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MR. SREI THAN (2-TCW-944)	Khmer

- 1 PROCEEDINGS
- 2 (Court opens at 0909H)
- 3 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 4 Please be seated. The Court is now in session.
- 5 Today the Trial Chamber is scheduled to hear the testimony of
- 6 2-TCW-944 until the conclusion of questioning from the
- 7 Co-Prosecutors.
- 8 Ms. Se Kolvuthy, could you report the attendance of the Parties
- 9 and individuals to today's proceedings?
- 10 THE GREFFIER:
- 11 Mr. President, for today's proceedings, all Parties to this case
- 12 are present. As for Mr. Nuon Chea, he is present in the holding
- 13 cell downstairs as he requests to waive his direct presence in
- 14 the main courtroom. His waiver has been delivered to the
- 15 greffier.
- 16 The witness to testify today -- that is, 2-TCW-944 and his
- 17 counsel<, Duch Phary, > are present in the waiting room. Thank
- 18 you.
- 19 [09.11.04]
- 20 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 21 Thank you. The Chamber now decides on the request by Nuon Chea.
- 22 The Chamber has received a waiver from Nuon Chea dated 19 of
- 23 February 2015, in which he confirms that he has health issue --
- 24 that is, backache and dizziness and that cannot sit for long, and
- 25 in order to effectively participate in the future hearings, he

- 1 requests to waive his rights to participate in and be present at
- 2 the 19 February 2015.
- 3 Nuon Chea has been informed by his counsel about the consequence
- 4 of this waiver that in no way it can be construed as a waiver of
- 5 his right to be tried fairly or to challenge evidence presented
- 6 or admitted to this Court at any time during his trial. Having
- 7 seen the medical report of Nuon Chea by the duty doctor for the
- 8 Accused at Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia,
- 9 dated 19 February 2015, the doctor notes that the health
- 10 condition of Nuon Chea remains unchanged and that he has severe
- 11 backache, dizziness when he sits for long, and recommends that
- 12 the Chamber should allow him to follow the proceedings remotely
- 13 from a holding cell downstairs based on the above-mentioned
- 14 information and pursuant to Rule 81.5 of the ECCC Internal Rules,
- 15 the Chamber grants Nuon Chea's request to follow the proceedings
- 16 remotely from a holding cell downstairs via an audio visual means
- 17 for today's proceedings. And as he waives his direct present in
- 18 the courtroom, the AV unit is instructed to link the proceedings
- 19 to the holding cell downstairs so that he can follow it remotely.
- 20 [09.13.23]
- 21 Yesterday the Trial Chamber informed to the Parties that there is
- 22 a pending request for protective measures and adjourned until
- 23 today. The Chamber recalls that pursuant to Internet Rules 79.6,
- 24 the hearing should be conducted in public.
- 25 However, the Chamber may also hold in-camera hearing in order to

- 1 give effect to protective measures. The Chamber has been seized a
- 2 request for protective measure, and in order to discuss the
- 3 matter, will move into closed session in accordance with the
- 4 Internal Rules 29.
- 5 The audience in the general public auditorium is requested to
- 6 leave during this closed session, and court officer will be
- 7 notified when the Chamber decides to return to a public hearing.
- 8 And AV unit, you are instructed to disconnect the audio and
- 9 visual links to the auditorium, but leave the curtain drawn in
- 10 order to assist the interpreters in the booth.
- 11 (Court goes into closed session 0917H)
- 12 (Court resumes in public session 1030H)
- 13 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 14 Please, be seated. The Court is now back in session.
- 15 Before we proceed to hear the testimony of this witness, we will
- 16 now issue our oral ruling on the request for the protective
- 17 measure made by the witness 2-TCW-944. The Chamber grants the
- 18 request for protective measures made by the witness 2-TCW-944,
- 19 which was made through WESU. Detailed information on the address
- 20 of the witness shall not be broadcasted to the public. The image
- 21 of the witness shall not be disclosed to the public. In order to
- 22 implement this protective measure, the image will be distorted
- 23 during the hearing of the testimony of this witness. A reasoned
- 24 decision will be issued in due course.
- 25 The AV unit is instructed to proceed with the facial distortion

