



# *National Archives and Records Administration*

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Lonnie M. Long

Davidson, NC 28036

Dear Mr. Long,

This is in response to your letter of March 27, 2009, requesting a copy of a letter written by President Nixon to Prince Norodom Sihanouk.

After looking in multiple places in our files, I was unable to find a letter from President Nixon to Prince Sihanouk in March 1969 requesting the release of the four airmen. I did find a letter from President Nixon to Prince Sihanouk, written on or about February 12, 1969, expressing a desire to improve United States-Cambodian relations. I have enclosed several documents photocopied from our files that pertain to this letter.

I must emphasize that we are not staffed to do substantive research, so this was not a thorough search of our holdings. I did check the collections and series most likely to contain communications between President Nixon and Prince Sihanouk, as outlined below:

- White House Central Files: Subject Files: CO (Countries), Box 13
- White House Central Files: Subject Files: FO (Foreign Affairs), Box 1
- White House Central Files: Subject Files: FO 2, Box 9
- White House Central Files: Subject Files, FO 2/CO 26, Box 14
- White House Central Files: Subject Files, ND 18/CO 165 (National Security-Defense)
- White House Central Files: Subject Files, ND 18-3
- White House Special Files: White House Central Files: Subject Files: Confidential Files

We encourage you to visit the National Archives at College Park (where the Nixon Presidential Materials will be available until February 19, 2010, when they begin the move to Yorba Linda, California) to conduct your own research. Research room hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Wednesday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. On Saturdays, the Nixon Library staff is not available for box pulls or orientation briefings. Therefore, you must have boxes pulled by 3:30 p.m. on Friday to be able to access the materials on Saturday.

If it is not possible for you to conduct research on site, you may also hire an independent researcher to locate and photocopy documents for you. Photocopies can be made by an independent researcher at \$0.25 per page. A list of researchers who are familiar with the Nixon Presidential Materials is available on the National Archives website at: <http://www.archives.gov/research/hire-help/nixon.html>. While I cannot quote specific fees for research services, I can tell you that prices are reasonable.

Thank you for your interest in the Nixon Presidential Materials at the National Archives. If you have any further questions, please contact us at the above address, by telephone at (301) 837-3290, or e-mail us at [nixon@nara.gov](mailto:nixon@nara.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jason Schultz". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end of the name.

Jason Schultz  
Reference Archivist  
Richard Nixon Presidential Library at College Park

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Your Royal Highness:

I still remember with great pleasure my first visit to Cambodia in 1953 when I had the privilege of meeting you and of seeing something of your beautiful country. Not many months after that visit, Cambodia -- under your leadership -- gained full independence. Now, over 15 years later, you and your countrymen have built a strong and prosperous nation.

Since our meeting during your visit to the United States in 1958, however, serious problems have arisen to separate our two countries. It is my sincere desire to see a genuine and lasting improvement in United States-Cambodian relations, and to work toward this objective.

I know you share my belief that every effort must be made to localize the conflict in Vietnam. There are, as you know, grave dangers unless both sides are careful to exercise the utmost restraint. I want to assure you of my commitment to maintain such restraint, and my deep desire to find an honorable peace in Vietnam. Even before peace is restored there, however, I hope it will be possible for us to make some progress toward finding solutions to the issues that now divide our countries.

*... & to look forward to working with you toward that end.*  
Sincerely,

His Royal Highness  
Prince Norodom Sihanouk,  
Chief of State of Cambodia,  
Phnom Penh

*Mr. M. Jones in  
reading over  
warm personal regards*