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Minutes of the Meeting of Secretaries and Deputy Secretaries of Divisions and Independent Regiments

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I. Examination of Enemy Situations and Measures ....

I. Brother 89 Reports on Enemy Situations in the Grassroots and in Troop Units of Organization

- Back on 26 August, there was enemy unrest at Ang Prouch, on the border between Kandal Steung district and Sector 33. This problem has already been sorted out by the grassroots. However, according to responses there was a nexus with the our army, and they said their leader was named Chakrei. We were able to arrest more than 100 persons during the unrest, and before that, in Sector 25, it had been possible to arrest more than 60 persons. They raised a white banner with the slogans "Long Live Buddhism", "Long Live the White Khmer Front of Liberation from Rice by the Can". They were getting ready for major unrest on 20 August, and if that could not be done, then after a delay they would try again.

There is a nexus between this situation and our army.

For example, 170 combatants have deserted to Sector 20, where they conducted agit-prop to the effect that there was unrest in Phnom Penh between the Khmer Rouge and the White Khmer.

There is also agitation to steal, like in the artillery units.

It would seem that the enemy has their leadership apparatus.

Measures:

1. Give additional education about the spirit of vigilance. Do not allow pacifism. Give education about the enemies' tricks so that the brothers and sisters will be informed thereof and will not be fooled by them.

2. Be conscientious about patrolling and do not allow enemies to make contact with one another.

3. Divisions are to examine and keep track of no-good elements. Organize for them to be administered separately.

4. Arms depots must be well-administered.

5. It is imperative to set up and make ready combat forces. A battalion must have a combat-ready company.

In sum, it is imperative to take further educational measures and to administer and organize well. Enemy situations will exist one after the other but they won't be at all powerful; as long as we are vigilant we will certainly be able to fend them off.

Comrade Suong:

- On 23 August, we arrested somebody named Vi, who previously had been a courier for Comrade Son of the Choeng Prey district committee. Later, he went into the forest with the White Khmer. They assigned the contemptible Vi to reconnoitre in Phnom Penh. Ten of his confederates made it to Prek Kdam.

- Internally, there has been organized theft.

For example, kerosene was stolen from unit 488.

Comrade Veuang:

In 310, three persons who deserted many days ago went around stealing food supplies in the Olympic Stadium and Calmette Hospital areas. They ran into some children and asked them where the Organization and the ammunition depot were located. Later, two of them were arrested, Rom and Phâl. Upon questioning they said they were looking to steal rice in order to make the trip home. Phâl was in Battalion 131. Originally he was a soldier with Um Savut and was an In Tam bodyguard. Their activities were to have cooked poisoned rice twice for the company.

Other than this, there is theft and agitation to the effect that making socialist revolution means eating rice gruel with bindweed, and when we reach communism, we'll be eating plain bindweed.

Comrade Met:

This Sin has indeed deserted from the unit of organization. One team chairman hung himself to death.

Comrade Pin:

No-good elements have been taken and put in once place and given education, but these guys don't improve. There are organized links that are promoting desertion and stirring up contradictions in one company.

Comrade Reuan:

In the past there was the phenomenon of agitating fear of death and desertion to go home. On the Lao border, people are going back and forth, and four combatants have fled to Laos. The last one to desert was caught and brought back. He responded that our revolution is strict and difficult, not like the Lao and Vietnamese revolutions. Six persons made trouble asking the Organization to sort out every last thing for them, from finding them their families to finding clothes and tobacco

for them.

Comrade Sav:

At Logistics Fishing, an old society fisherman was active opposing the collective eating system, saying that, "What bullshit is this socialist revolution, eating rice gruel this way. This dry season, the White Khmer will be rising up to attack the revolution. In the cooperative, the people will rise up, attack and smash anybody who makes them eat rice gruel."

Brother 89 Gave an Additional Summing Up:

1. From the discussion, it is apparent that the enemy has commenced activities, and these are activities endowed with a leadership network because the news is the same and the slogans are the same.

- The enemy would like to take the opportunity to gather up no-good elements, the status- and rank-conscious, those whose families we have swept out, those whom we have removed from their positions, and those who have not internalized the revolutionary movement and can't keep up with the rest, and, at the same time, the new people who don't yet understand things, whom we are putting in difficulty and temporarily lack food: the CIA enemy is finding opportunities to gather them all up to attack us.

- We must educate the people well and win over the 95 per cent of the people who are good to our side. The no-goods are not numerous, comprising maybe only 2 per cent. There's nothing powerful there.

2. Measures

A. It is imperative to pay additional attention to educating Party members, Youth League members and male and female combatants so that they will understand the socialist revolution and in particular the elimination of private property rights and indoctrination in collective property rights.

B. It is imperative to conduct further purges of no-good elements. It is imperative to be absolute, but not leftist: are they supporters or not, and if they are not supporters is it because of not understanding or are they not supporters because they are opponents in league with the enemy?

C. Concentrate the no-good elements in one location and educate them separately with solid cadre who are a responsible for administering them, and in no case allow them to go to the grassroots.

D. It is imperative to set up combat-ready forces so that in case there are problems, they can be resolved immediately.

E. It is imperative to be conscientious about stop and check measures.

It is imperative to be concerned about the problem of thefts, which are activities of opposition to us. Some are defecating in pathways and knocking on doors at night, propagandizing with white banners, stirring up contradictions and deflecting the line.

For example, taking those who are ill to farm paddy.

Overall requirement: We are vigilant about having a solid grasp on units. ...

III. Miscellaneous problems.

.... If, in collecting electric generators, you see there is a missive from Brother 81, please allow every division the authorization to collect.