- 1 of this witness during this hearing.
- 2 [10.32.55]
- 3 QUESTIONING BY THE PRESIDENT:
- 4 Mr. Witness, what is your name?
- 5 MR. SREI THAN:
- 6 A. My name is Srei Than.
- 7 Q. What is your date of birth?
- 8 A. I was born in 1957.
- 9 Q. What is your current occupation?
- 10 A. Currently, I am a rice farmer.
- 11 Q. What are your parent's names?
- 12 A. My parents -- my father is Tuy Ngil and my mother is Tuy Chim.
- 13 Q. What is your wife's name and how many children do you have
- 14 together?
- 15 A. My wife's name is Long Von and we have five children.
- 16 Q. The Greffier, could you deliver document D125/129, to the
- 17 witness and ask the witness to confirm the highlighted portion of
- 18 this statement, whether it is true and correct.
- 19 Is the address mentioned in the document correct?
- 20 A. Yes, that is correct.
- 21 Q. Thank you, Mr. Witness. As reported by the Greffier, to your
- 22 best knowledge, you do not have any relatives or any family
- 23 members, ancestors or descendants, or your in-laws, who are
- 24 recognized by the -- as civil parties in this case. Is this
- 25 information correct?

- 1 A. Yes, it is.
- 2 Q. Have you taken an oath?
- 3 A. Yes, I have.
- 4 [10.35.55]
- 5 Q. You are now informed of your rights and obligations as a
- 6 witness before this Court. As a witness to the proceedings before
- 7 this Court, you may refuse to respond to any question or request
- 8 for your comments that would incriminate yourself. That is your
- 9 right against self-incrimination, meaning, it's because of your
- 10 response or comments that you may be led to prosecution. As for
- 11 the obligations as a witness to the proceedings before this
- 12 Court, you must respond to all the questions put to you by the
- 13 Bench or by any other Parties, except when your response to such
- 14 questions or your comments would incriminate you, as I mentioned
- 15 earlier regarding your right against self-incrimination. Also, as
- 16 a witness, you must tell the truth that you have known, have
- 17 heard, have remembered or have experienced or observed personally
- 18 any events that are related to the questions put to you by any of
- 19 the parties or the Bench.
- 20 Mr. Witness, do you understand your rights and obligations?
- 21 A. Yes, I do.
- 22 Q. Thank you. And, Mr. Witness, have you testified before or have
- 23 you been interviewed by the OCIJ? And if so, how many times and
- 24 where it happened?
- 25 [10.37.53]

- 1 A. To my recollection, I have testified on two or three separate
- 2 occasions, but I cannot recall the dates.
- 3 Q. And can you recall where you testified?
- 4 A. It happened at my home.
- 5 Q. Thank you. Before your appearance before the Chamber, have you
- 6 read or reviewed the written records of your previous interviews
- 7 that were conducted at your house, in order to refresh your
- 8 recollection?
- 9 A. Yes, I have.
- 10 Q. And, to your knowledge and recollection, can you inform the
- 11 Chamber whether the statements that you have reviewed reflect
- 12 your statements or whether they are consistent with your
- 13 statements that you made with the investigators at your house?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 [10.39.19]
- 16 Q. It seems that now you have a duty counsel assigned by WESU,
- 17 per your request. Have you taken any consultation with your duty
- 18 counsel?
- 19 A. Yes, I have consulted with my duty counsel.
- 20 Q. That is a good thing, that you have consulted with your duty
- 21 counsel, and of course, from time to time, you may seek
- 22 consultation with your duty counsel during your testimony if you
- 23 think the question may lead yourself to self-incrimination if you
- 24 respond or make comments to that question. The right to respond
- 25 to the questions is yours. However, you should refuse only to

- 1 respond to the questions when you think that your response would
- 2 lead to self-incrimination. Secondly, in order to clarify the
- 3 matters, you are reminded that you must respond to all the
- 4 questions posed to you by the Parties or the Bench, and if you
- 5 don't know the response, or you don't know about the events that
- 6 you were asked, please say so, because when you say you don't
- 7 know, that is also a response. Are you clear on that, Mr.
- 8 Witness?
- 9 [10.41.14]
- 10 A. Yes. Yes, I understand it.
- 11 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 12 Pursuant to Rule 91bis of the Internal Rules, the Co-Prosecutors
- 13 are given the floor first, to put questions to this witness. You
- 14 may proceed.
- 15 OUESTIONING BY MR. LYSAK:
- 16 Thank you, Mr. President. Good morning, Mr. Witness. I'm going to
- 17 start with some questions relating to the period from 1973 to
- 18 1976, when you were a district soldier in Tram Kak District. And,
- 19 in your OCIJ interview D125/129, at the start, you indicate that
- 20 you became a Khmer Rouge soldier in late 1973 and that you fought
- 21 Lon Nol soldiers as part of Regiment 13.
- 22 Q. My first question for you is whether you were involved in the
- 23 combat with Lon Nol forces when Angk Ta Saom was captured by the
- 24 Khmer Rouge.
- 25 [10.43.09]

