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- 1 PROCEEDINGS
- 2 (Court opens at 0901H)
- 3 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 4 Please be seated. The Court is now in session.
- 5 During today's session, the Chamber is going to hear testimonies
- 6 of Mr. Kaing Guek Eav alias Duch, questions to be posed by the
- 7 Prosecution.
- 8 The Chamber would like to now hand over to the Prosecution.
- 9 QUESTIONING BY MR. SMITH RESUMES:
- 10 Thank you, Mr. President. Good morning. Good morning, Your
- 11 Honours. Good morning, Counsel. Good morning, Witness and the
- 12 general public.
- 13 Q. Mr. Kaing Guek Eav, yesterday -- well, I think to start off,
- 14 you've been questioned now for quite a number of days, the full
- 15 day straight. If you get tired in the afternoon, can you advise
- 16 the Chamber if that is the case?
- 17 Have you been getting tired in the afternoon throughout this week
- 18 or have you been feeling fine?
- 19 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 20 A. I am fine. I can continue.
- 21 Q. Thank you.
- 22 Yesterday, we discussed a meeting you had with Son Sen and some
- 23 other divisions when where you were discussing the situation in
- 24 relation to enemies and searching -searching for enemies,
- 25 particularly -- it was in relation to someone distributing

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- 1 leaflets around Phnom Penh and the meeting was held to discuss
- 2 how you would try and locate those particular people that were
- 3 distributing the leaflets.
- 4 Do you remember that meeting?
- 5 [09.04.54]
- 6 A. I still remember.
- 7 Q. And you also mentioned that you had other similar meetings
- 8 with other military divisions and so and now, I'd like you to
- 9 look at this document it's number D248/6.1.5 and it appears
- 10 to be another meeting in which you attended and similar
- 11 discussions were had.
- 12 Mr. President, if I can hand over a hard copy to the court
- 13 orderly and ask that it be placed on the screen?
- 14 [09.06:02]
- 15 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 16 You can proceed.
- 17 (Short pause)
- 18 BY MR. SMITH:
- 19 Q. Witness, if you look at the documents entitled; "Minutes of
- 20 the meeting by Comrade Tal, Division 290 and Division 170, on the
- 21 16th of September 1976" and if you look further down it states;
- 22 "Comrade Duch gave comments."
- 23 Have you seen this document before?
- 24 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 25 A. This is the third time I have been presented the documents to

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- 1 me before the Co-Investigative Judges and the the trial -
- 2 during the first case trials and, now, during this Case 002 trial
- 3 proceedings.
- 4 [09.07.37]
- 5 Q. And can you briefly explain what was discussed at the meeting
- 6 and what measures were taken at the end of the meeting?
- 7 A. The meeting was convened to discuss the people in Division 170
- 8 who were associates of Chan Chakrey. At the end, Brother 89, Son
- 9 Sen and Brother 81, Seat Chhae alias Tum, my superiors, were
- 10 together. After a brief meeting, Brother 89 left. After he left,
- 11 Brother 81 continued the meeting.
- 12 At that time, Comrade Som (phonetic) wanted me to comment, and
- 13 the comments in the minutes were that of Brother 81, it was not
- 14 mine. But in the conclusion, they started to prepare to round up
- 15 people at Division 170. And there were a lot of people to be
- 16 arrested that's why we had to do something not to surprise when
- 17 the arrest took place -- not to surprise the people.
- 18 [09.09.54]
- 19 Q. Thank you.
- 20 At the last part of the document, it states: "Division 170, S-21
- 21 and the Division have to discuss in detail about the practical
- 22 plan to take those 40 people."
- 23 Do you know whether those people were finally taken and arrested?
- 24 A. Finally, people in Division 170 were arrested. We only waited
- 25 to receive the arrestees. These people had already been arrested

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- 1 and we were there just to receive them.
- 2 Q. And they were arrested by military divisions; is that correct?
- 3 A. Yes, it is. It was the Division 170 people who arrested the
- 4 people in the same division.
- 5 Q. This meeting was conducted on the 16th of September 1976 and
- 6 it states at the end of the list of names that were suspected
- 7 as being enemies, at point 1, after the list of 29 people, it
- 8 states: "Based on the reasons that S-21 and the Division pointed
- 9 out and the actions that they saw repeatedly, and according to
- 10 the plan that Angkar had sent out, all Chakrey's connections have
- 11 to be arrested."
- 12 [09.11.58]
- 13 My question to you is: How was this plan conveyed to you?
- 14 According to the plan that Angkar had sent out, had you received
- 15 that plan?
- 16 A. First, allow me to emphasize that Chakrey had already been
- 17 arrested.
- 18 The confessions of other people also implicated other people. At
- 19 that time, my superior questioned Comrade Sok, the new secretary,
- 20 and Sok confirmed that these groups of people were not in the --
- 21 Chakrey's connections. So he would pinpoint who were not related
- 22 to Chakrey; and although there were only 29 people to be arrested
- 23 but the list could be longer.
- 24 In the meeting, only the certain numbers of people were decided
- 25 to be arrested but there could be more.

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- 1 [09.13.31]
- 2 Q. So in the document, when it says "according to the plan that
- 3 Angkar had sent out", what does ''the plan'' mean?
- 4 A. I think there could have been a loss in interpreting. Here,
- 5 based on the reasons that
- 6 S-21 and the Division pointed out and the actions they saw
- 7 repeatedly and according to the plan or principle, rather, that
- 8 Angkar it's more about policy not or principle, not plan, as
- 9 you indicated in Khmer as I understood.
- 10 So the principle as determined by the Angkar was based on the
- 11 confessions from S-21 and also based on the real circumstances
- 12 whether the person could have been suspected of being connected -
- 13 being connecting to Chan Chakrey or not.
- 14 Q. Thank you.
- 15 I've now finished with that document and I would now like to ask
- 16 you some questions in relation to a document that you saw
- 17 yesterday, and that was D248/3.33 (sic). And if you remember, the
- 18 title of that document was "Guidance to the Central Committee of
- 19 the Communist Party of Kampuchea on the Party's Policy towards
- 20 Misled Persons who had joined the CIA, served as Yuon Agents or
- 21 joined the KGB and opposed the Party, Revolution, People and
- 22 Democratic Kampuchea". And that was dated on the 20th of June
- 23 1978.
- 24 [09.16.20]
- 25 Your testimony was yesterday that you had seen the document, that

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- 1 you'd also seen what you believed to be the document recorded in
- 2 a revolutionary flag; is that correct?
- 3 A. Yes, that is correct. I still stand by my testimonies I made
- 4 yesterday.
- 5 Q. And I think your testimony yesterday was along the lines that,
- 6 although the policy seemed to be slightly softening its approach
- 7 towards the enemy, the arrest of the enemy, you felt that it
- 8 wasn't really a genuine policy; is that correct -- a genuine
- 9 softening towards the enemy?
- 10 [09.17.32]
- 11 A. The idea I communicated to the meeting as indicated yesterday
- 12 is already well summarized by the prosecutor.
- 13 Q. After that document was issued and it was the 20th of June
- 14 1978 did you have any discussions with any senior leaders about
- 15 what the document meant?
- 16 A. No, I did not have any discussion with any other people
- 17 concerning this document.
- 18 Q. When the document came out, when you received that document,
- 19 bearing in mind you had a responsibility to carry out the policy
- 20 of killing enemies, how did you feel when that policy came out
- 21 that, apparently, it appeared to have a softening approach on who
- 22 would be perceived to be enemies?
- 23 A. First, upon seeing this document, I was pleased.
- 24 Why I was happy? Because I was thinking of the evacuees, the 17th
- 25 of April people, because they were the sub-level people, the

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- 1 people who were classified as "low-low class" because their
- 2 children could not be promoted into members of the Party.
- 3 And, with these documents, I felt that if there was some kind of
- 4 leniency, these people could be allowed to join the army or
- 5 military.
- 6 [09.20.11]
- 7 But later on, I also felt that this document was not relevant to
- 8 S-21 and I kept it and did not really use it during study
- 9 sessions. And I think there was a meeting convened at S-21
- 10 concerning the policy set out in this lenient policy as indicated
- 11 in the document.
- 12 In February 1975, there was a broadcast to the world that the
- 13 five super traitors had to be hold accountable or held
- 14 accountable and that other people other than the five super
- 15 traitors could be pardoned and this message was conveyed to the
- 16 general public as a means of leniency to the people.
- 17 [09.21.32]
- 18 And I already indicated yesterday, that this document was
- 19 produced on the 20th of June 1978.
- 20 Q. And towards the end of 1978, did you go to a political session
- 21 where Pol Pot and others were present, a political study session?
- 22 A. I don't recollect the month but I believe that it was before
- 23 the 30th of September 1978, which was the date -- the birthdate
- 24 of the Party.
- 25 Back then, Pol Pot, Nuon Chea were there and Pol Pot was

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- 1 presenting documents in the training sessions for senior cadres
- 2 when Nuon Chea was seen sitting alongside.
- 3 Q. Thank you. And that study or training session, about how long,
- 4 how many days was that for?
- 5 A. That political session was for five days and that, later on,
- 6 the live views had to be done by ourselves.
- 7 [09.23.24]
- 8 Q. And in that study session, was this particular policy
- 9 discussed?
- 10 A. The question is not yet clear; could you please re-phrase it?
- 11 Q. At that study session, was this particular policy relating to
- 12 the softening of the line against certain enemies, was that
- discussed by Pol Pot or by anyone else?
- 14 A. This issue was not discussed or this document was not
- 15 discussed in the meeting but they picked up some situations to be
- 16 discussed.
- 17 First, we were told that people of the 17th of April should no
- 18 longer be called so again, just call them by names or by their
- 19 titles and never accuse them of "White people" or the "Bandits",
- 20 so on and so forth. Just treat them equally.
- 21 [09.25.09]
- 22 And Pol Pot also stated that people in Phnom Penh city were
- 23 evacuated to be tempered in the cooperatives and he believed
- 24 that, after two or three years, these people could blend in the
- 25 cooperatives -- people in the cooperatives easily.

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- 1 And later, he indicated as well that we were trying to eliminate
- 2 Buddhism and our cause was successful. Le Duan asked me: How
- 3 could this be successful? And Pol Pot told Le Duan that Buddhism
- 4 how to eliminate Buddhism was by way of making monks build dams
- 5 and blend in the popular masses.
- 6 And they used some women to lure the monks to abandon religion,
- 7 and later on the monks decided to be defrocked.
- 8 Q. After the political study session, did you have a conversation
- 9 with Nuon Chea about this particular policy of apparently
- 10 softening the line to some some classes of enemy?
- 11 A. During the study session, Pol Pot advised S-21 people not to
- 12 question or interrogate the enemies to extract confessions.
- 13 But a few days later, Brother Nuon called me to work and I did
- 14 not really interrogate prisoners but, then, Nuon Chea really
- 15 reprimanded me for not interrogating prisoners. He said that I
- 16 was the person of great knowledge of the Party policy for doing
- 17 that and I told him that I did that because the Party didn't
- 18 allow me or didn't ask me to interrogate prisoners and I didn't
- 19 do that.
- 20 [09.28.00]
- 21 Q. Why did you think the policy wasn't genuine?
- 22 A. Are you referring to the policy lectured by Pol Pot and the
- 23 political study session or you're talking about the policy laid
- 24 down in this document?
- 25 Q. About the policy that was laid down in the document.

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- 1 A. In our political life, we need to reflect the present
- 2 situation with the past.
- 3 I recall the seven super traitors and, later on after the 17th of
- 4 April, several of them were killed and S-21 was asked not to
- 5 interrogate prisoners.
- 6 But later on, it was challenged by Nuon Chea for not doing so and
- 7 I believe that the document was just to console people not to
- 8 stage or not any uprising against the Party, just to calm them
- 9 down. That's what I believed.
- 10 Q. And what did Nuon Chea say when you explained to him that you
- 11 would stop interrogation, interrogating prisoners?
- 12 A. I did not say I would stop but I told him that I -- I didn't
- 13 interrogate prisoners, I just said so. I did not refer to the
- 14 study session; I just told him that I did not conduct such
- 15 interrogations. And then, Nuon Chea reprimanded me.
- 16 [09.30.37]
- 17 Q. And he reprimanded you? Why did he reprimand you? Just to be
- 18 clear.
- 19 A. Brother Nuon Chea was -- sarcastically said; Duch was now
- 20 knowledgeable too knowledgeable of the Party's line.
- 21 Q. After that discussion, did you continue to interrogate and
- 22 kill prisoners until the end of the regime or the staff at S-21?
- 23 A. Thank you. Surely, I continued my interrogations. After that,
- 24 I called on the interrogators and to implement the plans to
- 25 continue interrogating those prisoners.

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- 1 Q. And did anyone order the continued interrogation of those
- 2 prisoners?
- 3 [09.32.05]
- 4 A. No one ordered me; I worked with Brother Number Two.
- 5 After that, I ordered people at S-21 in my capacity as the chief
- 6 that is, to implement the plan agreed upon in the Party.
- 7 Q. And when you say "the plan", which one are you referring to?
- 8 A. "The plan" as it refers to refers to the work, the duty at
- 9 S-21. So I choose -- I may not choose the right term but it's the
- 10 plan for me to work at S-21.
- 11 Q. And when you finally left S-21, did you receive any orders
- 12 about what to do with the remaining prisoners?
- 13 A. I am confused with the dates. I suspect that it was on the
- 14 3rd, Brother Nuon called upon me to work and I went there. It was
- on the 3rd of January 1977.
- 16 He told me to go but I said I had obligations to interrogate the
- 17 "Yuon" people and to have the confessions broadcast on radio. But
- 18 he said we could later arrest "Youn" people.
- 19 [09.34.26]
- 20 And we went to Y8 office. I called upon Comrade Hor about
- 21 evacuating the prisoners out of the place and so Met Hor --
- 22 Comrade Hor follows the order.
- 23 I'm not sure whether I already implemented the plan by the 1st of
- 24 January, but I thought to myself that my life was about to come
- 25 to an end. I was sleeping in the house. I did not even come out.

