

Ministry of Commerce
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To respected and beloved Brother Hem
Report on the visit of Yugoslavian technical team to Kampong Som
27-29 November 1977

Cambodian side: Comrade Rith (រិត) and Comrade Lmot (ល្អិត), Ministry of
Commerce
Comrade Men (ម៉ែន), Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Yugoslavian side: 7 engineers and technicians
1 female interpreter

On the afternoon of 27 November in Kampong Som, we went on a trip to supervise the unloading of equipments from a ship (they started unloading since the afternoon of 26th). Prior to our trip to the port, the Comrade who was in charge of the port had reported to us that the Yugoslavian ship captain facilitated the work at maximum, and no documents were requested in advance; and if we find any damages, we would accept it immediately and provide reasons of the damage.

When meeting us at the port, the captain showed respect and friendship towards us; and we noticed that both the captain and his crews paid close attention to the unloading of our equipments. The captain had the impression that he was satisfied with the cooperation from workers at the Cambodian port; and they showed good sentiments towards these brothers for their spirits in carrying out their duties. They appreciated the clean morality of our port cadres, and claimed that they were not corrupt if compared to some ports in Asia.

On that occasion, representative from Rod Nab (រ៉ុដណាប់) company raised several issues with regard to the equipments that have just been delivered to Cambodia. Following your guidance, we were able to settle as follows:

1. The equipments both trucks and tractors will be delivered to Phnom Penh via train (the Yugoslavian counterpart requested a quick delivery so that they can start assembling those machines, and train Cambodian technicians on how to use and maintain them. They stated that we could also drive the trucks to Phnom Penh just having the machine oil changed before the trip).
2. As to the detailed programs for the truck and tractor technicians as well as the purchase-sale bargaining of new equipments, we would inform them when they return to Phnom Penh.
3. They requested to have a discussion with our port technicians on the issue of crane (grue portique). We informed them that those in charge of our port were not, for the time being, in Kampong Som between 28 and 29 November; and the issue can also be discussed in Phnom Penh.

The discussion went on in an atmosphere of understanding and cordialness.

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On 28 November, we along with the Yugoslavian technicians and a ship representative went to inspect the equipment at site. In general, we observed that there was no remarkable loss or damage. As to some minor damages, the Yugoslavian technicians stated that they could fix them when they assemble those machines in Phnom Penh.

Attached is a list of equipments delivered along with a list of damage/loss with signature of the cadre in charge of the port and the ship representative.

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The Yugoslavian technical team was provided with a nice accommodation in Kampong Som. They were satisfied with our hospitality. The trip to Phnom Penh was a safe one, although the truck broke down and had flat tyres three to four times.

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Kindly, Brother, serve this for your information and have comments on these particular issues as follows:

1. The transport of trucks to Phnom Penh (by train or road trip);
2. Organizing a program for various mechanical teams to give trainings to the Cambodian technicians and the negotiation with the technical team for the sale and purchase of new equipments.

Revolutionary Yours,

Phnom Penh, 29 November 1977
The Commerce Committee

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Equipments delivered by Rabb ship from Yugoslavia

(Arrival date: 26 November 1977)

No. (B/L)	Item	Quantity	Weight
1.	Bull-dozer MG-130TH Niveleuse automotrice	2	26.000 tonnes
2.	Truck, Brand: FAB1314 Dump truck, Brand: FAB 1314K Spare parts	30 units 20 units 28 boxes	285.000 tonnes
3.	Crane truck and Spare parts (Chariote á fourche TURBOMATIC)	10 units 10 boxes	58.287 tonnes
4.	Tractor with chain tyres, brand: TG-90C Tractor with chain tyres, brand: TG-170C Spare parts	15 units 5 units 11 boxes	185.460 tonnes
	* Special equipments: 1 box		

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Ship: Rabb Arrival date: 26 November 1977

No. B/L	Equipment code	Qua.	Notes of damage
2	Truck, PRORA 64962	1	Radiator protector was slightly damaged.
	65019, 64885	2	Glass covering the backup lights was broken (on each truck).
	64983, 64845	2	Rearview mirrors were broken.
	65042	1	No key, no rearview mirror & the door handle was broken.
	64990	1	Choke handle was broken.
	64873	1	Door handle was broken.
	64964, 64996	2	No tool box, no battery box and one rearview mirror was missing.
	65021	1	No key for the battery box
	64883	1	No protector for 3 indicator lights (in the cabin)
	64888	1	Flat tyre
		2	No key
		3	No key

Note: As to these trucks, 6 first-aid kits, 11 "ALAT", 4 gas cans were missing. All the tractors have no keys.

Signature of port representative

Signature of ship representative