- 1 MR. SREI THAN:
- 2 In 1973, I was a district soldier and by late 1973, I moved into
- 3 the sector army under the so-called Khmer Rouge command and that
- 4 was in Regiment 21. I cannot recall which division it was under
- 5 at the time. <There was no division. There existed only
- 6 regiment. > And that what happened during 1973. And in 1975, when
- 7 the Khmer Rouge attacked Phnom Penh, I moved to Regiment 13, of
- 8 Division 210, rather, Division 3.
- 9 O. Thank you. Before we get to April 1975, do you remember the --
- 10 anything in regards to the capture of Angk Ta Saom?
- 11 A. I cannot recall that.
- 12 Q. Now, in your first OCIJ statement D125/129, at Khmer ERN
- 13 00224788; English 00231673 through 74; and French 00234574
- 14 through 75; you stated that you were in Takeo provincial town, on
- 15 the 17th of April 1975, prepared for combat. That the provincial
- 16 town fell the following day -- that is, the 18th of April. And
- 17 you then described what you saw at the time, as follows, and I
- 18 quote: "I saw the Lon Nol soldiers raise white flags requesting
- 19 to surrender.[..] I saw" continuing later -- "I saw fully armed
- 20 Khmer Rouge soldiers order the people to leave toward the west,
- 21 along National Highway 22 up until 5 p.m., when it became quiet."
- 22 End of quote.
- 23 My first question -- follow-up question is, what was done with
- 24 the Lon Nol soldiers who surrendered in the Takeo provincial
- 25 town?

- 1 [10.46.56]
- 2 A. The Lon Nol soldiers who were <leaving from> the Takeo
- 3 provincial town were sent to the cooperative in the Tram Kak
- 4 district.
- 5 Q. Were any of the Lon Nol soldiers or officials, in particular
- 6 high-ranking ones, arrested during that period?
- 7 A. I didn't know about that.
- 8 Q. Do you know a site that was called "Office 204", that was
- 9 located in Prey Kdouch in the northwest corner of Tram Kak
- 10 district?
- 11 A. No, I don't.
- 12 Q. I'm going to skip ahead in time for just a moment here, and
- 13 refer you to interview E319.1.25. Mr. President, perhaps, at this
- 14 time, for ease, could I provide a copy to the witness and his
- 15 counsel of all three of his OCIJ statements so that he has them,
- 16 if he wishes to refer, with your leave?
- 17 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 18 Yes, you can do so.
- 19 [10.49.25]
- 20 BY MR. LYSAK:
- 21 Q. Now, the statement I'm referring to, Mr. Witness, is in your
- 22 third statement, which is E319.1.25, at answer number 13, where
- 23 you stated, quote: "After leaving Krang Ta Chan, I was sent to
- 24 Prey Kdouch and then to many other places, but all within the
- 25 Southwest zone." End of quote. Can you tell us when you were sent

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- 1 to Prey Kdouch, were you assigned to an office, called Office
- 2 204? And if not, what was it that you were assigned to do in Prey
- 3 Kdouch?
- 4 MR. SREI THAN:
- 5 A. When I was transferred from Krang Ta Chan, I actually returned
- 6 to my former division, but I was not transferred to Prey Kdouch.
- 7 In fact, I was -- I returned to <> Regiment <13>, under Division
- 8 210.
- 9 O. Are you saying then, that at no time did you work in the area
- 10 of Prey Kdouch? Or work near an office called Office 204?
- 11 A. I never worked there.
- 12 Q. I'm going to ask you some questions, further questions, about
- 13 the events immediately following 17 April 1975. We've heard
- 14 testimony in this trial from a witness, Kev Chandara. In his
- 15 testimony, OCIJ statement E3/5153, at English 00205090; Khmer
- 16 00172044; and French 00205095; this witness described how
- 17 evacuees were gathered at a pagoda called Wat Champa in Ta Phem
- 18 commune, after 17 April 1975. And he estimated, and I quote, "70%
- 19 of the incoming evacuees at the Wat Champa centre were killed at
- 20 Krang Ta Chan, Krabei Prey, Office 160 and Office 204." End of
- 21 quote. Can you tell us whether evacuees or New People in Tram Kak
- 22 district were gathered at Wat Champa, following the 17th of
- 23 April, 1975? And what happened to them?
- 24 [10.53.24]
- 25 A. <> The Khmer Rouge took control of Phnom Penh on 17 April, I