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- 1 Q. Thank you. You said "the 3rd of January 1977". Are you meaning
- 2 the 3rd of January 1979, just before you left Phnom Penh?
- 3 A. Before I left. Before I left, it was four days before I left
- 4 Phnom Penh so it was probably on the day that we implemented the
- 5 plans to evacuate people out of S-21. Everything was chaotic at
- 6 that time so we do not remember the dates exactly.
- 7 Q. And about that time, how many prisoners, what number of
- 8 prisoners were still left or kept in S-21?
- 9 A. There were four and they were taken from Y8. Some others were
- 10 dead, for example rather, Richard Dudman.
- 11 [09.36.40]
- 12 Q. And what happened to those last four prisoners?
- 13 A. The four prisoners, I told Comrade Hor what to do about the
- 14 four prisoners and Comrade Hor implemented my order, that is, to
- 15 continue interrogating them.
- 16 At 11 o'clock, that is, on the 7th of January 1979, the
- 17 Vietnamese troops were driving their vehicles across my house.
- 18 Comrade Nan stabbed the prisoners to death by his bayonet.
- 19 Q. Thank you.
- 20 I would now like to turn to another document which you may have
- 21 seen and it's document number D108/50/1.7 and I have a hard copy
- 22 for you if that can be passed to the witness, please. And if it
- 23 also can be placed on the screen?
- 24 [09.38.21]
- 25 MR. PRESIDENT:

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- 1 You are permitted to do so.
- 2 BY MR. SMITH:
- 3 Q. Now, Mr. Kaing Guek Eav, we just have talked about a document
- 4 which was the guidance of the Central Committee of the CPK in
- 5 relation to a policy on the enemies; that was the mid-1978
- 6 document.
- 7 This document also appears to be from the Party Central
- 8 Committee, and it's entitled "Directive on the use of terms
- 9 'Angkar' and 'Party'", and it's dated 11th of July 1977.
- 10 Have you seen that document before?
- 11 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 12 A. I am not sure about this, I don't seem to have seen this
- 13 document but I recognize the annotation on the top of the page.
- 14 It was of my superior's handwriting.
- 15 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 16 Court officer is instructed to withdraw the document from the
- 17 witness and remove it from the screen.
- 18 [09.40.14]
- 19 BY MR. SMITH:
- 20 Q. And when you stated that you saw the annotation of your
- 21 superior, who were you referring to?
- 22 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 23 A. When I talk about my superior, without referring to a
- 24 particular name, I mean Son Sen. Otherwise, I refer to others:
- 25 Brother Number Two or Brother Nuon or the deputy secretary. When

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- 1 I talk about my superior without name, I mean Son Sen.
- 2 Q. And that document appears to be a policy in how the term
- 3 "Angkar" or "Party" is used. And basically, it states: "The term
- 4 'Angkar' or 'Party' is used only for the organization. It shall
- 5 not be used for any individual."
- 6 And this was issued on the 11th of July 1977. Do you recollect
- 7 whether or not that policy was communicated to you in some form,
- 8 whether it be a document or training sessions, that the term
- 9 "Angkar" only be used in relation to the organization rather than
- 10 individuals?
- 11 [09.41.47]
- 12 A. The word "Angkar", yes, there was a directive for the use of
- 13 the term and there was also a mistake when it comes to the use of
- 14 that term.
- 15 Nat allowed his subordinates, for example, You Pengkry alias Mon,
- 16 to call him as Angkar. He allowed his subordinates to call him
- 17 Angkar. I could not accept that.
- 18 Later on, there was a direction from the superior that was from
- 19 Pol Pot.
- 20 For me, when I use the word "Angkar", I refer to the Party
- 21 Central <Standing> Committee or <anyone from the Party Central
- 22 Standing Committee who came to lead me on behalf of> Pol Pot.
- 23 But I'm sure there must have been a particular directive on the
- 24 use of the term. But like I said, there was an incident, a
- 25 mistake, for example, that occurred with Nat who allows his

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- 1 subordinates to call him Angkar.
- 2 Q. Are you aware of other decisions or policies coming from the
- 3 Central Committee during that period?
- 4 We've just discussed the one in relation to the guidance by the
- 5 Central Committee as to the line to be taken with enemies. During
- 6 your period at S-21, did you receive other circulars or documents
- 7 or policies coming from the Central Committee, to your
- 8 recollection?
- 9 [09.43.59]
- 10 A. The Party's policy towards the enemy is stable, as the
- 11 renounced enemy would be smashed. But it was to be done in
- 12 accordance with particular circumstance. So there was no precise
- 13 quidance.
- 14 For example, at S-21, workers who destroy factory were arrested
- 15 and beaten and interrogated.
- 16 Later on, Son Sen directed that S-21 was to identify CIA agents
- 17 -- that was to extract confession from an arrested person whose
- 18 name was Chap Norn (phonetic) to identify CIA. After that -- or
- 19 later on, we had to identify KGB agents.
- 20 [09.45.46]
- 21 So that was what happened at the time, one after another. There
- 22 were no particular guidelines and, after that, there were also
- 23 the "Yuon, the aggressive "Yuon".
- 24 We had stable policies against the enemies, that is, the enemies
- 25 were to be killed.

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- 1 Q. Thank you.
- 2 I'm just referring to particular policies on specifics; specifics
- 3 such as directives on the use of terms "Angkar" and "Party";
- 4 specifics such as guidance on the Party's policy towards enemies.
- 5 [09.46.27]
- 6 Are you aware of any specific policies or quidelines issued by
- 7 the Central Committee other than the ones that we've discussed
- 8 during that period?
- 9 Particular circulars or documents and that you may have received
- 10 at S-21?
- 11 A. I usually indicated to the Court that the Party's policies
- 12 towards the enemies were to smash the enemies and this issue was
- 13 classic. It did not change.
- 14 Q. Thank you. In the document, there's an annotation, as you
- 15 stated, that was from Son Sen. At that date, on the 24th of July
- 16 1977, was S-21 still under the authority of the general staff?
- 17 [09.47.37]
- 18 A. I'm afraid I do not hear the question. I only hear the
- 19 narrative, the description but not the question.
- 20 Q. As of July 1977, was S-21 still under the authority of the
- 21 general staff?
- 22 A. I did not answer it that way. That is very general.
- 23 I would say I went to do important work for Son Sen until the 15
- 24 of August 1977. So until up until the directive was issued, I
- 25 was still under the supervision of Son Sen.

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- 1 [09.49.11]
- 2 Q. At that stage was Son Sen, still chief of the general staff?
- 3 A. Son Sen was the chief of general staff even from before 1975
- 4 and, after the 9th of October 1975, a new role was assigned to
- 5 Son Sen, that was the chief of Santebal or security.
- 6 But he maintained his position as the chief of general staff
- 7 until he died.
- 8 Q. Thank you. I'm now finished with that document.
- 9 And I'd like to move to another document, and the document number
- 10 is D366/7.1.475; and I have a copy for the witness. And if it can
- 11 be placed on the screen as well, Mr. President?
- 12 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 13 You are permitted to do so.
- 14 BY MR. SMITH:
- 15 Thank you, Your Honour.
- 16 Q. The title of this document is "Instructions from 870", the
- 17 subject is, "regarding the 25th of February 1976 bombing of Siem
- 18 Reap city by the American imperialists." It's dated the 27th of
- 19 February, '76.
- 20 At the signature line, it states: "Committee 870" and within the
- 21 document, halfway down, it states: "The Standing Committee
- 22 concludes that they belonged to the American imperialists" and
- 23 it's related to a bombing incident in Siem Reap on the 25th of
- 24 February 1976.
- 25 [09.51.40]

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- 1 My question is: If you have a look at that document -- have you
- 2 seen that document before?
- 3 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 4 A. I would like to draw everyone's attention to the issuing
- 5 dates, that is, on the 27th February 1976. At that time, I was
- 6 not yet appointed to be responsible for S-21.
- 7 The S-21 was still under the supervision of Nat so perhaps this
- 8 document was sent to Nat. So this is my indication to your
- 9 question.
- 10 [09.52.44]
- 11 Q. So to be clear, is it the case you haven't seen this
- 12 particular document before?
- 13 A. Yes, it is correct. It is correct.
- 14 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 15 Court officer is instructed to take away the document from the
- 16 witness and remove it from the screen.
- 17 BY MR. SMITH:
- 18 Q. Are you aware of that incident, the incident of a supposed
- 19 bombing of Siem Reap on the 25th of February 1976?
- 20 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 21 A. This event, from my recollection, was broadcast through radio.
- 22 Nat proposed a meeting to be held not at S-21 but in a pedagogic
- 23 school on the north. It was the Northern Pedagogic School.
- 24 Q. And what was the purpose of that meeting?
- 25 A. The purpose of that meeting was solely to promote the angers

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- 1 of the member parties of the member that is to be against the
- 2 imperialists and the henchmen.
- 3 Q. And was that meeting, to your knowledge, related to this
- 4 incident, this bombing incident?
- 5 [09.55.00]
- 6 A. The meeting was related to the bombing. Nat made some
- 7 introduction about the bombings and to promote the angers amongst
- 8 the combatants and combatants were asked to make commitments to
- 9 be against the imperialists.
- 10 Q. Are you aware of whether any investigation was carried out to
- 11 find out who was responsible for this bombing or explosion?
- 12 A. I am not aware of that.
- 13 Q. Are you aware if anyone was found to be responsible for that
- 14 explosion?
- 15 [09.56.22]
- 16 A. No, I am not.
- 17 Q. Thank you.
- 18 I would now like to move away from that document and ask you some
- 19 questions on a different topic, particularly, in relation to the
- 20 setup of ministries within Democratic Kampuchea.
- 21 Are you able to say how many ministries were set up during that
- 22 period to assist in the governing of Democratic Kampuchea?
- 23 A. The ministries established within the Democratic Kampuchea
- 24 include Ministry of National Commerce, rather, State of Commerce
- 25 originally in charge by Koy Thuon; the Ministry of Energy

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- 1 originally was in charge by Keo Rith, before it was handed over
- 2 to Chhay Kim Huor alias Hok; and then Ministry of Social Affairs.
- 3 This ministry was very restrictive; it was small in scope, it was
- 4 limited only to manufacturing medicines.
- 5 The Ministry of Propaganda was controlled by Hu Nim and the
- 6 Ministry of Education was controlled by Yun Yat, but later Yut --
- 7 Hu Nim was control controlled both the Ministry of Propaganda
- 8 and Education.
- 9 [09.59.03]
- 10 And there were also committees of working groups; for example,
- 11 the State warehouse, that's transportation by land and by water.
- 12 Q. Thank you. Were you aware of these ministries at the time
- 13 during the Democratic Kampuchea period? Were you aware of the
- 14 existence of these ministries back then?
- 15 A. I know the existence of the ministries that I indicated. I
- 16 think I have not included all the ministries yet.
- 17 Q. Was there a Ministry of Foreign Affairs?
- 18 A. Yes, this ministry was very big and it did exist.
- 19 Q. Thank you.
- 20 [10.00.46]
- 21 I'd now like to show you a document, E3/183; it's a meeting of
- 22 the Standing Committee minutes the 9th of October '75. If I ask
- 23 that that be placed on the screen and I have a copy for the
- 24 witness.
- 25 MR. PRESIDENT:

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- 1 You may proceed.
- 2 BY MR. SMITH:
- 3 Q. Looking at this document, have you seen this document before?
- 4 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 5 A. During the Democratic Kampuchea, I had never seen this
- 6 document. I only saw it during the hearing.
- 7 Q. Had you seen it during the judicial investigation and provided
- 8 comment on that document?
- 9 A. So far as I remember, I saw the document in Case File 001's
- 10 hearing and I also made some comments on this.
- 11 Q. I have a few questions for you, simply to identify who some of
- 12 these individuals are that have been delegated work within this
- 13 -- within this document.
- 14 [10.03.01]
- 15 Now, you have mentioned the revolutionary names of a number of
- 16 people already and some of those names will appear again in this
- 17 document, but I would ask you, for completeness, if we can look
- 18 at the list of 12 or 13 names that are on the first page under
- 19 "Delegation of Work and the Operational Process" and if you can
- 20 -- if you have any knowledge of the names of these people, if we
- 21 can place that on the record so that we can understand the
- 22 document more clearly.
- 23 [10.03.44]
- 24 Now, the first person is; "Comrade Secretary: General
- 25 responsibility over the military and the economy"; do you see

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- 1 that?
- 2 A. Yes, I do.
- 3 Q. And for complete clarity for this list, can I ask you who was
- 4 Comrade Secretary?
- 5 A. Comrade Secretary was Pol Pot.
- 6 Q. The second is; "Comrade Deputy Secretary: Party Affairs,
- 7 Social Action, Culture, Propaganda, and Education." Who was the
- 8 Comrade Deputy Secretary?
- 9 A. Comrade Deputy Secretary was Nuon Chea.
- 10 Q. The third person is; "Comrade Van: Foreign Affairs work, both
- 11 Party and State"; who is Comrade Van?
- 12 A. Comrade Van was Bong or Brother Ieng Sary.
- 13 Q. And the fourth; "Comrade Hem: Responsible for the Front and
- 14 the Royal Government and Commerce for Accounting and Pricing";
- 15 who was Comrade Hem?
- 16 [10.05.44]
- 17 A. Hem was Bong Khieu Samphan.
- 18 Q. And the fifth name is; "Comrade Thuch: Domestic and
- 19 International Commerce"; who was Comrade Thuch?
- 20 A. Thuch was Koy Thuon.
- 21 Q. The sixth is; "Comrade Khieu: Responsible for General Staff
- 22 and Security"; who was Comrade Khieu?
- 23 A. Khieu here refers to Son Sen.
- 24 Q. Seventh is; "Comrade Vorn: Industry, Railroads, and
- 25 Fisheries"; who is Comrade Vorn?

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- 1 A. Vorn here stands for Vorn Vet.
- 2 Q. And number 8 is; "Comrade Doeun: Chairman of the Political
- 3 Office 870"; who is Comrade Doeun?
- 4 A. His original name was Sua Vasi.
- 5 [10.07.36]
- 6 Q. And you testified yesterday that, at one point, he left this
- 7 position and took up another position; is that correct?
- 8 A. Doeun left for the state commerce department.
- 9 Q. Thank you. If we look at number 9; "Comrade Phea: Responsible
- 10 for Culture, Social Action, and Foreign Affairs."
- 11 A. Phea refers here to Ieng Thirith.
- 12 Q. And Ieng Thirith is the wife of Ieng Sary; is that correct?
- 13 A. Yes, it is.
- 14 Q. And number 10 is; "Comrade At: Propaganda and Reeducation,
- 15 both internal and external"; who is Comrade At?
- 16 A. At here refers to Yun Yat, Son Sen's wife.
- 17 [10.09.26]
- 18 Q. And if we look at number 11, Comrade Chey for agriculture; who
- 19 is Comrade Chey?
- 20 A. The normal name for this person is Non Suon.
- 21 Q. And number 12 is Comrade Yem, the Bureau 870; who is Comrade
- 22 Yem?
- 23 A. Yem here refers to Sim Son.
- 24 Q. And the number 13 is Comrade Pang and it's got government
- 25 office; who is Comrade Pang?

