of their country is achieved, they will participate in the Unified Cambodian Government.

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Upon receipt of this circular, the various units should study it carefully and explain it to their ((VC)) cadre and troops so that they can better their relations with friendly ((Red Khmer)) troops.

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