- 1 myself was not in Tram Kak district, so I did not know what
- 2 happened in that district.
- 3 Q. When did you return to Tram Kak district after the 17th of
- 4 April, 1975? When was it that you came back to Tram Kak?
- 5 [10.53.52]
- 6 A. I did not work <> in Tram Kak, because I <served as a solider
- 7 and always was attached to Regiment 13 of Division 210.
- 8 Q. Where was Regiment 13 based? Where did you work? Where were
- 9 you located when you were a soldier in Regiment 13?
- 10 A. We did not have any one particular base, as we were constantly
- 11 transferred to other locations.
- 12 Q. Are you able to give us any general description of where you
- 13 were normally located in the period after 17 April 1975, for the
- 14 remainder of that year and into 1976?
- 15 A. From 1975, that is probably a month after, I was transferred
- 16 to Phnum Noreay on Noreay Mountain <to break rocks>, and then
- 17 <moved> to Kaoh Andaet district in Kiri Vong, to engage in rice
- 18 farming there. There were various locations within that area that
- 19 I did rice farming, but I cannot recall <the exact places>.
- 20 Q. I'm going to now turn to the period that you worked at Krang
- 21 Ta Chan. But let me just follow up on your last question. Was
- 22 there any period, prior to the time that you were assigned to
- 23 Krang Ta Chan, where you were working in Tram Kak district, or
- 24 was the first time you were sent to Tram Kak district when you
- 25 received your assignment at Krang Ta Chan?

- 1 [10.56.44]
- 2 A. No, I did not.
- 3 Q. Okay. I first want to cover with you the time period that you
- 4 were at Krang Ta Chan. In your third OCIJ interview, E319.1.25,
- 5 at Answer 3, you were asked: "Question: When did you start
- 6 working in Krang Ta Chan?" And your response was, quote: "In 1976
- 7 or 1977." In your other statements, you had said it was 1977 when
- 8 you were assigned to Krang Ta Chan. But also in a statement,
- 9 D232/93 at Answer 3, you also indicated that there were six
- 10 others, or that you were part of a group of six that was sent to
- 11 Krang Ta Chan at the same time as you, a group that included a
- 12 person named Sim and a person named Son. Can you tell us, the
- 13 group of six that you were assigned to Krang Ta Chan with, were
- 14 you all from the same unit?
- 15 [10.58.20]
- 16 A. Amongst the six of us, we were assigned to guard at Krang Ta
- 17 Chan office.
- 18 Q. And my question is, prior to the time you were assigned to
- 19 Krang Ta Chan, were these other people part of the same unit as
- 20 you, prior to the time you came to Krang Ta Chan?
- 21 A. Yes, we were in the same unit.
- 22 O. Mr. President, at this time I would like the witness to look
- 23 at two OCIJ statements, D40/20 and E319.1.33. These are
- 24 statements of two other witnesses who I will not name, and I
- 25 would ask the witness not to name. I want him to look at the

- 1 initial pages of these statements, and tell us whether these two
- 2 persons were part of the group that went to Krang Ta Chan with
- 3 him. So, with your leave, if I can provide these statements, and
- 4 the witness and his counsel should understand we do not want him
- 5 to publically read the names of these people.
- 6 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 7 Yes, you can do that. And the <Court> officer, please deliver the
- 8 document from the Deputy International Co-Prosecutor for the
- 9 witness's examination.
- 10 BY MR. LYSAK:
- 11 Q. So it's clear, my question for you, Mr. Witness, is to -- on
- 12 the initial pages of these statements contain the names and
- 13 identifying information about these individuals. If you could
- 14 look at that information for both individuals, my question is
- 15 whether these two persons were part of the group that was sent to
- 16 Krang Ta Chan at the same time as you?
- 17 [11.01.12]
- 18 MR. SREI THAN:
- 19 A. Yes, Saing and Sim were from the same unit.
- 20 Q. Now, the first person in D40/20, referring to Khmer, page
- 21 00165329; English, 00433568; French, 00524317; that person
- 22 indicates that he was sent to Krang Ta Chan during the rice
- 23 harvest in 1976. The second person who you identified as being
- 24 assigned to Krang Ta Chan at the same time as you, and this is in
- 25 E319.1.33, at Answer 15, that person testified that he was

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- 1 assigned to be a guard at Krang Ta Chan in October or November
- 2 1976. Does this refresh your recollection that it was late 1976,
- 3 and not 1977, when you were assigned to Krang Ta Chan?
- 4 [11.02.54]
- 5 A. In late 1976, I was transferred, but not to Krang Ta Chan
- 6 prison. It was to the Krang Ta Chan, but <to guard> at the outer
- 7 fence of Krang Ta Chan, which was about one kilometre from the
- 8 main compound itself.
- 9 O. Thank you for clarifying that, Mr. Witness. In regards to the
- 10 function of Krang Ta Chan, you made the following statement in
- 11 interview D125/129, and the page references are: Khmer, 00224789;
- 12 English, 00231674; and French, 00234575. Where you said the
- 13 following, quote: "Krang Ta Chan was a re-education office. I
- 14 heard people, talking to one another, say that a re-education
- 15 office was a site to kill people, and that those people brought
- 16 into the site could not live, meaning that they all died." End of
- 17 quote. Can you tell us who it was that you heard describe what a
- 18 re-education office was?
- 19 A. I heard from villagers, saying that the security centre in
- 20 Tram Kak was the killing site<>.
- 21 Q. Can you tell us, during the time, the entire time, that you
- 22 worked at Krang Ta Chan, at the Krang Ta Chan re-education
- 23 centre, were there any teachers there?
- 24 A. There was no teacher.
- 25 Q. Now, you have described, and you made a reference to this,