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- 1 A. Pang here is Chhim Sam Aok.
- 2 Q. Thank you.
- 3 [10.10.49]
- 4 I've now finished with this document and I'd like another
- 5 document to be placed before you and it's IS 13.16 and it's a
- 6 record of the Standing Committee meeting, 7th of May 1976 for
- 7 commerce matters.
- 8 I have a hard copy for the witness, Your Honour, and if that
- 9 could be placed on the screen.
- 10 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 11 You may proceed.
- 12 BY MR. SMITH:
- 13 Q. If you can have a look at that document and advise us whether
- 14 you've seen that document before today?
- 15 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 16 A. I have never seen this document before.
- 17 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 18 Court officer is now instructed to remove this document from the
- 19 screen and take it back from the witness.
- 20 [10.12.37]
- 21 BY MR. SMITH:
- 22 Q. In this particular document, there are some names, again,
- 23 which if I can ask you to help us with. Comrade Krin; who is
- 24 Comrade Krin?
- 25 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:

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- 1 A. Krin was Thuch Rin.
- 2 Q. And Comrade Som?
- 3 A. I would like to emphasize that Som bears several other names,
- 4 Tiv Ol, Pich Sorn (phonetic). Pich Ol (phonetic), from the
- 5 Kampong Som Port, or a person from the general staff also used
- 6 this alias name as Som.
- 7 Which one are you referring to?
- 8 Q. Well, this person is listed under the port's committee.
- 9 A. Then this person referred to Chhun Sok Ngoun.
- 10 Q. And then Comrade Muoy?
- 11 [10.14.43]
- 12 A. I don't know this person.
- 13 Q. And Comrade Rin?
- 14 A. I don't know this person either.
- 15 O. And Comrade Vuth?
- 16 A. No, I don't know this person.
- 17 Q. Now, these people I've just read out are listed as being on
- 18 the Port Committee and then if I can ask you the names of two
- 19 other people listed as being on the Commerce Committee, and that
- 20 is Comrade Chey.
- 21 A. I don't know other Chey; I only know Chey from agriculture.
- 22 Are you referring to Chey from agriculture here?
- 23 [10.16.00]
- 24 Q. The text is that Comrade Chey will be taken from agriculture
- 25 and then to -- to be placed on the Commerce Committee. So it's

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- 1 Comrade Chey from agriculture; who is that person?
- 2 A. Brother Chey was never appointed to the commerce; he was
- 3 assigned to supervise the cash warehouse. I think perhaps -- I
- 4 think perhaps there's some kind of confusion because Brother Chey
- 5 never been assigned to the commerce section.
- 6 Q. Thank you.
- 7 I think, now, we'll move on to another -- another topic. We --
- 8 we're discussing the ministries and how work was delegated during
- 9 this period. In terms of S-21's relationship with other
- 10 ministries, can you explain what that relationship was? How would
- 11 S-21 connect with other ministries?
- 12 A. S-21 was not connected to any other ministries other than to
- 13 the superiors, Son Sen, Nuon Chea, and Pang, who was representing
- 14 Pol Pot.
- 15 [10.18.21]
- 16 Q. During your time at S-21, were people from other ministries or
- 17 people from ministries arrested and killed at S-21?
- 18 A. There were a number of people from various ministries who were
- 19 arrested and sent to S-21 for interrogation.
- 20 Q. And can you name some of the ministries -- or -- from where
- 21 people were arrested and taken to S-21?
- 22 A. I cannot go into details on this, but I know two things for
- 23 sure; when Vorn Vet was arrested he was arrested at the Central
- 24 Office; arrested by Comrade Lin's group and under the direct
- 25 order from Ta Mok. That was the first event when he was arrested

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- 1 and sent to me in the late afternoon.
- 2 [10.20.05]
- 3 And in another incident, I went to arrest people, on my own, upon
- 4 order from Bong Nuon. I had to receive Cheng An's wife and Vorn
- 5 Vet's wife. We received them at the Suramarit Buddhist High
- 6 School. This is the mission in which I was involved to arrest the
- 7 people in person.
- 8 Q. I'm going to come back to the types of prisoners that were
- 9 taken to S-21 and killed, but whilst you mentioned it; the arrest
- of Vorn Vet, to be clear, he was your supervisor at M-13; is that
- 11 correct?
- 12 A. Vorn Vet was my superior at M-13. It -- he had been the
- 13 secretary of the city since I was in Phnom Penh.
- 14 Q. And Vorn Vet was also on the Standing Committee; is that
- 15 correct?
- 16 A. Yes, it is.
- 17 Q. Do you know which year Vorn Vet was arrested?
- 18 [10.22.09]
- 19 A. According to my recollection, it was on the 2nd of November --
- 20 November 1978.
- 21 Q. Do you have any knowledge about the circumstances in which
- 22 Vorn Vet's arrest was discussed?
- 23 A. I'm not sure, but Comrade Lin asked me to wait and receive the
- 24 people arrested and Vorn Vet was also seen coordinating this.
- 25 Q. At one point, did you have a conversation with Ke Pauk when

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- 1 you met with him in Thailand in 1988 or 1989, about the
- 2 circumstances in which Vorn Vet's arrest occurred?
- 3 A. Yes, I did meet Ke Pauk, but he was very shy. He hid under the
- 4 bed. He was talking about Ta Mok who ordered Lin to arrest Vorn
- 5 Vet. He said that -- he asked us not to go home and wait to see
- 6 the movie, and later on after the arrest, Brother Pol asked us --
- 7 asked us whether the movie was good.
- 8 Q. Just to be clear, who is Ke Pauk?
- 9 [10.24.47]
- 10 A. Ke Pauk was the secretary of the old North Zone. Later on, it
- 11 was changed to the Central Zone and he remained the secretary of
- 12 the Central Zone. He was to -- he used to be the deputy of Koy
- 13 Thuon.
- 14 Q. And did he explain to you the circumstances about how the
- 15 decision was made for Vorn Vet?
- 16 A. I did not initiate the discussion with Brother Pauk on this.
- 17 Brother Pauk started the discussion on the date when the police
- 18 started the arrest at Chamkar Leu on the 5th of January 1968.
- 19 That was the subject of the discussion when he led the discussion
- 20 back then.
- 21 Q. And if I can put to you what you've told the Investigative
- 22 Judges about this topic and it's at Khmer 00398226 to 27 and
- 23 English 00398234 and French 00398242. In relation to this
- 24 particular discussion, this is what you told the Investigative
- 25 Judges on the 22nd of October 2009, and I'd like you to comment

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- 1 on it.
- 2 [10.26.47]
- 3 It was put to you:
- 4 "Did Khieu Samphan witness the arrest of Vorn Vet in November
- 5 1978?"
- 6 And you stated:
- 7 "I can further state that what Ke Pauk says concerning the arrest
- 8 of Ta Khieu, Kong Sophal, deputy secretary of the Northwest zone,
- 9 and Vorn Vet is also accurate. Ke Pauk told me when we met in
- 10 1988 or 1989 in Thailand that after a Central Committee meeting,
- 11 Pol Pot had asked the participants to stay and watch a film
- 12 projection. Then Ta Mok had ordered the arrest of Ta Khieu and
- 13 Vorn Vet, and that Pol Pot then asked Ke Pauk, with a smile, 'Did
- 14 you enjoy the film.'"
- 15 [10.27.39]
- 16 And then you've stated: "Amongst the Central Committee members
- 17 who were in attendance, when this occurred, I suppose that the
- 18 sole survivors are Nuon Chea, Ieng Sary, and Khieu Samphan."
- 19 My question is: Is that correct? Is that what Ke Pauk told you?
- 20 A. It is -- it is indeed true about the fact that Ke Pauk told me
- 21 about the meeting, and I learned that he was shy and he hid under
- 22 the bed. And Brother Pol asked us to wait to see the film or the
- 23 movie. And later on, I met Brother Pauk and also question was
- 24 asked whether we watched the movie or not, and that's all.
- 25 Q. Did -- when you had this conversation in Thailand, did you ask

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- 1 him for the information or did he volunteer it to you about the
- 2 circumstances surrounding the arrest of Vorn Vet?
- 3 A. The conversation last for more than an hour.
- 4 I don't recollect who started first, but first, Brother Pauk
- 5 started the conversation on a topic of when we were being chased
- 6 by the enemies, and he said that it was at that time when the
- 7 enemy started to fire on our people and, again, I don't recollect
- 8 which actually -- what was the topic started by both of us in
- 9 that conversation.
- 10 Q. Thank you--
- 11 [10.30.25]
- 12 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 13 Since it is now appropriate time for adjournment, the Chamber
- 14 will adjourn for 20 minutes.
- 15 Security personnel are now instructed to bring witness to his
- 16 waiting room and have him returned to the courtroom before we
- 17 resume our next session.
- 18 Counsel for Ieng Sary, National Counsel, you may now proceed.
- 19 MR. ANG UDOM:
- 20 Thank you, Mr. President, Your Honours.
- 21 Due to health reason, my client cannot remain seated in this
- 22 courtroom longer than this morning session. He asks that he be
- 23 excused from the courtroom and be allowed to observe the
- 24 proceeding from his holding cell the whole day from now.
- 25 [10.31.24]

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- 1 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 2 The Chamber has noted the request of Nuon Chea by his counsel,
- 3 waiving his right to participate in this court proceeding and
- 4 asks the Chamber that he be allowed to observe the proceedings
- 5 from his holding cell through video-link for the whole day due to
- 6 his health concern that he could not remain seated in this
- 7 courtroom.
- 8 The Chamber, therefore, grants such request.
- 9 Counsels are advised to provide the waiver to the Chamber signed
- 10 or given thumbprint by Ieng Sary immediately.
- 11 AV officers are now instructed to ensure that the video-link is
- 12 connected to the holding cell so that Ieng Sary can observe the
- 13 proceeding for the whole day today.
- 14 Security personnel are now instructed to bring Ieng Sary to his
- 15 holding cell, and the Court is adjourned.
- 16 (Court recesses from 1032H to 1051H)
- 17 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 18 Please be seated. The Court is now in session.
- 19 To continue hearing testimony of the witness, the Chamber now
- 20 hands over to the prosecutor to continue his questioning.
- 21 MR. SMITH:
- 22 Thank you, Mr. President.
- 23 BY MR. SMITH:
- 24 Q. Witness, before the break we were talking about the ministries
- 25 that were set up during the Democratic Kampuchea period, and we

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- 1 were also talking about the relationship of S-21 to the
- 2 ministries and how they communicated, how they connected.
- 3 When we look at the prisoner list, that combined prisoner list
- 4 that you've agreed is an accurate record of the prisoners
- 5 detained and killed at S-21, we see that there are figures of
- 6 about 5,609 members of the army.
- 7 We see that they are figures of about 113 people from Ministry of
- 8 Foreign Affairs; about 482 people from the ministry of commerce;
- 9 about 116 people from the ministry of social affairs; about 84
- 10 people from the ministry of propaganda and education; about 328
- 11 people former soldiers and cadres of the Khmer Republic or FUNK;
- 12 Office 870 or S-71, at least 209.
- 13 [10.53.54]
- 14 There are some of the figures of the positions that people held
- 15 prior to coming into S-21.
- 16 My question is, how would -- when someone provided a confession
- 17 at S-21 and implicated other people in that confession from
- 18 whatever organization or department they came from, how would
- 19 that information flow? What would happen to that information once
- 20 it was analyzed by yourself or other S-21 staff; what happened to
- 21 that information?
- 22 [10.55.11]
- 23 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 24 A. The role of the S-21 was to extract by whatever means the
- 25 confessions and that the confessions shall contain the list of

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- 1 the indicated person's name.
- 2 As to how to extract those confessions, that is another issue,
- 3 and as I said the documents were to be reported to the superior
- 4 and that was the end of our duty, and then it was up to the upper
- 5 echelon to do with the report that was up to them.
- 6 The documents you referred to, the 16 September 1976, was an
- 7 example. It was up to the upper echelons to decide on the meeting
- 8 in a -- during a meeting that -- and the decision was to take
- 9 only 19 people.
- 10 Q. So if we can understand the process even more clearly, for
- 11 example, if a detainee had given a confession and in that
- 12 confession they listed a number of people as enemies or -- and
- 13 that confession was received by you, would you create a list of
- 14 names from that confession and pass it on or would you just
- 15 annotate the confession itself and pass that on?
- 16 A. First the confession, secondly the names of the implicated
- 17 people. The names of the implicated people, to me, I never touch
- 18 that document, but the contents of the confessions during the Son
- 19 Sen's regime, I was instructed to provide a short summary,
- 20 summary of a few words, to help him understand the contents of
- 21 the documents; that is to assist him to work with the documents.
- 22 [10.58.03]
- 23 So we have these two issues; one is the content of the
- 24 confessions and another one is the list of the names of those
- 25 implicated.

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- 1 Q. Thank you. And to be clear, did you state that you didn't make
- 2 the list of implicated people but someone else did?
- 3 A. The list was compiled by the prisoners and that would be
- 4 matched with the list by the interrogator.
- 5 [10.58.56]
- 6 Q. And the confession and the list, would that be sent to your
- 7 superiors?
- 8 A. This is the only purpose of S-21's work; that is to extract
- 9 confessions and to forward those constructions to the superiors
- 10 -- the confessions, forward the confessions to the superiors.
- 11 Q. Thank you. And perhaps to assist in this exercise, if I can
- 12 show you a document, D43/IV-Annex 26, and it appears to be a
- 13 cover of a confession. I have a hardcopy for the witness. And if
- 14 I can ask that it be shown on the screen, Mr. President?
- 15 [11.00.07]
- 16 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 17 The Chamber permits. The court officer is instructed to take the
- 18 document from the Prosecution to the witness.
- 19 BY MR. SMITH:
- 20 Q. If that document could be placed on the screen.
- 21 Witness, looking at this document, is it a document that you've
- 22 seen before?
- 23 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 24 A. This document was -- if it was from S-21, there would not be
- 25 any annotation in red like this, but the annotation in the dark

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- 1 ink would be that of S-21 staff. So I can conclude that the
- 2 document is originally from S-21 with further annotation on top.
- 3 Q. And have you seen this particular document before?
- 4 A. I saw this document, and I also was asked to explain on the
- 5 additional annotation on the document as well.
- 6 [11.02.21]
- 7 Q. Can you read out the annotation that's in the red box on the
- 8 document, please?
- 9 A. "On the Social Affairs Section, it has already been resolved."
- 10 Q. Thank you. And the document itself, it's the front page of a
- 11 confession of Mok Sam Ol, alias Hong, who is the Chairman of the
- 12 Malaria Education Hospital; is that correct?
- 13 A. Yes, it is.
- 14 Q. And the annotation at the bottom of the page, can you read
- 15 that out, please?
- 16 A. Has already been delivered to Comrade Chan, 28th of February
- 17 1978.
- 18 Q. Do you recognize that handwriting in the left where it says
- 19 "Sent to Comrade Chan"? Whose handwriting is that?
- 20 A. This annotation must have belonged to Nuon Chea, Brother Nuon.
- 21 [11.04.44]
- 22 Q. And why do you say that?
- 23 A. I used to see his handwriting. He rarely wrote letters to me,
- 24 a few letters only, but I remember his writing styles.
- 25 Q. And do you know who Comrade Chan is?

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- 1 A. Chan was Seng Hong, the Secretary of one sector in the East
- 2 Zone.
- 3 Q. Thank you. And the handwriting in the box at the top left-hand
- 4 side, do you recognize whose handwriting that is?
- 5 A. The handwriting in the red square box also made by Bong Nuon,
- 6 or Brother Nuon.
- 7 Q. There's a slight translation issue with that annotation. In
- 8 the English, we have "Sent to Social Action for solution." I
- 9 think your testimony is that something -- that it was resolved.
- 10 Or perhaps I think it might be better -- can you repeat what that
- 11 annotation says, please?
- 12 A. The translation in English you heard perhaps was not the same
- 13 as the original message because it means here that the matter was
- 14 already resolved, as it means in Khmer in the annotation already.
- 15 [11.07.29]
- 16 Q. And when you say "matter resolved", was it matter resolved
- 17 with the Social Action Section? Matter resolved with who?
- 18 A. Resolved here means the enemies, as indicated in this
- 19 document, were already arrested and the result, in particular,
- 20 when Mok Sam Ol, alias Hong, implicated the person in the Social
- 21 Affairs Section.
- 22 Q. And that's my next question. Do you know how matters are
- 23 resolved within a particular section or department? Once that
- 24 list has gone forward, what happens to the list? How is it
- 25 resolved with, in this case, the Department of Social Affairs? Do

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- 1 you know how it's resolved? What happens to the list?
- 2 [11.09.02]
- 3 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 4 Witness is instructed not to respond to this question yet since
- 5 counsel for Nuon Chea is on his feet. He may proceed.
- 6 MR. PESTMAN:
- 7 Thank you very much. If I remember correctly, this witness stated
- 8 that he, at the time, never saw this annotation and this question
- 9 is explicitly inviting the witness to speculate about what
- 10 happened after he lost sight of this confession. I object to this
- 11 question.
- 12 MR. SMITH:
- 13 Your Honour, the witness has said that he actually has seen this
- 14 confession. It's just that the annotation wasn't one that was
- 15 made within S-21. It was made outside of S-21. Initially, it was
- 16 a bit unclear, but later he cleared up that he actually has seen
- 17 the confession. I'm just simply asking him what that annotation
- 18 means in relation to being resolved at Social Affairs. If he
- 19 doesn't know, he'll say so.
- 20 [11.10.17]
- 21 MR. PESTMAN:
- 22 If I'm allowed to reply, Mr. President?
- 23 If I understand correctly, he said he saw it, but if my memory
- 24 serves me right, he saw it because it was shown to him later
- 25 during the judicial investigation in Case 002.

