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To

Mr. You Bunleng and Mr. Marcel Lemonde
Co-Investigating Judges of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia**Subject:** Request to send a letter by Khieu Samphan

I have the honor of sending the Co-Investigating Judges one letter by Khieu Samphan, one copy in Khmer and one copy in French, dated 30 December 2007, according to the request of the Co-Investigating Judges made during the interviews on 13 and 14 December 2007.

Mr. Khieu Samphan has only just presented this letter to me on 8 January 2008.

Attached to the French text is an excerpt in French from his second book, for Judge Marcel Lemonde.

Phnom Penh, 8 January 2008

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With respects to Mr. You Bunleng and Mr. Marcel Lemonde, Co-Investigating Judges of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia

Respected Co-Investigating Judges:

During your interviews of me on 13 and 14 December 2007 concerning the organization of the Government of Democratic Kampuchea and the Communist Party of Kampuchea, I demonstrated clearly that even in my position as Chairman of the Presidium of State and a member of the Party Central Committee, I had no personnel under my command, had no office, and was not responsible for governing any zone or sector or any military unit. Therefore, I had no power at all.

Inside Office 870, since I could not fulfill the task of preparing the price tables for the products of the cooperatives as there was no exchange of merchandise, I was left only with the remaining work of distributing the things they had collected in Phnom Penh to the various bases and ministries following the decisions of the Standing Committee, and in addition to this, maintaining good contacts with Samdech Preah Norodom Sihanouk.

At this time, I request permission to absolutely confirm that I was not Chairman of "Office 870" at any time whatsoever, whether in "actuality" or "legality." Any claim beyond this is unacceptable at any level, without any supporting written record recorded in an internal document of the Khmer Rouge. When I was appointed to work in this office as an ordinary member, there was a clear written record. If I had been promoted to Chairman, why is there no written record? Furthermore, I seriously wonder about the so-called supporting grounds of the words of Ieng Sary as they appear in Written Record 426 (page 136) of the charges against me, because Mr. Ieng Sary himself has clearly confirmed to me that he never said that at all. This confirmation was published in my first book entitled "The Recent History of Kampuchea and My Sequential Stances" which was printed in 2004. (See page 150 of the Khmer version and page 143 of the French version.)

The Co-Judges already know how I learned about the evacuation of the people from the capital city.

I have also informed you about the secrecy provision: "Whoever's task it is, that person knows it. The tasks of others are not to be known, not to be seen, not to be heard." In addition, there was another general rule forbidding coming and going without a clear work/official reason. Also, they did not allow me to attend meetings on internal Party affairs. Therefore, I could not learn of any matters at all which actually occurred inside the country.

It is not hard to understand why I could not object and refuse to accept the job of Chairman of the Presidium of State of Democratic Kampuchea after Samdech Preah

book is only my thoughts on an historical period of our nation. Therefore, it need not be introduced into this case.

As I wrote in my first book in 2004, I understand that “Each of us should try to express our ideas on that period in the history of our country, to the maximum, in a high spirit of responsibility, even if our opinions are not yet in agreement, so the youth will take them for their consideration and thought when choosing the paths of their future lives. (“The Recent History of Cambodia ...”, page 144).

In conclusion, I ask that the Co-Investigating judges kindly accept my highest respects.

Done on 30 December 2007
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Khieu Samphan