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PRINCE NORODOM SIHANOUK'S COMMENTS ON THE CREATION OF HIS
NEW RESISTANCE GROUP AND ON FUTURE PROSPECTS FOR ANTI-
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM KAMPUCHEAN RESISTANCE {DOI: 3/81

1. IN EARLY MARCH 1981, PRINCE NORODOM S I H A N O U K STATED
TO A GROUP OF CLOSE AIDES THAT HE WISHED TO LEAVE NORTH KOREA AND
ESTABLISH HIMSELF IN A SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATION TO DIRECTLY PARTICIPATE
IN A POLITICAL AND MILITARY EFFORT TO FORCE THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM {SRV} TROOPS FROM KAMPUCHEA. SIHANOUK
EXPRESSED THE DESIRE TO ESTABLISH HIS HEADQUARTERS IN SINGAPORE,
WHERE HE HOPES TO OBTAIN MATERIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF
SINGAPORE.

2. DURING A 6 MARCH MEETING OF SIHANOUK SUPPORTERS IN PYONGYANG,
SIHANOUK ANNOUNCED THE CREATION OF THE FRONT D'UNION NATIONALE POUR
UN CAMBODGE INDEPENDENT NEUTRE, PACIFIQUE ET COOPERATIF {FUNCINPEC--
THE NATIONAL UNITED FRONT FOR AN INDEPENDENT, NEUTRAL, PEACEFUL AND
COOPERATIVE CAMBODIA} AND ITS MILITARY ARM, THE ARMEE NATIONALISTE
SIHANOUKIENNE {ANS- THE SIHANOUKIST NATIONALIST ARMY}, WAS PUT UNDER
THE COMMAND OF FORMER GOVERNMENT OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC {L O N NOL
REGIME} PRIME MINISTER I N T A M.

3. SIHANOUK STATED THAT HE WOULD PARTICIPATE IN AN ANTI-SRV KAMPUCHEAN FRONT, BUT THAT ONE REQUIREMENT WOULD BE THAT DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA {DK} BE PREVENTED FROM RESUMING POWER IN KAMPUCHEA. HE SAID THAT HE WOULD BE WILLING TO JOIN FORCES WITH KHMER PEOPLE'S NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT {KPNLF} TROOPS BASED IN THAILAND, BUT ADDED HE WOULD PLACE HIS PERSONAL SUPPORT BEHIND THE MOULINAKA {MOUVEMENT DE LIBERATION NATIONALE DU KAMPUCHEA--THE NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT OF KAMPUCHEA}, AN ANTI-COMMUNIST RESISTANCE GROUP IN THAILAND UNDER THE COMMAND OF N H E M SOPHON. {HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: AVAILABLE INFORMATION INDICATES THAT THE MOULINAKA HAS JOINED WITH THE KPNLF.} SIHANOUK SAID THAT HE HOPES TO BE ABLE TO VISIT THAILAND TO DIRECTLY STIMULATE RECRUITMENT OF ANTI-SRV RESISTANCE FORCES.

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4. AT THE 6 MARCH MEETING, SIHANOUK SAID THAT HE PLANNED TO MEET WITH CHINESE OFFICIALS IN BEIJING IN LATE APRIL IN AN EFFORT TO GAIN MATERIAL SUPPORT FROM THE CHINESE. HE BITTERLY CRITICIZED THE

CHINESE FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR THE DK, WHILE HIS OWN FINANCIAL RESOURCES HAVE BECOME EXHAUSTED. SIHANOUK SAID THAT HE INTENDS TO SEEK SUPPORT FROM THE UNITED STATES (U.S.), JAPAN AND ASEAN NATIONS, AND DISPATCHED TWO AIDES TO BEGIN LOOKING FOR ASSISTANCE IN THE U.S. AND SOUTHEAST ASIA. HE SAID THAT IF HIS EMISSARIES ARE SUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING CONCURRENCE IN SINGAPORE, HE WILL MOVE DIRECTLY TO SINGAPORE IN JUNE INSTEAD OF GOING TO FRANCE.

5. SIHANOUK ANNOUNCED THAT HE WOULD BE THE PRESIDENT OF FUNCINPEC; FORMER GENERAL N H I E K TIOULONG AND IN TAM WOULD BE VICE PRESIDENTS; AND C H A K SAROEUN WOULD BE SECRETARY. (HEAD-QUARTERS COMMENT: ACCORDING TO LATE MARCH PRESS INFORMATION, NHIEK TIOULONG WAS "PROVISIONALLY" NAMED PRESIDENT OF THE FUNCINPEC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, WHILE P E N N NOUTH WAS TO BECOME HONORARY PRESIDENT OF THE GROUP.)

6. SIHANOUK TOLD HIS SUPPORTERS THAT WHILE HE DETESTS AND DISTRUSTS THE DK, HE IS REALISTIC ENOUGH TO ACCEPT THE NEED FOR COMMUNIST MILITARY CAPABILITY IN FIGHTING THE SRV. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT HE WOULD ATTEMPT TO BUILD A SEPARATE ORGANIZATION, WITH U.S. AND SOUTHEAST ASIAN SUPPORT, TO COUNTER DK AND CHINESE INFLUENCE. HE STRESSED THE NEED FOR SPEED IN ORGANIZING THE KAMPUCHEAN

RESISTANCE BEFORE THE SRV-BACKED H E N G SAMRIN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KAMPUCHEA HAS TIME TO EFFECTIVELY CONSOLIDATE CONTROL OVER KAMPUCHEA. SIHANOUK SAID HE WOULD WORK TOWARD THE EARLY CONVENING OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON KAMPUCHEA TO INFLUENCE WORLD OPINION TO SUPPORT HIS FRONT ACTIVITIES.

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