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- 1 MR. SMITH:
- 2 I don't remember him saying that, Your Honour. Perhaps we can --
- 3 but he has seen it before regardless.
- 4 (Judges deliberate)
- 5 [11.11.14]
- 6 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 7 The objection by counsel for Nuon Chea is not sustained. The
- 8 Co-Prosecutor may repeat the question so that witness is able to
- 9 respond. Perhaps he may have forgotten the question, or he may
- 10 not.
- 11 BY MR. SMITH:
- 12 Thank you.
- 13 Q. Looking at that annotation that the matter has been resolved
- 14 with Social Affairs, what does that mean to you in terms of the
- 15 workings of how matters are resolved once people are implicated
- 16 and lists are forwarded at S-21?
- 17 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 18 A. This annotation was made by the decision maker. This person
- 19 made the decision that the matter be resolved at the Social
- 20 Affairs or Social Action. So how many people were to be arrested
- 21 were already decided by this annotator, person who made these
- 22 annotations, and this person behind this annotation was my --
- 23 Bong Nuon.
- 24 Q. And when you say that the matter would be resolved by Social
- 25 Affairs, how would that happen? How would it be resolved, to your

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- 1 knowledge?
- 2 A. I thank you for asking for this confirmation. The term
- 3 "resolved", before 1975, was referring to execution, taking
- 4 people away to be killed, but at this time, "resolved" here means
- 5 the Standing Committee made the decision, referring to the number
- of people to be arrested. So this "resolved" here refers to that
- 7 decision.
- 8 [11.13.55]
- 9 Q. Thank you. And to your knowledge, would the Standing Committee
- 10 resolve the issue with the head of the different ministries or
- 11 not?
- 12 A. Thank you. I think this is the way how matters were resolved
- 13 accordingly.
- 14 Q. And can you explain further?
- 15 A. Upon having read this confession, Brother Nuon had some
- 16 comments and decided on how many people to be arrested. So he
- 17 already had his orders in mind. And on some occasions, people had
- 18 already been arrested and he was supposed to be the one who made
- 19 the decision later on whether the matter had to be resolved or
- 20 not.
- 21 [11.15.44]
- 22 Q. Thank you. If I can show you a document D-43/IV-Annex 41? And
- 23 I have a hardcopy for you. If I can pass that to the witness,
- 24 Your Honour?
- 25 MR. PRESIDENT:

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- 1 You may proceed.
- 2 BY MR. SMITH:
- 3 Q. Witness, if you can look at that document and state whether
- 4 you've read that document before or seen it before?
- 5 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 6 A. This document was indeed the document of S-21 sent to the
- 7 upper echelon on the 21st of February 1978. My annotation appears
- 8 on this document, which I indicated the respected brother. And
- 9 finally, I also annotated with regards and my signature, Duch,
- 10 and this is what I wrote to the upper echelon, and later on it
- 11 was the upper echelon who annotated further or made a further
- 12 decision on this, and I hereby confirm that this document is from
- 13 S-21 with my annotation.
- 14 Q. If you can briefly read your annotation and state whose
- 15 confession this is and the position that the person had?
- 16 [11.18.32]
- 17 A. This confession belongs to Meak Touch alias Kem. He was the
- 18 diplomatic representative in Laos. And I said:
- 19 "Dear Respected Brother, this guy's activities in Laos is
- 20 classified into two; first, with the imperialists, he contacted
- 21 the HCR group and he met with In Tam to remove the Khmer
- 22 immigrants in Laos to be educated in Thailand. HCR was part of
- 23 the United Nations Organization. In full, it is the High
- 24 Commissioner -- the UN High Commissioner for Immigration.
- 25 And, number 2, with regard to the "Yuon", this guy worked with

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- 1 the Vietnamese diplomat named Dinh. The Vietnamese also needed
- 2 the Khmer immigrants in Laos for their purpose of the Indochina
- 3 policy -- Chinese policy."
- 4 And this is just my rough reading of these annotations I wrote to
- 5 the brother.
- 6 [11.20.35]
- 7 Q. Thank you. And if we look at the document in the top left-hand
- 8 corner in the red box, what annotation appears there?
- 9 A. I read the annotation as follows: "Comrade Van".
- 10 Q. Do you know who placed that annotation in the top left-hand
- 11 corner? Are you able to say?
- 12 A. I still I am convinced that this annotation was made by Bong
- 13 Nuon.
- 14 Q. And why are you convinced of that?
- 15 A. I may explain as follows. I have seen Brother Nuon's writing
- 16 and I wrote to him on the 21st of February '78, and only Brother
- 17 Nuon would address Ieng Sary as Comrade Van.
- 18 Q. Thank you. Do you know what the purpose of that annotation is
- 19 on the document?
- 20 MR. KARNAVAS:
- 21 If I may, Mr. President?
- 22 [11.23.11]
- 23 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 24 Witness is instructed to hold on.
- 25 And counsel for Ieng Sary, you may proceed.

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- 1 MR. KARNAVAS:
- 2 Thank you, Mr. President and Your Honours. Good morning to
- 3 everyone.
- 4 I hesitate to object at this point, but I believe the question is
- 5 asking the gentleman to speculate as to what somebody else might
- 6 have meant or what the purpose was of the writing of this
- 7 particular annotation. So I'm not sure that he's in a position to
- 8 answer that question. Unless he had some sort of a conversation
- 9 with the individual who made the annotation, then perhaps he
- 10 might be able to give an explanation, but to ask him to define as
- 11 to what exactly the person who made the annotation had in mind
- 12 and the purpose behind it, I think, is inappropriate.
- 13 [11.24.04]
- 14 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 15 Counsel for Nuon Chea, you may proceed.
- 16 MR. PESTMAN:
- 17 Thank you, Mr. President.
- 18 I would like to support my colleague for the Ieng Sary team. The
- 19 Prosecutor asked whether -- if I'm correct -- whether the witness
- 20 had seen this particular document. I think the question should be
- 21 a bit more specific. I think when showing documents like this,
- 22 the prosecutor should ask whether the witness has seen this
- 23 document with all the annotations on it. It's still unclear
- 24 whether this witness saw these annotations at the time, whether
- 25 he saw them at all, or whether he saw them later when he got

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- 1 documents in Case 001 or when he was questioned by the
- 2 Investigating Judge in Case 002. I think that's highly relevant
- 3 and he should know this before we invite -- or the prosecutor
- 4 invites this particular witness to speculate. And to be
- 5 absolutely sure, we don't want this witness to speculate more
- 6 than he has done already.
- 7 [11.25.25]
- 8 MR. SMITH:
- 9 Thank you, Mr. President. I mean, I wouldn't have asked that
- 10 question unless this witness was in a position to be able to
- 11 answer it. As you know, this witness had been involved in the
- 12 annotation of confessions for a number of years and he had been
- 13 involved in a long relationship with Nuon Chea, the person that
- 14 he says made the annotation. So I think in those discussions that
- 15 they may have had, this issue may well have come up. So I was
- 16 just asking him to spontaneously say why these annotations of
- other people's names have been placed there because he certainly
- 18 was in a position to know. I can ask him specifically, you know;
- 19 was that annotation there to notify other people? I can do that,
- 20 but I wanted to actually have the spontaneous answer. It's not
- 21 the first time that this witness has been involved with doing
- 22 annotations in this particular document.
- 23 [11.26.41]
- 24 MR. KARNAVAS:
- 25 Mr. President, the gentleman can talk about his own annotations.

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- 1 He's in a position to say why he wrote particular annotations and
- 2 what the purpose was and to whom they went, and so on and so
- 3 forth.
- 4 But now, to give this gentleman an opportunity to say what
- 5 somebody else had in mind when these annotations were put down,
- 6 he's not in a position other than to guess. And for the
- 7 prosecutor to say well, he's asking the question in good faith or
- 8 on a good basis because otherwise he wouldn't be asking it is
- 9 really not a way of addressing the objection. We're asking the
- 10 gentleman to speculate.
- 11 [11.27.38]
- 12 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 13 The objection is sustained. Witness is instructed not to respond
- 14 to this question.
- 15 And Prosecutor is advised to proceed with the new question.
- 16 BY MR. SMITH:
- 17 Thank you.
- 18 Q. Witness, when you'd seen this document before, clearly you had
- 19 seen it when you had written on the document, but when you had
- 20 last seen the document, had you seen that particular annotation
- 21 to Comrade Van on the document? I'm referring to -- during the
- 22 period that you were at S-21, had you seen the annotation
- "Comrade Van" on that document?
- 24 [11.28.42]
- 25 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:

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- 1 A. These documents were not those collected from S-21 because
- 2 S-21 documents could never contain annotations by other senior
- 3 people other than those at S-21; only after the documents were
- 4 released from S-21 that such annotations could have been made.
- 5 Q. Thank you. When someone was implicated from another department
- 6 or another section, were -- was that section notified that that -
- 7 that people in their department were implicated? Do you know?
- 8 A. Document for S-21 was not meant to be submitted to any
- 9 ministry. It was meant to be submitted to the superiors. It was
- 10 the Standing Committee who would contact any unit or department
- 11 whose staff member would be arrested.
- 12 Q. And why would the Standing Committee contact that unit or
- 13 department where the person was to be arrested? Why would they do
- 14 that?
- 15 MR. KARNAVAS:
- 16 Excuse me, Mr. President. How does he know what the Standing
- 17 Committee did unless he was participating in it?
- 18 I think there's a question that needs to be asked of the
- 19 gentleman. How does he know this? Because as far as I've heard so
- 20 far, in several days, he's never attended a single Standing
- 21 Committee meeting or Central Committee meeting. We've heard what
- 22 he's learnt from others who are dead or he killed afterwards and
- 23 are no longer here to be cross-examined, but that's the question
- 24 to be asked of the gentleman. Or perhaps he had a tête-a-tête
- 25 with somebody who's here, in court.

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- 1 [11.31.16]
- 2 But so far, the Prosecution has not proffered one piece of
- 3 evidence from this gentleman to suggest that he ever attended a
- 4 single Standing Committee meeting. He claims that he had
- 5 conversations with others who supposedly knew what happened at
- 6 Standing Committee meetings.
- 7 And I say this having heard his testimony where the policy was,
- 8 at least for those, like himself, who wanted to survive that
- 9 period was speak no evil, hear no evil, see no evil. And yet here
- 10 we have him saying that he was prying information from others
- 11 concerning what was happening inside the Standing Committee.
- 12 So, before we get there, in answering that particular question,
- 13 perhaps some foundational questions should be laid. How does this
- 14 gentleman know exactly what was happening in the Standing
- 15 Committee meetings, and what they were doing, and what they were
- 16 discussing? And unless he has first-hand knowledge I would object
- 17 to anything coming in unless the Prosecution can pinpoint to a
- 18 particular witness who's going to come in and verify or
- 19 triangulate what this gentleman is saying. Thank you.
- 20 MR. SMITH:
- 21 Your Honours, this is the questioning of the Prosecution the
- 22 Defence they can question the witness. They will have their
- 23 chance to do that, and I don't think it's up to the Defence to
- 24 state how the questioning should be carried out on a particular
- 25 witness. The witness has just said that a Standing Committee

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- 1 would contact the various heads of department in relation to
- 2 people implicated and now simply I'll just continue to ask those
- 3 questions.
- 4 [11.32.57]
- 5 I mean, as far as the Defence issue that how would how would he
- 6 be in a position to know, he worked, his immediate boss was in
- 7 the Standing Committee, Son Sen, Nuon Chea was in the Standing
- 8 Committee. He discussed with these supervisors on a regular basis
- 9 so the concept of how would he know --- he's got no ability to
- 10 know is really baseless. But I can ask the question because it
- 11 will be helpful to the Chamber in any event.
- 12 [11.33.37]
- 13 (Judges deliberate)
- 14 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 15 Mr. Kaing Guek Eav, do you know if the annotation on the cover
- 16 page which reads "Comrade Van", that is after the annotation was
- 17 written, do you know where this document was sent to? Was it sent
- 18 to S-21 or was it sent to other place that you do not know?
- 19 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 20 S-21 produced documents for the Standing Committee and it is
- 21 beyond the competence of S-21 as to where the documents were to
- 22 be sent. It was up to the Standing Committee to decide where the
- 23 documents were to be sent.
- 24 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 25 Thank you. The objection by the defence counsel stands.

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- 1 [11.39.02]
- 2 Witness, you do not need to answer the question the last
- 3 question by the Prosecution. And the Prosecution maybe can with
- 4 a new one.
- 5 MR. SMITH:
- 6 Thank you, Your Honour. Perhaps, if we can put that document
- 7 aside and if I can show you D43/IV-Annex 47, and I have a hard
- 8 copy for you. If that could be placed on the screen as well, Mr.
- 9 President?
- 10 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 11 The Chamber permits. Court officer is instructed to bring the
- 12 documents to the witness.
- 13 BY MR. SMITH:
- 14 Q. Witness, have you seen this document before?
- 15 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 16 A. Thank you. This is also one of the S-21 documents. These
- 17 documents with the annotations were first presented to me during
- 18 the investigation phase.
- 19 Q. And if we look at the box at the top of the document, can you
- 20 read what that states please?
- 21 MR. KARNAVAS:
- 22 Mr. President, excuse me. Before he reads, I believe I heard the
- 23 gentleman say that the annotations were seen by him after, that
- 24 is during his preparation of 001.
- 25 Are we not back to my earlier objection? Is this not another way,

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- 1 if you can't go through the front door, you can't sneak in
- 2 through the back. It's the same approach it seems to me, now
- 3 unless we're talking about something else, if he's going to be
- 4 talking about annotations that were made subsequent to the
- 5 document going out of S-21, his answer is going to be the same.
- 6 And I think the objection was sustained and, therefore, this
- 7 technique cannot be used.
- 8 [11.41.54]
- 9 MR. SMITH:
- 10 Your Honours. It's it's a completely different issue. The
- 11 issue is whose annotation is this, and that's what I was asking
- 12 the witness about about to ask the witness about.
- 13 MR. KARNAVAS:
- 14 Yes, but he's already indicated that he saw the annotations
- 15 after. He can ask the question such as, are any annotations on
- 16 this document from S-21, from you or any of your other staff?
- 17 Presumably the annotations would be made by him since he's the
- 18 last person who's going to see the confession and then make
- 19 whatever annotations. He's already indicated in his answer upon
- 20 seeing the document that the annotations that he saw for the
- 21 first time when he received this document while over here at the
- 22 ECCC. Therefore there's no need to ask that question.
- 23 MR. SMITH:
- 24 Your Honour, that's not the issue. The issue is: Has he seen the
- 25 document before? Can he recognize the annotation? It doesn't

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- 1 matter whether he actually saw the annotation at S-21 or not. It
- 2 matters whether or not he's able to recognize the handwriting.
- 3 This witness has stated already he's able to recognize Nuon
- 4 Chea's handwriting, and that's what I was about to ask him. Is
- 5 this the handwriting of Nuon Chea?
- 6 MR. KARNAVAS:
- 7 No objection.
- 8 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 9 Can counsel be reminded of the Internal Rules? But before counsel
- 10 stands up and take the floor, counsel is reminded to seek leave
- 11 from the Chamber. You're not permitted to stand up and talk at
- 12 your will.
- 13 Yes, Mr. Pestman, you may proceed.
- 14 MR. PESTMAN:
- 15 I would like to object to the question which the prosecutor
- 16 intends to ask now; definitely leading. He already answered the
- 17 question for this witness. He mentioned my client's name.
- 18 [11.44.24]
- 19 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 20 Counsel Karnavas.
- 21 MR. KARNAVAS:
- 22 Mr. President, thank you and my apologies, my apologies. I will
- 23 try to refrain from jumping up as quickly as I normally can.
- 24 I have no objections if the Prosecution wishes to show a document
- 25 where there are annotations and he wishes to ask a question such