- 1 you've described in your OCIJ interviews how you initially worked
- 2 as an outside or external guard at Krang Ta Chan, but later were
- 3 assigned to work inside the compound, and to help type documents
- 4 for the prison chairman. I want to first ask you some questions
- 5 about how prisoners arrived at Krang Ta Chan during the entire
- 6 time you were there. That is, the period both that you were
- 7 working outside the prison, and the period you were working
- 8 inside.
- 9 [11.06.28]
- 10 In your interview, D125/129, at Khmer, 00224789; English,
- 11 00231674; and French, 00234575; you describe how people who had
- 12 been arrested were, and I quote: "walked in with their arms tied
- 13 tightly behind their backs." End of quote. Can you first tell us
- 14 who it was that brought the arrested people to Krang Ta Chan with
- 15 their arms tied tightly behind their back?
- 16 [11.07.28]
- 17 A. When those people were sent in, I don't know who made the
- 18 arrests, but the commune chief -- the people from the commune and
- 19 from -- the commune, who sent those people in.
- 20 Q. Are you saying that it was commune militia who brought the
- 21 prisoners? My question is specifically about who the people were
- 22 who brought them to the outside of Krang Ta Chan.
- 23 A. They were not arrested by the commune militiamen. The
- 24 prisoners were <already> tied up and sent, but I don't know who
- 25 made the arrests of those prisoners.

- 1 Q. But let me clarify again. I'm not asking you who arrested
- 2 them. What I'm asking you is who were the people who brought them
- 3 to Krang Ta Chan? Who delivered the prisoners to the Krang Ta
- 4 Chan area?
- 5 [11.08.55]
- 6 A. Those who brought them in were the commune <militias>.
- 7 Q. Mr. Witness, a book that was written by an individual named
- 8 Meng Try Ea, that is in evidence in this case and I'm referring
- 9 to Document E3/2120 -- E3/2120. This book refers to interviews
- 10 that Meng Try Ea conducted in December 2000 and October 2001 of a
- 11 person who identifies as, and I quote, "Sok Chantha, aka Duch,
- 12 former Tram Kak re-education centre typist cadre." My question to
- 13 you is, do you remember being interviewed about Krang Ta Chan in
- 14 2000 or 2001 by a person named Meng Try Ea.
- 15 A. No. I don't remember.
- 16 [11.10.30]
- 17 Q. Have you ever used the name Sok Chantha as an alias?
- 18 A. No. I never used this name.
- 19 Q. Let me read to you a short excerpt to see if that refreshes
- 20 your recollection. In this book E3/2120 and the excerpt is at,
- 21 English 00416390. These excerpts have not been translated and the
- 22 translations have not been completed yet so I will just read them
- 23 into the record. We made requests for the translation. At this
- 24 page, the following statement is made and it's attributed to the
- 25 person who he interviewed that he identifies as a typist at Krang

- 1 Ta Chan with the alias Duch and to a guard named Saing.
- 2 "These former cadres recorded that its prisoner escorts rang a
- 3 bell that hung from a mango tree just west of the centre. Upon
- 4 hearing the bell, the cadres came out to meet the prisoners and
- 5 led them to cells inside." End of quote.
- 6 First, was there a bell outside the Krang Ta Chan compound that
- 7 was rung by the militia when they arrived with prisoners?
- 8 A. No. There was no bell.
- 9 [11.12.48]
- 10 Q. I'm now going to turn to some questions about the number of
- 11 prisoners detained at Krang Ta Chan. In your interview, D232/93,
- 12 at answers 19 through answer 20, you gave the following
- 13 testimony. "Question: While being sent were prisoners
- 14 blindfolded?"
- 15 "Answer: They were not blindfolded but only their hands were
- 16 tied. Each time when prisoners were tied and walked there were
- 17 about five to six of them who were tied and walked, one after
- 18 another".
- 19 "Question: How many prisoners were there to the maximum?"
- 20 "Answer: Sometimes they were 20 people, sometime they were three
- 21 or four people."
- 22 The first thing I wanted to clarify, when you referred to a
- 23 maximum of 20 prisoners, to what were you referring? Were you
- 24 referring to the most prisoners who had arrived on any day? Were
- 25 you referring to the maximum capacity of the prison? What were

