

Svay Baurei *alias* Bau (S430)

“Confessions”

Re: Ieng Sary

Ăng Kĕum Khon, ex-Ambassador to North Korea; in 1976 at Mo-1

Chuon Prăsĭt (Thiounn Prasith) *alias* San, in the Political Com of B-1

Ngao Pĭn, English translator at B-1;

Keat Chhĕn *alias* Mĭt, combatant at the Political Section, Ministry of

Săv Kĕum Hĕng, ex-DCM in Congo; from 1977, a combatant at Office Mo-1

Hao Năm Hĕng, ex-Ambassador to Cuba; from 1977, a combatant at Office

Mo-1

Suong Sikeuan *alias* Kĕng, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Summarised by Steve Heder

Svay Baurei *alias* Bau, “Notes on the Responses of Svay Baurei *alias* Bau, Combatant at Office B-1 of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs,” 16 March 1978

Baurei “confesses” that he was inducted into the CIA in 1960 by Huo Hong, the governor of Svay Rieng; Haem Ketsana, department director in the Ministry of Interior; and Hing Kĕn Thĕn, at the National Bank.¹

Svay Baurei *alias* Bau, “On Svay Baurei *alias* Bau, ex-Chef de Cabinet, Office of the Prime Minister; Before Arrest, Combatant at Office B-1, Propaganda and Information Department in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs,” 16 March 1978

Baurei “confesses” that in May 1975, he was gathered up to attend a meeting of Khmer diplomats in Beijing, at which he was introduced to a number of “CIAs”:

1. Me Thavi, ex-diplomat in East Germany
2. Chea San, ex-Ambassador to the Soviet Union
3. Ăng Kĕum Khon, ex-Ambassador to North Korea
4. Huot Sămbăt, ex-Ambassador in Yugoslavia
5. I Sĕp Kĕn Thi, former propaganda and information representative in Sweden.²

At this time, Chuon Prăsĭt (Thiounn Prasith) *alias* San, later in the Political Com of B-1, allegedly convened a meeting of CIAs, of which he was allegedly one, the others being:

Ngao Pĭn, later English translator at B-1;

Keat Chhĕn *alias* Mĭt, later “combatant at the Political Section, Ministry of Foreign Affairs;”

¹ Svay Baurei *alias* Bau, “Notes on the Responses of Svay Baurei *alias* Bau, Combatant at Office B-1 of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs,” 16 March 1978, p.1.

² Svay Baurei *alias* Bau, “On Svay Baurei *alias* Bau, ex-Chef de Cabinet, Office of the Prime Minister; Before Arrest, Combatant at Office B-1, Propaganda and Information Department in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs,” 16 March 1978, p.1.

Me Thavi,
Huot Sâmbăt,
Chea San,
I Sŭp Kŭnthei, and
Baurei.

The meeting supposedly discussed going back to Cambodia to link up with other CIAs.³

Comment [HHK1]: Check spelling please.

In September 1975, Baurei and his wife returned with others to Cambodia. In October, Keat Chhôn informed him he was being sent to the Northwest, and on the 30th of that month the Organisation assigned him to the State Agricultural Worksite of the Northwest Zone, in Bavel district, Sector 3. Baurei “confesses” that in February 1976, he was contacted by Sector 4 Com Sou, who allegedly introduced him to CIA links in the area, including Saom, an ex-student who was chairman of the Veal Trea Agricultural Worksite, Sector 3.⁴

Comment [HHK2]: Did Keat Chhon took any position at that time, if he was in charge of informing people about his/her task, that mean he was at least a group chief, according to the KR way of work.

According to Baurei’s “confessions,” in April 1976, Northwest Zone Secretary Nhêum gathered up all the returnees from abroad and took them on a tour of Sector 5, and Baurei met back up with Me Thavi, Ăng Kêum Khon and Chea San. At the Phnum Cheh-Phnum Kambao dam construction site, they supposedly met Sector 6 Com Hêung, an alleged CIA who also introduced them to Sou and Vanh, the latter being Sector 1 Com. In June, Sou allegedly introduced them to Măk, the Chairman of the Northwest Zone model cooperative at Paoy Samraong. In July, Baurei “confesses,” they toured Sector 5 again.⁵

Comment [HHK3]: That could be true, Diplomats was treated a bit better than students at that time, at the beginning at least.

On 8 August 1976, Baurei was removed from the Northwest and sent to Office Mo-1 at Chrang Chamreh, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, where he linked back up with alleged “CIAs” I Sŭp Kŭnthei, Ăng Kêum Khon, Chea San and Huot Sâmbăt. In September 1976, Reuan (វ) came to ask about how those at Office Mo-1 were getting along and their standard of living. Later arrested, Reuan was then the Chairman for Economy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and also in charge of the market at which goods were sold to foreign diplomats. Reuan allegedly asked Baurei whether he knew Hing Kŭn Thôn, and when he said he did, she said they all three thought the same way. She also allegedly told Baurei to liaise with Chhây, who from 1977 was Vice Chairman of Office Mo-1, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, but was engaged in “wrecking.” In turn Chhây supposedly introduced Baurei to other “links” at Mo-1:

Comment [HHK4]: That could be true either.