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- 1 as do you recognize the handwriting. Presumably that's as far -
- 2 he can answer that question, if he recognizes yes he can even go
- 3 to the next question, if so, whose are they? But beyond that, to
- 4 make a suggestion what happened afterwards to this. After that,
- 5 the gentleman has already indicated that is beyond his knowledge
- 6 and so that's where my objection is.
- 7 Now, had the question been posed properly, there would not have
- 8 been an objection. Now we know exactly where the Prosecution
- 9 wishes to go, and for that limited basis, I have no objections.
- 10 He can ask if he recognizes the writing the handwriting of the
- 11 annotation.
- 12 (Judges deliberate)
- 13 [11.48.25]
- 14 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 15 To deal with this issue clearly, I hand over to Judge Lavergne to
- 16 ask for clarification and to deal with this issue on behalf of
- 17 the Chamber. Judge Lavergne, you may proceed.
- 18 JUDGE LAVERGNE:
- 19 Thank you, Mr. President. It's important for us to know if
- 20 questions are relevant and to decide upon that, it's necessary
- 21 for us to know who was supposed to read the annotations we're
- 22 talking about, and where they came from, and also if you, Duch,
- 23 were the intended recipient of the annotations that were put on a
- 24 document.
- 25 In cases where, as you said, it's a document that comes from

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- 1 S-21, so we take it that the initial document comes from S-21,
- 2 then there are the annotations.
- 3 So can you tell us if the annotations we're looking at are ones
- 4 that involved you? Were they annotations that carried a message
- 5 for you, for you to take certain actions or to be involved in
- 6 their implementation?
- 7 That's what I would like you to answer first. Thank you.
- 8 [11.50.19]
- 9 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 10 Thank you, Your Honour. The annotations on this shown document I
- 11 cannot read them. Rather, I never saw them. I saw them when I was
- 12 shown during the investigation phase. I want to emphasize that
- 13 S-21 was entitled only to send documents to the Standing
- 14 Committee. As for what was to be done with the documents, that
- 15 was the competence of the Standing Committee. And when the
- 16 Standing Committee dealt with the documents, the information was
- 17 not forwarded to S-21 either.
- 18 However, the names of those to be arrested would be sent to S-21
- 19 for us to arrest those people. Thank you. That ends my answer.
- 20 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 21 Yes, the International Co-Prosecutor, you may proceed.
- 22 BY MR. SMITH:
- 23 Q. Thank you, Your Honours, Mr. President.
- 24 Perhaps to clarify matters, Witness, you've discussed the purpose
- 25 of the confessions and the annotations to the Co-Investigating

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- 1 Judges during the investigation; is that correct?
- 2 [11.52.58]
- 3 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 4 A. This document with the red annotation was shown by me by the
- 5 Co-Investigating Judges was shown to me during the
- 6 investigating judges (sic).
- 7 Q. And if I can state to you the answer that you gave when one
- 8 was shown to you, and this is at D120 English 00242931 and, if I
- 9 can provide the Khmer shortly. You were asked by Judge You
- 10 Bunleng; "we present the confession of Meak Touch." The
- 11 annotation on the top right-hand side reads: "Comrade Van
- 12 (phonetic). Can you comment on this?" And you stated, "I have
- 13 seen several confessions annotated in this way. The annotation
- 14 was made by Nuon Chea, if Son Sen had addressed Ieng Sary he
- 15 would have written Brother Van, not Comrade Van as did Nuon Chea.
- 16 [11.54.14]
- 17 "The confession was sent to the unit head for two reasons: On the
- 18 one hand to inform the unit head of enemy activities within that
- 19 unit, and, on the other hand, to allow him to contemplate the
- 20 arrest of implicated persons. In case of Meak Touch alias Kem,
- 21 who was the ambassador to Laos, in the copy shown to me there
- 22 were no other persons implicated so it was only for that reason
- 23 that the confession was sent to the unit head."
- 24 So my question is: What is the situation? Is it the case that you
- 25 forwarded the documents to the Standing Committee and you didn't

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- 1 know what happened to them after that? Or is it the case that you
- 2 did know what happened to them like you've said to the
- 3 Investigative Judge, You Bunleng? Can you clarify please?
- 4 A. Mr. President, this is a broad question. I may not be able to
- 5 answer it. May I request that the Co-Prosecutor specify the
- 6 question?
- 7 Q. I'll do that, Your Honour.
- 8 Witness, you said to Judge You Bunleng the confession was sent to
- 9 the unit head for two reasons: On the one hand to inform the unit
- 10 head of enemy activities, on the other hand, to allow him to
- 11 contemplate the arrest of implicated persons. My question is: Is
- 12 that the case that the confession was sent to the unit head to
- 13 contemplate whether there would be further arrests and to inform
- 14 him or her of the enemy activities?
- 15 Is that the truth or not?
- 16 [11.56.25]
- 17 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 18 The witness should refrain from answering the questioning. Now we
- 19 noted that defence counsel for Nuon Chea is on his feet. You may
- 20 proceed, Counsel.
- 21 MR. PESTMAN:
- 22 Thank you very much. I'm completely confused. I heard the witness
- 23 say that he cannot read the annotation, and then the prosecutor
- 24 quoted an annotation in the top right-hand corner of a document
- 25 and I was wondering whether we are talking about the same

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- 1 document. I was told that that annotation in the top right-hand
- 2 corner of this particular document, the one which is on the
- 3 screen, is a simple letter. Are we talking about the same
- 4 document? And I wonder how it is possible that the witness cannot
- 5 read what the other annotation said. Why commented on it before
- 6 the OCIJ.
- 7 [11.57.37]
- 8 MR. SMITH:
- 9 Thank you, Your Honour. I'm not talking about the document that's
- 10 before the witness, I'm talking about the reason that he's given
- 11 to the OCIJ that that would have been provided to the unit head,
- 12 to inform of activities, and to allow them to contemplate the
- 13 arrest of people in that unit. He said today he said he's given
- 14 some answers that are consistent with that today, and then he's
- 15 also given some answers that are inconsistent with that. All I'm
- 16 doing Your Honours, is putting something specific to him which he
- 17 stated to the Co-Investigative Judges to see what the real
- 18 situation is.
- 19 [11.58.22]
- 20 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 21 Counsel Karnavas, you may proceed.
- 22 MR. KARNAVAS:
- 23 Thank you, Mr. President.
- 24 First and foremost, in the manner in which the prosecutor began
- 25 his questioning gave the impression that the witness was

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- 1 discussing this particular document at the time. It now appears
- 2 from the prosecutor that that's not the case; that he was
- 3 referring to some other document. Be that as it may, the
- 4 prosecutor is either trying to impeach the witness, his own
- 5 witness, or he's trying to refresh the memory.
- 6 Now, I object to the manner in which this is being done. The
- 7 witness indicated today, under oath, something which he wasn't
- 8 when he was speaking with the Co-Investigative Judges because he
- 9 was an accused and he didn't -- testified under oath during his
- 10 trial. But under oath, today, he said that beyond once a
- 11 confession or document left S-21 he had no knowledge of what
- 12 would take place based on that document. And nothing would come
- 13 back.
- 14 [11.59.46]
- 15 Now the prosecutor is trying to go and trying to get the witness
- 16 to confirm what he said to the Co-Investigative Judges. I suggest
- 17 that he could do so in a non-leading fashion as opposed to
- 18 quoting what he might have said to the Investigative Judges at
- 19 the time.
- 20 Obviously, now, the damage is done. The well has been poisoned,
- 21 and the witness has been primed. In the future, if the
- 22 Prosecution intends to refresh he should ask permission from the
- 23 Court to refresh. If he wishes to impeach he should tell us that
- 24 he is going to impeach. He certainly should tell us that on
- 25 another occasion, or do you recall, for instance, a meeting with

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- 1 the Investigative Judges on this particular day you were asked a
- 2 series of questions such as; and take it from there.
- 3 But the manner in which it was done, and I'm not suggesting that
- 4 it was done for any evil purposes, but it seems to be, for lack
- 5 of a better term, and I don't mean to be disrespectful, rather
- 6 sloppily done and now we're left with this mess.
- 7 [12.00.59]
- 8 Now, if he wishes to impeach the witness, he should do so. If he
- 9 thinks he needs to refresh the witness' memory, then I suggest he
- 10 provide the document to the gentleman, allow the gentleman to
- 11 look at the document and then maybe pose a question now that the
- 12 witness has refreshed their memory. Thank you.
- 13 MR. SMITH:
- 14 Your Honour, I am not trying to impeach the witness nor
- 15 necessarily refresh his memory. I'm simply just trying to clarify
- 16 this with the witness.
- 17 (Judges deliberate)
- 18 [12.02.04]
- 19 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 20 The objections by both counsels regarding the question put to the
- 21 witness was not sustained.
- 22 Witness is now advised to respond to the question by the
- 23 prosecutor if he still remembers it. If not, Co-Prosecutor is
- 24 advised to repeat the question.
- 25 BY MR. SMITH:

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- 1 Thank you, Mr. President.
- 2 Witness, do you remember my question? If not, I'll repeat it.
- 3 [12.02.52]
- 4 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 5 A. Thank you. To be clear, it would be best if you please repeat
- 6 the question.
- 7 Q. In your statement to the Co-Investigating Judge, Judge You
- 8 Bunleng, in relation to the document or the confession in the
- 9 annotations of Meak Touch, the document we've been looking at;
- 10 you explained to him that you had seen several confessions
- 11 annotated in this way. You said the annotation was made by Nuon
- 12 Chea and if Son Sen had addressed it, Ieng Sary, he would have
- 13 written Brother Van, not Comrade Van.
- 14 You then go on to say:
- 15 "The confession was sent to the unit head for two reasons. On the
- 16 one hand to inform him of enemy activities within that unit and
- 17 on the other hand, to allow him to contemplate the arrest of
- 18 implicated persons."
- 19 My question is: Is that in fact the case that you knew that the
- 20 confession was to go to the unit head of where the detainee had
- 21 come from -- sorry, is it the case that the confession went to
- 22 the unit head for where -- from where people were implicated to
- 23 advise them of that fact and to also contemplate the arrest of
- 24 those people?
- 25 [12.04.48]

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- 1 Because today you have said also that once the confessions had
- 2 gone to the Standing Committee you're not sure where they went
- 3 from there. So I am asking you to clarify.
- 4 MR. KARNAVAS:
- 5 I'm sorry to interrupt, if I may. If you could just read the
- 6 entire answer because there are some -- to the part that he
- 7 quoted, because at some point the gentleman says, "I do not know
- 8 the details of how the superiors worked among themselves."
- 9 [12.05.38]
- 10 So there's a little bit more to that. And then he says, "It is
- 11 possible that in the absence of Ieng Sary, the confessions were
- 12 sent to Pang that is an assumption on my part."
- 13 So I think, for the purposes of completion, he should be -- read
- 14 the entire portion or provided his statement in writing so he can
- 15 look at it. I have no objections to him being posed the question
- 16 given the ruling. But I think cherry-picking or selecting a part
- 17 of the answer, I'm not suggesting that he go on beyond the next
- 18 question, but on that particular question he gave a complete
- 19 answer. Perhaps that might assist the gentleman because I think
- 20 now we're talking about what he knew versus what he assumed
- 21 versus what he learned later and what he's telling us now.
- 22 (Judges deliberate)
- 23 [12.06.57]
- 24 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 25 The objection by counsel for Mr. Ieng Sary is dismissed.

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- 1 Witness is now instructed to respond to the question and the
- 2 Chamber wishes to inform counsels for all the accused that if
- 3 there are any objections or any issues that counsel wish to take
- 4 the advantage from the matters or to challenge them, counsels are
- 5 advised to wait until their time to put questions.
- 6 [12.08.12]
- 7 And by doing so, it would be best not to interrupt the floor when
- 8 the other party here, like the Prosecution -- and we also wish to
- 9 remind other parties to do the same.
- 10 The Chamber is ready to value the lines of questions and it is
- 11 the techniques in putting questions to the witness by the
- 12 Prosecution and the Defence. And, indeed, parties can put
- 13 questions and that they should wait until the floor given to them
- 14 to do so. And I think before we adjourn for the lunch, we would
- 15 like to require that the witness respond to the last question.
- 16 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 17 I may briefly respond to the question and if it's not clear in
- 18 the answer then Co-Prosecutor may ask me further on this.
- 19 [12.09.40]
- 20 S-21 made documents and submitted them to the Standing Committee.
- 21 The documents then were examined by the Standing Committee and it
- 22 was the duty of the Standing Committee and that S-21 had no
- 23 authority to intervene in the matters decided by the Standing
- 24 Committee when the documents already sent from S-21.
- 25 Before Co-Investigating Judge You Bunleng, I made it in more

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- 1 details that the documents would be sent to the concerned unit so
- 2 that the concerned unit could handle the situation.
- 3 And when I indicated before Judge Lavergne, I testified that it
- 4 was the sole duty of the Standing Committee to do that. And I
- 5 think these same facts are the same. One was made in details,
- 6 another one before this Chamber I made it in a brief.
- 7 And I did testify based on what I saw; what I witnessed, and it
- 8 doesn't matter I talked in detail before the Co-Investigating
- 9 Judges and I said less in this courtroom. The content of both
- 10 testimonies are still relevant and I still stand by what I said
- 11 before the Co-Investigating Judges.
- 12 [12.11.39]
- 13 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 14 Thank you, Mr. Co-Prosecutor and Witness.
- 15 Since it is now appropriate time for lunch adjournment, the
- 16 Chamber will adjourn until 1.30 p.m.
- 17 Security personnel are instructed to bring the witness to the
- 18 waiting room and have him returned to the courtroom before the
- 19 next session resumes.
- 20 We note counsel for Nuon Chea, Mr. Pestman is on his feet. You
- 21 may proceed.
- 22 MR. PESTMAN:
- 23 Mr. President, my client would like to follow the remainder of
- 24 the proceedings from the holding cell. As I indicated yesterday I
- 25 will inform the Trial Chamber if my client is no longer able to

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- 1 actively participate in the proceedings.
- 2 [12.12.34]
- 3 I have the necessary waivers.
- 4 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 5 We have noted the request of Nuon Chea made through his counsel
- 6 asking the Chamber that he be excused and allowed to observe the
- 7 proceeding from his holding cell through video-link.
- 8 He has waived his right to directly be present in this courtroom
- 9 due to his health concern. The Chamber, therefore, grants such
- 10 request and he is, therefore, allowed to observe the proceedings
- 11 from his holding cell through the video-link for the whole
- 12 afternoon session.
- 13 Counsels are advised to produce to the Chamber the waiver signed
- 14 or given thumbprint by Nuon Chea.
- 15 AV officials are now instructed to ensure that the video-link is
- 16 connected to his holding cell so Nuon Chea can observe the
- 17 proceeding from there.
- 18 [12.13.50]
- 19 Security personnel are now instructed to bring both accused to
- 20 the holding cells but return Khieu Samphan to the courtroom in
- 21 the afternoon session when the afternoon session resumes.
- 22 The Court is adjourned.
- 23 (Court recesses from 1214H to 1333H)
- 24 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 25 Please be seated. The Court is now in session.