- 1 you referring to when you referenced there being sometimes 20
- 2 prisoners?
- 3 [11.14.39]
- 4 A. My response saying that <10 or> 20 <prisoners;> it based on a
- 5 particular day that the prisoners were sent <> but it does not
- 6 happen every day.
- 7 Q. So just to clarify, you were talking about the arrivals of
- 8 prisoners, is that right?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. We've heard testimony in this trial from a witness -- a civil
- 11 party, excuse me, Say Sen. He has described how there were
- 12 originally two buildings for detention of prisoners but that
- 13 during the period of Democratic Kampuchea, sometime after 17th
- 14 April 1975, an additional two buildings were built. And my first
- 15 question for you is, do you recall that the number of buildings
- 16 at Krang Ta Chan that could be used for the detention of
- 17 prisoners and can you give us an estimate of the capacity of each
- 18 of those buildings. How many prisoners could be held in each
- 19 detention building?
- 20 A. The prisoners building -- there were two buildings in Krang Ta
- 21 Chan <compound>. Each building could hold about 50 to 60
- 22 prisoners.
- 23 [11.16.49]
- 24 Q. Let me just come back to this one once, and let me make the
- 25 reference. This is the testimony of Say Sen, at E1/257.1 that is

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- 1 the trial transcript for the 5th February 2015, at approximately
- 2 at 10.50.53. He described how because of the increased number of
- 3 prisoners they built two more buildings which he described as
- 4 being to the east of the compound. Does that refresh your
- 5 recollection? Do you remember there being two additional
- 6 buildings that may -- were not inside the immediate or the inside
- 7 compound but were built just outside it?
- 8 A. I don't remember the number previously but when I arrived
- 9 there were only two buildings one in the west and another one to
- 10 the east.
- 11 [11.18.25]
- 12 Q. One of the documents in evidence in this Trial is a report for
- 13 the month of November 1977, from the prison and with your leave,
- 14 Mr. President, I would like to provide this document to the
- 15 witness and display it on the screen. It is document E3/2109' at
- 16 Khmer page 00068014; English 00276555; and French 00290272. With
- 17 your leave, Mr. President, may I provide this to the witness and
- 18 display it on the screen?
- 19 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 20 Your request is granted.
- 21 [11.19.50]
- 22 BY MR. LYSAK:
- 23 Mr. Witness, I would direct you to the -- what is paragraph one
- 24 of this document and if we could show that part on the screen, it
- 25 is a report regarding the prisoner numbers for the month of

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- 1 November 1977. It states that 75 new prisoners entered that
- 2 month, that 92 prisoners were purged, six died of illness and one
- 3 Lieutenant Colonel was removed to sector by Angkar, leaving a
- 4 total of 85 prisoners as of the end of the month.
- 5 Q. My first question is, do you remember reports like this being
- 6 prepared on a monthly basis?
- 7 MR. SREI THAN:
- 8 A. No, there was no such report.
- 9 O. Do you recognise the handwriting in this document?
- 10 A. Yes, I recognise. I recall. This handwriting was done by Duch.
- 11 Q. And when you refer to Duch, who are you referring to?
- 12 A. I refer to Duch who was the deputy of the chief named <Leng>
- 13 An.
- 14 [11.22.02]
- 15 Q. Just so the record is clear, Mr. Witness, there were two
- 16 cadres at Krang Ta Chan who had the alias or name Duch. There was
- 17 yourself and then there was also the person who you just
- 18 identified as the deputy of the prison chief. Am I correct?
- 19 A. Yes, you are correct.
- 20 Q. This report states that one person, a Lieutenant Colonel, had
- 21 been removed to sector by Angkar. Can you tell us what does it
- 22 mean for a prisoner to be removed to sector?
- 23 A. I don't understand.
- 24 Q. Was there a security office for the sector in which Tram Kak
- 25 district was located?