1. Aok, ex-peasant, from 1977 Chairman of the Duck-Raising Section of Office Mo-1
2. Phet, ex-paddy farmer, from 1977, Vice Chairman of Chamkar, Office Mo-1

Comment [HHK5]: Vannarith just remembered that at the beginning Chrang Chamreh was named Mo-1, later during 1977, possibly at the second half of the year, it was changed to B-60. Reuan (Doeun wife) supervised this camp in the sense that she was Chief of State Market (psar Roath) which supplied Diplomats and foreigners. She came often to this camp to collect vegetable produced by our Diplomats. This market was under MoFA, so Reuan was MoFA staff. She disappeared sometime in 1977. So why, I think, in one confession the victim mistaken appointed Doeun as MoFA, because during that time people in this category has some freedom of movement, they can visit their family, like I used to see Sam went to see his wife at the MoFA while he was Deputy Director of Russei Keo Technical School.

Comment [HHK6]: Same comment as the above. Reuan was Doeun wife.

Comment [MSOffice7]: What about Chhây? I presume this is a different Chhây from the one who was at Ministry of Propaganda. Do we know anything about the one who was at Mo-1/MFA?

Comment [HHK8]: Reuan father or relative, taken out after Reuan arrest.

³ Svay Baurei *alias* Bau, “On Svay Baurei *alias* Bau, ex-Chef de Cabinet, Office of the Prime Minister; Before Arrest, Combatant at Office B-1, Propaganda and Information Department in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs,” 16 March 1978, p.2.

⁴ Svay Baurei *alias* Bau, “On Svay Baurei *alias* Bau, ex-Chef de Cabinet, Office of the Prime Minister; Before Arrest, Combatant at Office B-1, Propaganda and Information Department in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs,” 16 March 1978, p.3.

⁵ Svay Baurei *alias* Bau, “On Svay Baurei *alias* Bau, ex-Chef de Cabinet, Office of the Prime Minister; Before Arrest, Combatant at Office B-1, Propaganda and Information Department in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs,” 16 March 1978, pp.3-6.

3. Ta Cheang, ex-rich peasant, from 1977, Chairman of Carpenters, Office Mo-1
4. Sâl, ex-rich peasant, from 1977, combatant in the Carpentry Section, Office Mo-1
5. Khe, from 1977, Chairman of the Paddy Farming Section, Office Mo-1.⁶

Comment [HHK9]: Now he is still alive and live at Malai.

Comment [HHK10]: Ta Cheang son-in-law and now is in Malai.

Comment [HHK11]: He is in Malai now.

Baurei “confesses” that in October 1976, he re-established contact with other old “links,” including:

1. Săv Kěum Hông, ex-DCM in Congo; from 1977, a combatant at Office Mo-1
2. Hao Năm Hông, ex-Ambassador to Cuba; from 1977, a combatant at Office Mo-1
3. Văn Pinyin, ex-Cultural Advisor in France; from 1977, a combatant at Office Mo-1
4. Nou Pěch, ex-Ambassador to Chile; from 1977, a combatant at Office Mo-1.

Meanwhile, Chhây allegedly informed Baurei that Deuan, Commerce Chairman, was planning a coup, and introduced Baurei to Bien, a former student and supposed “link” of Reuan’s, who, before his arrest, was in the Protocol Section of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.⁷

Comment [HHK12]: Ex husband of Yeng who was at B-1 and at Cairo Embassy as cook. Now Yeng is Kân current wife. Bien, one of local intellectual, was appointed to MoFA under Khoun Kse from former Oddor.

In February 1977, the Organisation transferred Baurei to the B-1 Office at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, where he linked up with Chuon Präsit *alias* San, Keat Chhôn *alias* Müt, Aok Sakün *alias* Maen, Suong Sikeuan *alias* Kũng, Ngao Pín and Bien. Baurei worked in the Labour Section, but Bien allegedly introduced him to additional links:

Lei, ex-professor, from 1977, combatant in the Protocol Section of Office B-1
 Mäv, ex-professor, from 1977, combatant in the Protocol Section of Office B-1
 Lõng, ex-professor, from 1977, combatant in the Protocol Section of Office B-1
 Thaep, ex-professor, from 1977, combatant in the Protocol Section of Office B-1.⁸

Comment [HHK13]: They arrive to B-1 at the same time as Bien in the same group, possibly from former Oddor

In March 1977, Baurei was transferred to bureau work, in the Secretariat. Chuon Präsit allegedly informed him of coup plot involving Keat Chhôn, Suong Sikeuan, Aok Sakün and Ngao Pín. In April, the ex-professors in Protocol allegedly introduced him to:

1. Chũm Narit, an ex-professor at the Ministry of Propaganda;
2. Phôk Ki, an ex-engineer at the Ministry of Public Works
3. Srei Daung, ex-engineer at the Ministry of Public Works
4. Sieng Pao Sae, ex-Cadastal official at the Ministry of Public Works

Comment [HHK14]: Responsible of the Geography Department. Sieng Pao Sae *alias* Neak.