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- 1 The Chamber now hands over to the International Co-Prosecutor to
- 2 continue his questions to the witness.
- 3 MR. SMITH:
- 4 Good afternoon, Mr. President. Thank you, Your Honours. Welcome
- 5 to the general public.
- 6 BY MR. SMITH:
- 7 Mr. Kaing Guek Eav, before we took the break, you stated that
- 8 what you said to the Co-Investigating Judges in relation to the
- 9 fact that the confession was sent to the unit head for two
- 10 reasons -- on the one hand, to inform the unit head of enemy
- 11 activities within that unit and, on the other hand, to allow him
- 12 to contemplate the arrest of implicated persons -- you said that
- 13 was correct, the details were correct.
- 14 [13.35.47]
- 15 So my next question is: Was that a general practice in relation
- 16 to all confessions that implicated people in different units or
- 17 departments or offices; the fact that the unit head was
- 18 consulted?
- 19 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 20 A. Your Honours, the one who sent the case files to respective
- 21 offices is the Standing Committee; it's not S-21.
- 22 From what the Co-Prosecutor has said, I don't think it is clear.
- 23 It is the Standing Committee who sent the documents to the
- 24 respective units or offices. This is a general principle for the
- 25 Standing Committee to choose documents from S-21 as well as

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- 1 documents from other offices.
- 2 Q. And how did you know that the Standing Committee sent these
- 3 confessions to the other offices?
- 4 A. Mr. President, we did that for many years, especially since
- 5 1971. The documents that we sent to Ta Mok, Son Sen, were later
- 6 sent to Brother Pal (phonetic), 32.
- 7 From the documents I sent, there was a meeting on the 16 of
- 8 September 1976. Mit Sok was asked to give some comments, so there
- 9 was the practice that they did at that time and it was the
- 10 policy.
- 11 Another document; a person from the Angkar's hospital was
- 12 implicated, so Ta Mok sent that document to someone to deal with
- 13 the issue, so it was the decision made by the Standing Committee;
- 14 it was the work between the Standing Committee and the relevant
- 15 unit.
- 16 [13.39.30]
- 17 Q. Thank you. And you stated that one of the reasons why the unit
- 18 head was to be consulted was to allow him to contemplate the
- 19 arrest of implicated persons.
- 20 By that, do you mean that the unit head had some choice as to
- 21 whether or not an implicated person should be arrested; is that
- 22 what "contemplate" means?
- 23 A. We have seen the remaining documents as evidence. Brother
- 24 Khieu, that is Son Sen, sent to Comrade Tal for examination,
- 25 which means the organization, or Angkar, already decided to

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- 1 arrest those people. And so the head of the unit shall ensure
- 2 that those people will not become aware that they would be
- 3 arrested.
- 4 [13.41.10]
- 5 Let me give an example of 16 September 1976, that when Bong 89
- 6 asked Bong Khieu that the connections were not that of Chakrey,
- 7 and so he said: Okay, we can keep them, then.
- 8 As for the policy that the head of the unit to -- for the units
- 9 to agree, it is clear that we had this policy that we have to
- 10 have agreement from the head of unit to arrest those people.
- 11 Q. And can you explain the purpose of that, of why the agreement
- of the head of the unit was required before an arrest was made;
- 13 can you explain why that was the case?
- 14 A. Mr. President, in the party statute any cadre was responsible
- 15 for their mass people before the party. If their people make
- 16 mistakes, they would be responsible for that. We could not just
- 17 remove that person; that would be against the Party statute. Each
- 18 cadre was responsible for their popular man -- rather, their
- 19 popular mass.
- 20 [13.43.26]
- 21 Q. And when you say each cadre was responsible for their popular
- 22 mass, what are you meaning by that?
- 23 A. Mr. President, the cadres were responsible for their own
- 24 popular mass. Let me give you a practical example to make it easy
- 25 to understand.

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- 1 Combatants in Office 13; and before they were able to come and
- 2 work there, I was to select them from the base. So, after I took
- 3 them to the office, I educated them. I knew about them very well
- 4 and no one dared to come and arrest my people, they were under my
- 5 control to serve the country. This is the duty of each cadre.
- 6 This is what it meant.
- 7 Q. You also stated that in this process that you wanted to avoid
- 8 from making a mistake. What do you mean by "making a mistake" in
- 9 terms of this process of implicating people?
- 10 A. It is correct. This is what we called the collective
- 11 democracy. It is called the democratic centralism. Everyone is
- 12 accountable before the Party.
- 13 [13.45.49]
- 14 Q, And so we can understand that in concrete terms, when you
- 15 stated that a confession was sent to the unit head for two
- 16 reasons -- one, to inform of any enemy activities in the unit and
- 17 then, two, to allow him to contemplate the arrest of implicated
- 18 persons -- are you saying then that that confession was sent to
- 19 make sure that the unit head -- that a mistake wasn't made with
- 20 the person that was implicated, and the unit head was able to
- 21 contemplate whether or not a mistake was being made?
- 22 A. Mr. President, we did not talk about this issue once the
- 23 documents were sent to the superiors. The superiors would forward
- 24 the documents to others, for example, to Comrade Tal for
- 25 examination, so they decided. They may decide, for example, this

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- 1 is our decision for the upper echelon.
- 2 So everyone was responsible -- or would take part in the arrest
- 3 of the combatants who were under their own control.
- 4 [13.47.56]
- 5 Q. And, in particular, why was the confession sent -- why was the
- 6 practice of sending confessions to the unit head, why was it left
- 7 to the unit heads to contemplate the arrest of implicated
- 8 persons?
- 9 A. My apology, Mr. President, I do not understand the question.
- 10 Q. I'll rephrase it, Your Honour.
- 11 Witness, you've stated that there was a practice that once the
- 12 confession was sent to the Standing Committee it was then sent to
- 13 the unit heads for one reason, to contemplate the arrest of
- 14 implicated persons.
- 15 So my question is: Why was the unit head consulted to contemplate
- 16 the implicated person?
- 17 A. Thank you, Mr. President. You have two issues.
- 18 [13.49.30]
- 19 One was about the situation of the enemies within the unit.
- 20 Another one deals with the people who were implicated. Sometimes
- 21 those people had conflicts with the head of the unit and so S-21
- 22 was asked to remove those people before their names were sent.
- 23 For example, for the case of Chhouk, it was not immediately
- 24 addressed. S-21 was asked to remove the person before Brother
- 25 Phim was called to attend a meeting. So that was the -- a

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- 1 scenario and that scenario could be that it was the tricks of the
- 2 enemy within the unit.
- 3 Q. And when you say it could have been a trick from the enemy in
- 4 the unit, what do you mean by that?
- 5 A. The tricks in the unit refer to the revelation of the tricks
- 6 of the enemy in the confessions, the confessions that reveal the
- 7 trick of the enemy within particular units.
- 8 Q. Thank you.
- 9 Now, if we can look at document 43/IV-Annex 47 (sic), which was
- 10 the one -- the last one we were looking at. If we can place that
- on the screen; do you have that in front of you, the colour copy?
- 12 It's the confession of San Pau.
- 13 [13.52.09]
- 14 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 15 The Chamber permits. Does the witness have the document already?
- 16 MR. SMITH:
- 17 I believe he has, Your Honour.
- 18 BY MR. SMITH:
- 19 Q. Witness, do you have the confession of San Pau in front of
- 20 you, the cover page?
- 21 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 22 A. Yes, I have it.
- 23 Q. Thank you. And that's dated 2 August 1978, but I would ask
- 24 that you look at the annotation in the red box which is at the
- 25 top of that cover page, and do you recognize that writing? What

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- 1 is it and whose writing do you recognize it as?
- 2 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 3 The witness shall refrain from answering this question now. I
- 4 note that counsel for Nuon Chea is on his feet.
- 5 You may proceed, Counsel.
- 6 [13.53.33]
- 7 MR. PESTMAN:
- 8 Thank you, Mr. President.
- 9 Before the break, the prosecutor already answered this question
- 10 for the witness. He already said that this is, according to him,
- 11 Nuon Chea's handwriting. So in a way this is a leading question
- 12 to which an answer has already been given by the prosecutor. So I
- 13 object to the question.
- 14 [13.53.56]
- 15 MR. SMITH:
- 16 Your Honour, I think there is generally a problem in this
- 17 courtroom sometimes when we have objections and they turn into
- 18 speeches. I'm not saying that we don't speak at length sometimes,
- 19 sometimes we do, but certainly parties sometimes make speeches
- 20 when they object and those speeches are influencing -- not
- 21 intentionally -- but the witness.
- 22 So the issue of this is it's a broader one and I would suggest
- 23 that perhaps we develop a practice where we don't make speeches,
- 24 we make brief objections.
- 25 And that remark that I made was caught up in that debate in

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- 1 response to quite a significant Defence objection. So nothing, of
- 2 course, was done intentionally.
- 3 [13.54.48]
- 4 The fact, as Your Honours will know from the file, there's a
- 5 recognition of this issue in the documents, the issue that I'm
- 6 just about to ask, but all I would say is, Your Honours, that I
- 7 just ask the question to the witness and if he gives his opinion
- 8 on it then he can be cross-examined on it.
- 9 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 10 The objection by defence counsel for Nuon Chea does not stand.
- 11 The witness is now instructed to answer the last question asked
- 12 by the International Co-Prosecutor if you still remember the
- 13 question.
- 14 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 15 Thank you, Mr. President. The annotation on this cover page of
- 16 the confession of San Pau belongs to Brother Nuon -- that is Nuon
- 17 Chea.
- 18 BY MR. SMITH:
- 19 Q. Thank you. On that point, in your experience at S-21, in your
- 20 experience at looking at the confessions, about how many times
- 21 have you seen Nuon Chea's handwriting?
- 22 [13.56.29]
- 23 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 24 A. Mr. President, Nuon Chea wrote a letter to me. He did not
- 25 write a lot of letters as Son Sen did, but I recognize his

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- 1 handwriting that I can assert that this annotation belongs to
- 2 him.
- 3 I do not recall the annotation of the document shown to me
- 4 earlier, but as for this document, the one that was shown to me
- 5 during the investigation phase, and I maintain my answer that
- 6 annotations belong to Nuon Chea.
- 7 Q. And just to finish the last question on this document, what
- 8 does the annotation read in that red box?
- 9 A. Thank you, Mr. President. May I indicate to the Co-Prosecutor
- 10 that the box in the papers that is in my hand and the box in --
- 11 on the paper on the screen are not the same. Can I ask for a
- 12 correction? Are you talking about the box in the documents or in
- 13 my hand because I can see that the box -- the red box -- on the
- 14 document displayed on the screen is not the same, but now they
- 15 are the same. If I may--
- 16 [13.58.41]
- 17 MR. PESTMAN:
- 18 I'm confused. Which document and which box are we talking about?
- 19 MR. SMITH:
- 20 Your Honour, it's the same document, it's exactly the same
- 21 document, it's just that the hard copy that the witness has got
- 22 has a red box around the two red annotations that appear at the
- 23 top of that document on the screen, and the screen hasn't got the
- 24 red box. The red box has been placed on the annotation by the
- 25 Prosecution.

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- 1 So it's exactly the same document; it's 00174132. It's the
- 2 confession of San Pau and it's entitled "On the History and
- 3 Traitorous Activities of San Pau". So it's the same document
- 4 except that the witness has one with a red box which is to
- 5 indicate what we'd like him to speak about.
- 6 BY MR. SMITH:
- 7 Q. So, Witness, the annotation at the top of the page on the
- 8 left-hand side, what does that say?
- 9 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 10 A. The annotation on the left margin of the page reads, "Comrade
- 11 Van".
- 12 Q. And who was Comrade Van?
- 13 A. Comrade Van is Ieng Sary.
- 14 Q. Thank you. I've finished with that document now and I would
- 15 like to bring to your attention another document, D108/26.282. I
- 16 have a hardcopy for the witness, Your Honour, if I can place it
- 17 on the screen, please?
- 18 [14.00.48]
- 19 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 20 You may proceed.
- 21 Court officer is now instructed to hand over the document to the
- 22 witness.
- 23 BY MR. SMITH:
- 24 Q. Witness, this document is a chart. It's entitled "Ministry of
- 25 Foreign Affairs". Can you look at that document and say whether

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- 1 you've seen it before?
- 2 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 3 A. This document belongs to S-21.
- 4 Q. Have you seen the document before today?
- 5 A. This document was written at S-21, although I have not seen
- 6 it, but I recognize this very well.
- 7 [14.02.40]
- 8 Q. Can you explain to the Court how you recognize the document?
- 9 Your Honour, I think we're at that moment where we understand the
- 10 rule that the document should be taken away, and I'm quite happy
- 11 for that to happen, except that he does recognize the document
- 12 and he is in fact authenticating it. So it's a question for Your
- 13 Honours as to whether the document stays there so he can provide
- 14 that authentication.
- 15 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 16 National counsel for Khieu Samphan, you may proceed.
- 17 [14.03.25]
- 18 MR. KONG SAM ONN:
- 19 Thank you, Mr. President, Your Honours.
- 20 Having heard what the witness responded to the Prosecution, he
- 21 indicated that he never obtained this document before, but his
- 22 observation was that the document belonged to S-21 or Tuol Slang,
- 23 and for that reason he concluded that he recognized it.
- 24 So may I ask the Chamber to dismiss this document?
- 25 [14.03.59]

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- 1 MR. SMITH:
- 2 Your Honour, I think this is one of the reasons why, particularly
- 3 next week, if we could have a short hearing on the issue of
- 4 people that are absolutely able to be able to authenticate
- 5 documents but they've never been given the opportunity before.
- 6 Obviously, he was the Chairman of S-21 and no doubt he will have
- 7 a number of answers which would authenticate the document, but by
- 8 the fact that he hasn't had the opportunity before, it would seem
- 9 unfair that the Prosecution or any party, for that matter, not be
- 10 able to authenticate the document where the person recognizes the
- 11 features of the document.
- 12 But that issue perhaps doesn't need to be debated today, but I
- 13 would ask that maybe in this instance, and then perhaps a fuller
- 14 discussion could be next week, just on this particular issue of
- 15 people that can authenticate documents, but they haven't been
- 16 given the opportunity before. In other words, it's a matter of
- 17 luck if the witness has been able to see the document before and,
- 18 as you know, the parties can't prepare the witnesses and produce
- 19 documents prior to their arrival.
- 20 (Judges deliberate)
- 21 [14.05.56]
- 22 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 23 The Chamber hereby decides that the witness can obtain this
- 24 document and the Prosecution is allowed to continue their
- 25 questions.