- 1 A. I don't know about that.
- 2 [11.23.42]
- 3 Q. Let me just follow up one more question, were you ever aware
- 4 at any time of prisoners being transferred from Krang Ta Chan to
- 5 other prisons?
- 6 A. Yes. There were sending of the prisoners to other place but I
- 7 don't know whether there were other prisons. I don't know what
- 8 happened or their destination.
- 9 O. How often were prisoners transported to other sites?
- 10 A. It was not very often when they were sent; it happened late
- 11 1978 and early 1979.
- 12 Q. Do you have any information as to where it was, that these
- 13 prisoners were sent in late '78 or early '79?
- 14 A. I don't know their destination.
- 15 Q. I made reference a little while ago to the testimony of one of
- 16 the civil parties who we have heard, a man named Say Sen. In your
- 17 OCIJ statement, D125/129, at Khmer 00224790 through 91; English
- 18 00231675; and French 00234576; in that statement, you identified
- 19 Say Sen as one of the surviving prisoners from Krang Ta Chan. Can
- 20 you confirm that Say Sen was a prisoner at Krang Ta Chan during
- 21 the entire time you worked there?
- 22 A. Say Sen was actually the former prisoner at Krang Ta Chan but
- 23 I don't know when he was sent to that prison. Upon my arrival I
- 24 saw him, he was already there.
- 25 [11.27.07]

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- 1 Q. So you just confirmed that Say Sen was there when you arrived.
- 2 Did he remain a prisoner at Krang Ta Chan during the time that
- 3 you worked there?
- 4 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 5 Please wait, Mr. Witness. Mr. Victor Koppe, you may proceed.
- 6 MR. KOPPE:
- 7 Thank you Mr. President, I'm not sure I heard something different
- 8 I think than the prosecution. I heard the witness say he was a
- 9 former prisoner and so asking the question back he was prisoner
- 10 is not reflecting the testimony. I heard him say that he was a
- 11 former prisoner.
- 12 [11.27.57]
- 13 MR. LYSAK:
- 14 And then he said, he was there when I arrived at Krang Ta Chan.
- 15 MR. KOPPE:
- 16 Yes, but it doesn't mean that he was a prisoner. Does it.
- 17 BY MR. LYSAK:
- 18 Let -- let me clarify then.
- 19 Q. When you said Say Sen was at Krang Ta Chan, when you arrived
- in late 1976, was he a prisoner?
- 21 MR. SREI THAN:
- 22 A. Upon my arrival in early 1977, I saw Say Sen in Krang Ta Chan
- 23 prison but he was let out to work outside to do cooking in that
- 24 prison.
- 25 Q. And when you say he was let out to do cooking, was that during

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- 1 the day time and what did he do at night time?
- 2 A. At night he was sent to detain in the prison.
- 3 [11.29.18]
- 4 Q. And did Mr. Say Sen remain at Krang Ta Chan the entire time
- 5 you were there?
- 6 A. When I was working at Krang Ta Chan for about one year and Say
- 7 Sen was always there.
- 8 [11.29.45]
- 9 O. I would like to turn to a different subject, the subject of
- 10 interrogation of prisoners at Krang Ta Chan. And in your OCIJ
- 11 statement, D125/129, at ERN Khmer 00224790; English 00231675; and
- 12 French 00234576; you provided the following testimony and I
- 13 quote. "I saw them take prisoners for beatings and interrogations
- 14 every single day at the interrogation room approximately 50
- 15 meters from the building where I worked. I heard the prisoner's
- 16 screams coming from the interrogation room." Can I start by
- 17 having you describe for us, where the interrogation room was
- 18 located in the Krang Ta Chan compound?
- 19 A. The interrogation room was located right within the compound
- 20 of the Krang Ta Chan prison.
- 21 [11.31.38]
- 22 MR. LYSAK:
- 23 Mr. President, with your leave, I'd like to provide to the
- 24 witness at this time document D125/220.37, that's D125/220.37,
- 25 and this is the OCIJ map or diagram of the Krang Ta Chan

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- 1 compound. With Your leave, I'd like to provide that to the
- 2 witness and show it on the screen.
- 3 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 4 Yes, the Chamber allows that.
- 5 BY MR. LYSAK:
- 6 Q. Mr. Witness, if you could look at this diagram, and if we can
- 7 show it on the screen, can you tell us, and I'd direct you to the
- 8 bottom half of the compound map, there is a building that's
- 9 identified as the interrogation house towards the south side of
- 10 the compound. Can you tell us, does this map accurately show the
- 11 location of the interrogation house at Krang Ta Chan?
- 12 [11.33.35]
- 13 MR. SREI THAN:
- 14 A. When I was there, it was not located at the location shown on
- 15 this sketch.
- 16 Q. Can you tell us where you believe it was located in relation
- 17 to where it is shown on this map?
- 18 A. I cannot recall it exactly, but to me it <appeared> not at the
- 19 location as shown on this sketch.
- 20 Q. Let me ask you a -- try to follow up on that. Do you remember
- 21 there being a kitchen or dining hall for the guards that was
- 22 located next to or nearby the interrogation room?
- 23 A. No, there was none.
- 24 Q. Was there a separate dining hall for the guards, a separate
- 25 place from where the prisoners ate?