⁶ Svay Baurei *alias* Bau, “On Svay Baurei *alias* Bau, ex-Chef de Cabinet, Office of the Prime Minister; Before Arrest, Combatant at Office B-1, Propaganda and Information Department in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs,” 16 March 1978, pp.6-7.

⁷ Svay Baurei *alias* Bau, “On Svay Baurei *alias* Bau, ex-Chef de Cabinet, Office of the Prime Minister; Before Arrest, Combatant at Office B-1, Propaganda and Information Department in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs,” 16 March 1978, p.8.

⁸ Svay Baurei *alias* Bau, “On Svay Baurei *alias* Bau, ex-Chef de Cabinet, Office of the Prime Minister; Before Arrest, Combatant at Office B-1, Propaganda and Information Department in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs,” 16 March 1978, pp.8-9.

5. Yếum Phâlla, ex-engineer at the Ministry of Public Works
6. Li Ồn, ex-student doing agricultural production in the North Zone
7. Sâ Seng Li, ex-student doing agricultural production in the North Zone.⁹

Comment [HHK15]: At Dei Kraham with us and later disappeared from there.

Comment [HHK16]: Working with Thiounn Mumm at that time of Baurei confession. Later he was purged also.

Baurei was arrested on 10 March 1978.¹⁰

Persons Already Arrested as of 16 March 1978

Svay Baurei *alias* Bau, Combatant at Office B-1, Propaganda and Information Department in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Persons Possibly Still in Post as of 16 March 1978

Me Thavi, ex-diplomat in East Germany

Chea San, ex-Ambassador to the Soviet Union; in 1976 at Mo-1

Ăng Kేum Khon, ex-Ambassador to North Korea; in 1976 at Mo-1

Huot Sâmbât, ex-Ambassador in Yugoslavia; in 1976, at Mo-1

I Sủp Kũnthi, former representative in Sweden, in 1976 at Mo-1

Chuon Prāsít (Thiounn Prasith) *alias* San, in the Political Com of B-1

Ngao Pìn, English translator at B-1;

Keat Chhôn *alias* Mũt, combatant at the Political Section, Ministry of Foreign Affairs;

Sou, Sector 4 Com, Northwest Zone

Saom, an ex-student, Chairman of the Veal Trea Agricultural Worksite, Sector 3, Northwest Zone

Nhẽum, Secretary, Northwest Zone

Hẽung, Sector 6 Com, Northwest Zone

Vanh, Sector 1 Com, Northwest Zone

Măk, Chairman, Northwest Zone model cooperative at Paoy Samraong

Reuan (f), Chairman for Economy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, also in charge of the market at which goods were sold to foreign diplomats

Chhây, from 1977 Vice Chairman of Office Mo-1, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Aok, ex-peasant, from 1977 Chairman of the Duck-Raising Section of Office Mo-1

Phet, ex-paddy farmer, from 1977, Vice Chairman of Chamkar, Office Mo-1

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Khe, from 1977, Chairman of the Paddy Farming Section, Office Mo-1.

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Hao Năm Hông, ex-Ambassador to Cuba; from 1977, a combatant at Office Mo-1

Văn Pĩnny, ex-Cultural Advisor in France; from 1977, a combatant at Office Mo-1

Nou Pěch, ex-Ambassador to Chile; from 1977, a combatant at Office Mo-1

Deuan, Commerce Chairman

Bien, ex-student, Protocol Section of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Aok Sakũn *alias* Maen, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

⁹ Svay Baurei *alias* Bau, "On Svay Baurei *alias* Bau, ex-Chef de Cabinet, Office of the Prime Minister; Before Arrest, Combatant at Office B-1, Propaganda and Information Department in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs," 16 March 1978, pp.9-10.

¹⁰ Svay Baurei *alias* Bau, "On Svay Baurei *alias* Bau, ex-Chef de Cabinet, Office of the Prime Minister; Before Arrest, Combatant at Office B-1, Propaganda and Information Department in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs," 16 March 1978, p.12.

Suong Sikeuan *alias* Kǔng, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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¹¹ Svay Baurei *alias* Bau, "On Svay Baurei *alias* Bau, ex-Chef de Cabinet, Office of the Prime Minister; Before Arrest, Combatant at Office B-1, Propaganda and Information Department in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs," 16 March 1978, *passim*.