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- 1 BY MR. SMITH:
- 2 Thank you, Mr. President.
- 3 Q. Witness, you said that you haven't seen the document before,
- 4 but you recognize it as an S-21 document. Can you explain to the
- 5 Court what features of that document brings you to that
- 6 conclusion, that it's an S-21 document?
- 7 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 8 Counsel for Nuon Chea, you may proceed.
- 9 [14.07.05]
- 10 MR. PESTMAN:
- 11 Thank you very much. I noticed this problem before, and that is
- 12 that the prosecutor shows documents with a code which is revealed
- 13 to the witness, and the witness has indicated that he's familiar
- 14 with the code and where the document comes from.
- 15 So I would suggest that the prosecutor, the next time they ask
- 16 this question, they cover the codes which make it possible for
- 17 the witness to recognize where the document was obtained from by
- 18 DC-Cam. I don't want to go into too many specifics. I don't want
- 19 to make the witness wiser than he already is.
- 20 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 21 International Co-Prosecutor, you may proceed.
- 22 MR. SMITH:
- 23 Thank you, Your Honours. I'm unaware of the code, but we'll check
- 24 the document.
- 25 BY MR. SMITH:

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- 1 Q. Witness, in relation to the document itself, the features of
- 2 the document, can you tell the Chamber why you recognize it as an
- 3 S-21 document?
- 4 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 5 A. This document was a form used at S-21 because every now and
- 6 then, S-21 was asked to summarize the names of people who were
- 7 implicated in previous confessions. So here, Chhorn Hay was the
- 8 guy from B-1 who was implicated in two confessions. The other
- 9 implicated person in this form was implicated by only one
- 10 confession each. I would like to also inform the Chamber that the
- 11 code helps me understand the document, and this document indeed
- 12 was at S-21.
- 13 [14.09.42]
- 14 Q. Thank you. And when you said that this chart was prepared at
- 15 S-21, is it a chart that tries to calculate how many people that
- 16 have confessed -- have implicated other people?
- 17 A. In this chart, there were 30 people who were implicated, one
- 18 of whom -- person number 14 -- was implicated in two confessions:
- 19 he was implicated by the confession of Srey Daun and Mol Phuri
- 20 (phonetic), alias Deung (sic). You may refer to item 14 to see
- 21 these remarks. And there were five people whose confessions
- 22 contained another person to be implicated.
- 23 Q. And why was the list entitled "Ministry of Foreign Affairs"?
- 24 There's 29 names in the list and it has their position and
- 25 address, but why was the list entitled "Ministry of Foreign

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- 1 Affairs"?
- 2 [14.11.45]
- 3 A. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, people who either implicated
- 4 others or were implicated in other confessions were from the
- 5 Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- 6 Q. And what would have happened to this list, if anything?
- 7 A. This chart was not sent to the Standing Committee, so nothing
- 8 happened. The person in item number 9 is still alive.
- 9 Q. Who prepared these lists at S-21?
- 10 A. I had several other people under my supervision in the
- 11 interrogation team, so someone could have prepared the list, and
- 12 since I had not signed it, it is difficult for me to say who
- 13 prepared it.
- 14 [14.13.46]
- 15 Q. Who requested that this analysis be done of confessions and
- 16 people being implicated in them in this way?
- 17 A. This practice was passed down from Son Sen. I believe that
- 18 when we met in a meeting on the 16th of September 1976, the list
- 19 of people who were presented to us, like this chart, and only 29
- 20 people were selected from the list. And every now and then, when
- 21 we had orders from the upper level that there were confessions
- 22 stacking up, then we were asked to summarize, like in the chart.
- 23 And also we presented another sample of this chart when we met on
- 24 the 16th of September 1976 to discuss this relevant issue.
- 25 Q. So to be clear, would the information from these lists, the

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- 1 implicated people from these lists, would that go forward to your
- 2 superior as well or not?
- 3 A. As I indicated, the evidence that proves that the document did
- 4 not leave S-21 could be classified into two. First, this document
- 5 bears no signature of the one who prepared it, and there was no
- 6 signature or annotation from me. When I did not sign on this
- 7 particular piece of document, it means the document was not sent
- 8 to the upper level. It was indeed a document at S-21, but it had
- 9 remained there, never been sent out.
- 10 [14.16.39]
- 11 Q. So were you able to decide which list or names of people would
- 12 go to the upper level?
- 13 A. This list was not sent to the superior.
- 14 Q. And why wasn't this list sent to the superiors?
- 15 A. I'm afraid I cannot respond to this question, to be more
- 16 specific like that, but I can give you my observation that person
- 17 on item number 14 was implicated in two confessions and the other
- 18 people were implicated in one confession only. So maybe it was
- 19 difficult to send to the upper echelon for consideration because
- 20 it was not that easy, so I kept the document at S-21 instead.
- 21 [14.18.18]
- 22 Q. And so we understand clearly, how often -- perhaps not in this
- 23 instance, but how often were lists of implicated people sent to
- 24 your superiors?
- 25 A. Each confession of individual prisoners would be sent on a

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- 1 regular basis to the superior, but on some occasions, we were
- 2 asked by our superior to summarize in these charts, as indicated.
- 3 Q. And so, when these charts were signed and sent out, who would
- 4 they be sent to?
- 5 A. Documents that were to be sent to the upper level or
- 6 superiors, they had to be sent to the Standing Committee through
- 7 Son Sen, and after the 15th of August 1977, I started sending the
- 8 documents to Nuon Chea instead.
- 9 Q. Thank you. And my last question on this topic: Was there a
- 10 policy of how many times someone was required to be implicated
- 11 before their name went to your superior?
- 12 A. Each individual confession of each prisoner must always be
- 13 sent to the superior, but with regard to this document, for
- 14 example, there were fewer confessions in which the person was
- implicated, so I kept it. I didn't send it out.
- 16 [14.21.29]
- 17 Q. Thank you. I've finished with the document now.
- 18 Are you able to say what types of people from the Ministry of
- 19 Foreign Affairs were sent to S-21?
- 20 A. People who were sent to S-21 must be those who had been
- 21 implicated in the previous confessions.
- 22 Q. Thank you. Are you able to say what the particular occupations
- 23 of the people from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs were of those
- 24 that were sent to S-21?
- 25 A. I have observed nothing other than the regime of reporting to

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- 1 the upper echelon. It was based on the confessions submitted from
- 2 S-21 before the person was arrested. And number two, it was based
- 3 on the decision made by the head of the unit concerned. So I have
- 4 no other means of knowing other than these two options.
- 5 [14.23.57]
- 6 Q. Thank you. We've finished with the document now.
- 7 You mentioned the other day that it was Nuon Chea -- tell me if
- 8 I'm wrong on that -- but Nuon Chea said to you that -- or he was
- 9 -- that you should have taken the name of Khieu Samphan out of
- 10 one of the confessions, and otherwise you might become a diplomat
- 11 yourself; is that correct? Was that a conversation that you
- 12 remember?
- 13 A. Before I testified before the Co-Investigating Judges, I also
- 14 talked to Mr. Christophe Peschoux because this event happened
- 15 from the actual event that happened, and I still recognize it. At
- 16 this moment, I can say that again, yesterday, I could say it. In
- 17 the future, I will be able to say it well. So I never forgot it.
- 18 Q. Thank you. But what did you understand Nuon Chea meant when he
- 19 said you will be a diplomat? What did that mean to you?
- 20 [14.26.07]
- 21 A. Nat, at the beginning, was in the military. Later on, he had
- 22 been removed to or transferred to the diplomatic section, and
- 23 another person was also removed to the diplomatic section. Other
- 24 important persons who had been transferred from one location to
- 25 the diplomatic section, it means these persons were presumed to

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- 1 be, later on, ultimately sent to S-21 to be purged. And when Bong
- 2 Nuon talked to me about this, he suggested that I would be -- end
- 3 up being purged. But I told him that being in the diplomatic
- 4 section would not be bad anyway. I just told that to him.
- 5 Q. Did you know that if you ended up in the diplomatic section,
- 6 it may have been quite a negative development? Did you know that
- 7 then, when Nat went to the diplomatic section, that problems may
- 8 arise from that?
- 9 [14.28.06]
- 10 A. Nat was intimidated when he was removed. At S-21, he had some
- 11 people in the regiment under his command. After he had been
- 12 transferred, he was assigned to the section of the central office
- 13 assistant without any men under his command. So he was no longer
- 14 trusted by the Party and he was assigned to this diplomatic
- 15 section, which means the person was isolated and less trusted by
- 16 the Party, but the person had no choice other than accepting the
- 17 offer and turn a blind eye to the situation and waiting until the
- 18 day comes.
- 19 Q. And the diplomatic section, what was its proper name? Did it
- 20 have a more formal name?
- 21 A. The term "diplomatic section" or "diplomat" was a normal term
- 22 used by people back then. People who were no longer trusted would
- 23 be transferred to that section.
- 24 [14.30.04]
- 25 Q. Diplomats are normally associated with Foreign Affairs. Was

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- 1 there any relationship between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 2 and the diplomatic section?
- 3 A. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs was the boss of all diplomats,
- 4 which is the normal norm all across the world.
- 5 Q. Are you saying then that the diplomatic section was within
- 6 Foreign Affairs?
- 7 A. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Democratic Kampuchea was
- 8 the implementer of the foreign policies of the Democratic
- 9 Kampuchea.
- 10 Q. But you referred to a diplomatic section. And was that
- 11 diplomatic section in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or was it
- 12 outside the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, just so we're clear?
- 13 A. Mr. President, I do not understand the question. May I have
- 14 the question again?
- 15 Q. You've said earlier that some people were sent to the
- 16 diplomatic section, and you referred to Nat and a few others. I'm
- 17 asking you whether that diplomatic section that people went to,
- 18 was that inside the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or was it
- 19 something separate from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs?
- 20 A. Mr. President, diplomats are those people who were assigned by
- 21 the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to represent the Democratic
- 22 Kampuchea, but at that time some people were appointed while they
- 23 did not have any force under their control, so they were assigned
- 24 to be diplomats or ambassadors to other countries so that they
- 25 would not have any force under their command to prevent them from

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- 1 fighting against the regime.
- 2 [14.33.37]
- 3 For example, Comrade Chheang, Pech Chheang, was appointed to be
- 4 an ambassador in Beijing. He was appointed to be ambassador there
- 5 forever. But before that, he was to be discharged from the
- 6 forces, from controlling forces. He was on standby in order to be
- 7 appointed as ambassador in other countries. That was the foreign
- 8 policy of the Communist Party of Kampuchea.
- 9 MR. SMITH:
- 10 Thank you, Your Honour. It's 25 to 3. I'm not sure whether you
- 11 want to break now, or we can continue. I just have one quick
- 12 matter.
- 13 The Prosecution would request an extra hour and a half on Monday
- 14 morning to finish. There's been a number of new issues that have
- 15 come up throughout this week, particularly in relation to
- 16 documents, and we feel that one hour and a half, the Prosecution
- would be able to finish. But we're in Your Honour's hands.
- 18 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 19 Yes, Counsel Karnavas.
- 20 [14.35.15]
- 21 MR. KARNAVAS:
- 22 Thank you, Mr. President. I already warned the prosecutor that we
- 23 would be objecting to this.
- 24 A few days ago, I indicated that I would not object to an
- 25 additional day. They've had an additional day. They cannot keep

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- 1 claiming that it's the objections.
- 2 Over the course of the last four or five days, there have been a
- 3 number of repeat questions. There have been a number of instances
- 4 where the Prosecution takes their time to summarize in order to
- 5 get the sound bite they wish for their closing brief. They've had
- 6 more than ample time. They haven't used it efficiently.
- 7 We certainly object. They've had five -- six days now with this
- 8 witness. They should have been able to put together in a much
- 9 more efficient manner their examination. If objections were
- 10 drawn, they were drawn because many of the questions were
- 11 improper, so we would object.
- 12 [14.36.12]
- 13 Monday should be dedicated to the civil parties, Tuesday the
- 14 Defence should start, and if we keep to that schedule, Your
- 15 Honours, we would be able to finish this witness before the
- 16 recess. At some point, we have to stop because Monday they're
- 17 going to come back and say, guess what, Your Honours, over the
- 18 weekend we thought about that now we need two more hours, and
- 19 then three more hours.
- 20 At some point, we have to move on. Thank you.
- 21 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 22 The national counsel for Khieu Samphan, you may proceed.
- 23 [14.36.51]
- 24 MR. KONG SAM ONN:
- 25 Thank you, Mr. President. I have observed at a number of

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- 1 occasions that the questions by the Co-Prosecutors are not
- 2 related to the facts of the hearing and led, at times, the
- 3 witness to answer far beyond the facts. That is why he spends a
- 4 lot of time. So if the Chamber is to allow the Co-Prosecutor with
- 5 additional time, I don't think they have anything new to add.
- 6 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 7 International Co-Prosecutor, you may proceed.
- 8 MR. SMITH:
- 9 Thank you, Your Honour. I would -- we object to those remarks. We
- 10 disagree with them. We believe the Prosecution has been
- 11 efficient. We've had a plan that we've worked through.
- 12 It is difficult working at times with a witness that neither of
- 13 the parties have been able to speak to before they come to Court.
- 14 We feel these are important matters.
- 15 [14.37.55]
- 16 We're not coming back -- we won't be coming back on Monday asking
- 17 for another two hours, another three hours like the Defence have
- 18 put forward. We're not looking for sound bites. We're just trying
- 19 to create some clarity. And to do that, it takes a little bit of
- 20 time. And this witness is a significant witness, and we're simply
- 21 asking for one hour and a half.
- 22 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 23 Yes, civil party lawyer.
- 24 MS. NGUYEN:
- 25 Yes. Good afternoon, Your Honours. The civil parties would like

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- 1 to indicate that if it becomes a major issue for all the parties
- 2 that the civil parties would be happy to give to the Prosecution
- 3 one hour out of the extra time that has been given to it from the
- 4 Chamber.
- 5 (Judges deliberate)
- 6 [14.38.56]
- 7 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 8 Thank you. It is now appropriate to have a short break. We will
- 9 adjourn and come back at 3 o'clock.
- 10 Security guards are instructed to escort the witness back to the
- 11 witness waiting room and return him to the courtroom at 3
- 12 o'clock. The Court is adjourned.
- 13 (Court recesses from 1439H to 1459H)
- 14 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 15 Please be seated. The Court is now in session.
- 16 Before handing over to the Prosecution to continue their
- 17 questioning, the Chamber decides on the request for additional
- 18 time. First of all, the Chamber does not grant the request by the
- 19 Prosecution who requested for an additional of one and thirty
- 20 minutes on Monday, next week. However, the Chamber accepts the
- 21 sharing of time from the civil party lawyers who offer a one hour
- 22 extra time to the Prosecution.
- 23 [15.01.15]
- 24 As a result, on Monday, the Prosecution will have another one
- 25 hour to continue their questioning to witness, Kaing Guek Eav;

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- 1 the time that has been offered by civil party lawyers.
- 2 The Chamber also notes a number of observations by the parties
- 3 concerning the questions by the Prosecution. The Chamber observes
- 4 that the questions asked by the prosecutors to witness Kaing Guek
- 5 Eav are relevant to the facts for the segment of this hearing.
- 6 However, the Chamber also finds that a number of questions are
- 7 difficult to understand and usually witness expresses his
- 8 concerns that he finds the questions difficult to understand so
- 9 the Chamber advise the Prosecution to make the question easy for
- 10 him to understand.
- 11 [15.02.46]
- 12 As for the concerned raised by the national counsel for Khieu
- 13 Samphan that the questions by the Prosecution are not relevant or
- 14 fall outside the scope of the hearing, the Chamber observes that
- 15 there have not been any questions by the Prosecution that are not
- 16 relevant, and that the three defence teams have not raised their
- 17 objection on the basis that the questions fall outside the scope
- 18 of the hearing.
- 19 Now, the Chamber hands over to the International Co-Prosecutor to
- 20 continue his questionings to witness Kaing Guek Eav.
- 21 BY MR. SMITH:
- 22 Q. Thank you, Mr. President. I'll be as clear as I can.
- 23 Witness, before we went to the break, you mentioned that some
- 24 people were sent to the diplomatic section so they could be
- 25 watched; where was the diplomatic section? Was it a physical

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- 1 location?
- 2 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 3 A. Thank you. Mr. President, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs was
- 4 located in a location, but I was not aware of the location of the
- 5 ministry. I know that there was a misunderstanding between the
- 6 word "diplomacy" and -- or "diplomat" and "ambassadors".
- 7 [15.05.07]
- 8 The diplomats referred to those people who were removed from
- 9 their original positions so that they no longer have -- had their
- 10 forces under their control.
- 11 Q. Thank you. Do you know how many people were placed in that
- 12 diplomatic section?
- 13 A. Mr. President, those who were removed and were brought to the
- 14 diplomatic section, to my recollection, include Son Ti alias
- 15 Tienh (phonetic); Mon alias Soth (phonetic); In Lorn alias Nat;
- 16 Chhay Kim Huor, and there may be other people who were all
- 17 brought to S-21, but I may not recall all their names.
- 18 Q. So each of those people that you just mentioned, they were
- 19 eventually brought to S-21; is that correct?
- 20 A. Mr. President, yes, it is correct.
- 21 [15.06.50]
- 22 Q. Who was the head of the diplomatic section? Who was in charge
- 23 of the diplomatic section?
- 24 A. Mr. President, the chief -- the highest -- the biggest chief
- 25 was Ieng Sary, the first Deputy Prime Minister.