- 1 A. There was no dining hall for prisoners.
- 2 [11.35.27]
- 3 Q. Let me ask you an open question then. Where was it that the
- 4 guards ate their meals in the prison compound and where was it
- 5 that the prisoners ate their meals?
- 6 A. I was a quard <with> the six of us in the unit; we ate
- 7 separately from the prisoners. And as for us, there was no set
- 8 dining area. Some days we ate here, next day we ate there.
- 9 O. Let me be clear. I'm asking you about the period where you
- 10 were located and working inside the prison compound, a period
- 11 where you indicate you were helping to type documents. During
- 12 that period, where was it that you would eat your meals?
- 13 A. At that time, I was having my meal within my unit.
- 14 Q. And where did prisoners eat meals?
- 15 A. As for prisoners, they ate their meals in the detention
- 16 building.
- 17 Q. I want to make sure that I'm not having a translation issue
- 18 here. So, instead of dining hall, I'm going to ask you about the
- 19 kitchens at the compound. Were there kitchens at the Krang Ta
- 20 Chan compound and, if so, where were they located?
- 21 A. Yes, there was a kitchen, but it was old, so they no longer
- 22 used it by the time I arrived.
- 23 Q. And so where was it in the compound that meals were cooked?
- 24 [11.38.21]
- 25 A. It is difficult for me to respond to your questions, because

- 1 as I said earlier, cooking was done at various locations. There
- 2 was no fixed kitchen or dining hall or set of cooking utensils.
- 3 And let me clarify, that we, the guards unit, comprising of six,
- 4 we had our own cooking.
- 5 Q. Before I finish this, the subject of the kitchens and where
- 6 you ate meals, was -- you said that you ate together with your
- 7 unit of six. During the time you were working inside the
- 8 compound, was there a building or specific location where you and
- 9 the other guards ate your meals?
- 10 A. My unit, that is the six of us, in terms of guarding the two
- 11 buildings, one to the east and one to the west, three of us would
- 12 guard each building, and as for meal time, sometimes we went to
- 13 eat at the east building or sometimes at the west building.
- 14 [11.40.08]
- 15 Q. Let me move on to another subject. Let me ask you --
- 16 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 17 The time is appropriate for our lunch break, and before we break,
- 18 the Chamber would like to inform the Prosecution and the Lead
- 19 Co-Lawyers for Civil Parties that you will have this entire
- 20 afternoon to put questions to this witness. The Chamber also
- 21 ruled on the request for the protective measure as follows:
- 22 The Chamber has granted protective measures for the witness
- 23 2-TCW-944, including non-disclosure of his address and not making
- 24 his image available to the public. In covering this trial, the
- 25 media are ordered not to publish any photographs or images of the

- 1 witness, regardless of when they were taken.
- 2 It is now appropriate for a lunch break --
- 3 (Judges deliberate)
- 4 [11.42.28]
- 5 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 6 As for today's proceedings, the Chamber will adjourn now and will
- 7 resume on the 23rd February, 2015, commencing from 9 o'clock in
- 8 the morning. Mr. Witness, the hearing of your testimony is not
- 9 yet concluded and you are invited to return on the 23rd of
- 10 February 2015, starting from 9 o'clock in the morning, and this
- 11 also applies to the duty counsel.
- 12 And, Duty Counsel, Mr. Duch Pary, you can proceed.
- 13 MR. DUCH PHARY:
- 14 Mr. President, as I have notified the WESU that on Monday, the
- 15 23rd February 2015, I am not available for the morning session
- 16 and I am only available for the afternoon of that day. Thank you,
- 17 Mr. President.
- 18 [Judges deliberate]
- 19 [11.44.21]
- 20 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 21 Thank you, Duty Counsel, for the information, as we have not
- 22 received that information previously, and we will try to assign
- 23 another duty counsel during your unavailability on that morning.
- 24 And, as we stated, Mr. Witness, please return on the 23rd
- 25 February 2015, and you may now leave the Court to return wherever

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1	you wish to or to your place of residence. And this information
2	also applies to all the Parties to the case.
3	We will resume on the 23rd February 2015.
4	Court officer, in cooperation with WESU, please make necessary
5	transportation arrangements for this witness to return to his
6	place of residence and have him return to the Court in order to
7	continue his testimony on the 23rd of February 2015, before 9
8	o'clock in the morning.
9	Security guards, you are instructed to take Nuon Chea and Khieu
LO	Samphan to the detention facility and have them return to
L1	participate in proceedings on 23rd February 2015, before 9
L2	o'clock.
L3	The Court is now adjourned.
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