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- 1 Q. Do you know how many people were placed in the diplomatic
- 2 section?
- 3 A. I only knew two people, one is Pech Chheang, an ambassador to
- 4 China, and another one was Cheang (sic), an ambassador to Korea.
- 5 I do not know about others.
- 6 Q. Thank you. How did people from the different units -- how did
- 7 they come to S-21? How -- who -- who arrested them; who brought
- 8 them there?
- 9 A. There were two categories of people who were sent to S-21. The
- 10 first one was those who were to be arrested by S-21. They include
- 11 Koy Thuon, Men San alias Ya; even Pang himself was sent to be
- 12 arrested.
- 13 [15.09.13]
- 14 Another category of people include those who were already
- 15 arrested and brought to S-21. So these are the two categories of
- 16 people arrested.
- 17 Q. And people that were arrested from different units, who
- 18 brought them to S-21; was it S-21 staff or was it staff from
- 19 those units or was there a special arrest section?
- 20 A. There were only a small number of people who were brought by
- 21 S-21 staff. Document -- the remaining documents that allow us to
- 22 understand is the document issued on the 16 of September 1976.
- 23 There were a few occasions that we were assigned to bring people
- 24 from the provinces. For other occasions, the head of the units
- 25 brought their people to S-21.

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- 1 [15.10.44]
- 2 Comrade Lin was asked to bring people to S-21.
- 3 Q. Thank you.
- 4 In your -- the chart that you produced for the Investigative
- 5 Judges, you did an organogram or you did a chart of the structure
- 6 of the CPK and in that chart, you mention the name, Boeng Trabek
- 7 -- Boeng Trabek; can you tell us what Boeng Trabek was?
- 8 A. Boeng Trabek and some other offices were the places where the
- 9 Renakse people were detained, the front people were detained
- 10 there. As far as I know, a large number of these intellectuals
- 11 were told to make sickles. These front people were followed
- 12 closely; they were followed for their mistakes. So whenever they
- 13 make mistake, they would be arrested and brought there. So the
- 14 Boeng Trabek Rehabilitation Centre was established for those
- 15 people.
- 16 [15.12.38]
- 17 The chief of Boeng Trabek was -- but I knew one person; his name
- 18 was Men Min, alias Prum. So this is my answer concerning Boeng
- 19 Trabek.
- 20 Q. And when you say the front people were taking -- were taken
- 21 there, who are you referring to?
- 22 A. Mr. President, the front people were those who were with
- 23 Sihanouk -- it was between 1970 and 1975 -- some of them were
- 24 ambassadors to other countries while others were not. They were
- 25 called the members of the FUNK or the GRUNK. They were brought to

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- 1 be educated at that place in their capacity as the imprecise --
- 2 with imprecise status. They were not considered as enemy, nor as
- 3 their own people.
- 4 Q. And did Boeng Trabek, did that relate to the Ministry of
- 5 Foreign Affairs in any way?
- 6 A. Mr. President, Boeng Trabek was a -- was like any other
- 7 re-education camp of the Democratic Kampuchea, but I was not able
- 8 to understand whether it was part of the Ministry of Foreign
- 9 Affairs, but what I know is that it was part of the committee of
- 10 the Party and it was to -- it was under the control of Min, and
- 11 it was called K-10. And we also have K-13, which was under the
- 12 control of Sim.
- 13 [15.16.15]
- 14 As far as I know, from the documents, there were some people who
- 15 were brought to S-21, but there were other people who were not
- 16 sent to S-21, but their names were in the documents.
- 17 Q. Do you know who the person Van Piny was?
- 18 A. Mr. President, Van Piny -- Van Piny's name at Boeng Trabek was
- 19 Teut. He was the Secretary General of the Khmer Student's
- 20 Association. Between 1964 and 1965, there was a Khmer Student
- 21 Association.
- 22 Q. Did he work in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs?
- 23 A. I did not read the confessions of Van Piny. There were a lot
- 24 of things I was not able to remember so I am not able to tell you
- 25 about this.

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- 1 Q. Thank you. During the -- the period of Democratic Kampuchea,
- 2 from 1975 to 1979, did you see Ieng Sary?
- 3 (Short pause)
- 4 [15.18.43]
- 5 A. As for Bong Van, or Ieng Sary, I never met him in person. I
- 6 only met him from a distance twice. One was in -- at Borei Keila;
- 7 I saw him from a distance. And on the 6 of January 1979 when I
- 8 came out of school, I saw him in a car riding in front of me. I
- 9 saw him in a car from a distance too. We glanced at each other so
- 10 we -- we never met and talked in person.
- 11 Q. Thank you. When you saw him at Borei Keila, what was he doing
- 12 and who was he with?
- 13 A. He was walking outside of the meeting. I was (unintelligible)
- 14 the meeting. I'm not sure whether it was a meeting of -- to
- 15 celebrate the 17th April or I'm not sure about that.
- 16 [15.20.13]
- 17 He was not in the uniform, the black uniform.
- 18 Q. Are you able to say what the relationship between Nuon Chea
- 19 and Ieng Sary was like?
- 20 A. I do not know about their relationship.
- 21 Q. Did Nuon Chea ever talk about Ieng Sary?
- 22 A. Mr. President, Bong Nuon talked about Bong Van. They talked
- 23 about arresting Chau Seng. Brother Nuon -- Bong Nuon warned me,
- 24 telling me that I would not say anything about this; that I would
- 25 not -- I was not supposed to tell anyone from the Ministry of

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- 1 Foreign Affairs about the arrest.
- 2 Q. And why was that the case?
- 3 A. Hold on. Hold on. There was another case; I talked about this,
- 4 this morning that an enemy implicated Meng (phonetic) and Poeun
- 5 (phonetic). I reported to Brother Nuon whether I should continue
- 6 interrogate or extract the confessions of those people so those
- 7 are the two events I want to add.
- 8 [15.22.52]
- 9 Q. Thank you. You said earlier that, at the beginning of the
- 10 Democratic Kampuchea period, you heard a radio broadcast in
- 11 relation to the naming of the super traitors; do you remember
- 12 stating that?
- 13 A. I have been talking about this issue. I believe that I also
- 14 talked about this before the Co-Investigating Judges, but I might
- 15 not talk about this issue during the Case 001 trial or I'm not
- 16 sure about that, but I have been talking about this issue.
- 17 Q. If you can briefly tell us what you heard over the radio
- 18 broadcast?
- 19 A. The radio broadcast was done when it was near to the victory
- 20 -- that we almost achieved a victory. As I remember, it was
- 21 sometime in 1975 -- in February 1975. It was about -- I'm not
- 22 sure what it was called at that time; it might be called the
- 23 Nationalist Front and the radio broadcast was also about the
- 24 seven super traitors and their names were broadcast in the
- 25 program.

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- 1 [15.25.11]
- 2 Q. Your Honours, if I can place a document before the witness;
- 3 it's D84/1 -- that's the case file number 1 -- Case File 001
- 4 number, Your Honour; it's, in fact, D108/43/1 and, as well,
- 5 E3117. I have a hard copy for the witness and if it can be placed
- 6 on the screen too, please.
- 7 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 8 The Chamber permits. The court officer is to bring the documents
- 9 to the witness.
- 10 BY MR. SMITH:
- 11 Q. Witness, if you look at that document, it's a -- a transcript
- 12 of the radio broadcast. It's the FBIS transcript of the radio
- 13 broadcast dated the 26th of February 1975, and it's entitled, "A
- 14 Press Communiqué on the 24th to the 25th of February, Second
- 15 Session of the National Congress Held by the Representatives of
- 16 FUNK and Mass Organizations as well as Representatives of the
- 17 Three Revolutionary Army Categories" and it's read by the
- 18 announcer.
- 19 [15.27.04]
- 20 Witness, if you can look at that document and advise us if the
- 21 contents of that document are familiar with you?
- 22 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 23 A. I have heard the contents of this document from the radio, but
- 24 I never saw this document before.
- 25 MR. PRESIDENT:

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- 1 Court officer is instructed to take back the document from the
- 2 witness and to remove the document from the screen.
- 3 MR. SMITH:
- 4 Your Honours, although he hasn't seen the document before, he
- 5 recognizes the content. I would ask that I read out a paragraph
- 6 to him to see if that is consistent with his recollection of what
- 7 the radio broadcast was.
- 8 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 9 Yes, the national counsel for Khieu Samphan, you may proceed.
- 10 MR. KONG SAM ONN:
- 11 Thank you, Mr. President. If it pleases the Court, may I request
- 12 that the Co-Prosecutor informs -- to the party the portions that
- 13 he intends to read before this portion is read out to the
- 14 witness?
- 15 MR. SMITH:
- 16 Thank you. Your Honours, it would be paragraph 1; there's two
- 17 preamble paragraphs and then there's a paragraph 1 relating to --
- 18 concerning the seven-traitors. And the purpose of this is to see
- 19 if the witness recognizes and can confirm the nature of the
- 20 contents in the document specifically.
- 21 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 22 The International Counsel for Khieu Samphan, you may proceed.
- 23 MR. VERCKEN:
- 24 Thank you, Mr. President. I wonder whether it wouldn't be more
- 25 normal to immediately read the document and to ascertain by

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- 1 questioning the witness what he remembers because he did say that
- 2 he recalled what was broadcast on the radio.
- 3 [15.30.19]
- 4 So, before reading out the document to him, perhaps the
- 5 Prosecution should first ask him whether he remembers anything
- 6 about the broadcast.
- 7 MR. SMITH:
- 8 Your Honour, I think he has done so but I can ask him a couple of
- 9 more specific questions before we resort to reading it out.
- 10 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 11 The Chamber has already ruled on the matter relating to the
- 12 document that the witness has not been familiar with, and indeed,
- 13 after the ruling was made and that the document withdrawn,
- 14 parties are allowed to put questions referring to the document.
- 15 They can still exercise their right to put questions relating to
- 16 that document.
- 17 However, it is rather in the contrary that we noted that you
- 18 would like to read from the document and that is not allowed.
- 19 [15.31.40]
- 20 MR. SMITH:
- 21 Thank you, Your Honour. The purpose of the questioning is just to
- 22 confirm from the witness whether this is the this particular
- 23 document is a record of the radio broadcast that he heard as
- 24 we'll be submitting to Your Honours that the document is
- 25 authentic and reliable and has probative value.

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- 1 So that was the purpose of putting a particular passage; unless I
- 2 can, say, put a particular passage or the witness can actually
- 3 take some moments to have a closer look at the document itself.
- 4 It's difficult for him to 100 per cent confirm that what he heard
- 5 was the same as in the document so that's why I was just asking
- 6 to put forward a short passage or I can paraphrase it.
- 7 [15.32.43]
- 8 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 9 Counsel, you may proceed.
- 10 MR. VERCKEN:
- 11 I think the prosecutor must be pretending not to understand what
- 12 I was saying because, if he reads the document, the Chamber won't
- 13 have any way of knowing what the precise testimony is of our
- 14 witness here.
- 15 So before reading the document, it seems reasonable to ask him
- 16 what memory he does have of what he heard on the radio before
- 17 refreshing his memory.
- 18 Perhaps after his testimony, your Chamber might authorise the
- 19 prosecutor to refresh his memory but not before. Thank you.
- 20 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 21 I think this matter should have never been that serious. It is
- 22 more about line of questioning, and the question is about the
- 23 recollection of the witness, whether he still remembers this
- 24 text. So it is the method of putting questions by the party.
- 25 [15.34.13]

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- 1 And I think, however, each and individual person in this
- 2 courtroom is skilful and has obtained some techniques in putting
- 3 their own questions.
- 4 And we see that both parties, the Prosecution and Defence, have
- 5 different interests from these proceedings: one party is trying
- 6 to locate inculpatory evidence when the other is trying to find
- 7 the exculpatory one. And by way of putting questions to a
- 8 witness, such benefit can be obtained by both parties. Perhaps,
- 9 at some point, although questions inculpatory nature being put to
- 10 a witness, perhaps, from the testimony of the witness the team
- 11 who wishes to benefit from the exculpatory evidence may take the
- 12 advantage of that as well.
- 13 [15.35.41]
- 14 MR. SMITH:
- 15 Thank you, Your Honour.
- 16 BY MR. SMITH:
- 17 Q. Witness, in relation to the radio broadcast, can you
- 18 specifically remember what you heard?
- 19 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 20 A. From February 1975 until today, it has been more than 30
- 21 years.
- 22 I think the radio broadcast excited me, but I remember the main
- 23 substance of the message, the message which was conveyed back
- 24 then concerning the seven super-traitors.
- 25 And, number two, in the message itself, in the radio broadcast,

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- 1 the GRUNK did not wish to hold any other people accountable other
- 2 than the seven super-traitors.
- 3 And I was convinced back then that, since the broadcast was
- 4 public, they also lived up to their promise.
- 5 [15.37.28]
- 6 Q. Do you know who the author of that broadcast was?
- 7 A. There was never such an important radio broadcast without the
- 8 permission or authorization from Pol Pot. So the author could
- 9 have been Pol Pot.
- 10 Q. In relation to the traitors, what did the broadcast say? What
- 11 was to happen to the traitors?
- 12 A. I may have to state again that, in the content of the
- 13 broadcast, these people were not to be smashed; they were to be
- 14 brought to justice to face the court.
- 15 Q. And which people were they referring to?
- 16 [15.39.08]
- 17 A. At the beginning, I remembered but since it was long ago, I
- 18 may not recollect very well.
- 19 But I can recall a few names if you wish, but if it is not
- 20 accurate, please, forgive me.
- 21 Q. Yes, if you can recall the names, please.
- 22 A. So far as I remember, whether it right or wrong, first it was
- 23 Lon Nol; number 2, Sirik Matak; three, Cheng Heng; four, In Tam;
- 24 five, Long Boret; six, Sosthène Fernandez; number 7, I don't
- 25 remember.

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- 1 Q. Did you hear what happened to these people at a later date?
- 2 A. Everyone knew about Lon Nol. He went to America in 1975. His
- 3 brother, Lon Non, came into his position, but later on, we had no
- 4 information of him.
- 5 Long Boret was nowhere to be heard. And later on, I obtained some
- 6 information that the military arrested Sirik Matak and Long Boret
- 7 to be executed before the French Embassy. However, this
- 8 information was not proven. But it is to be precise, Lon Nol had
- 9 left country.
- 10 [15.41.52]
- 11 Q. Thank you. Are you aware of a national congress held by the
- 12 FUNK representatives on the 24th to the 25th of February 1975?
- 13 A. No, I don't. Although, back then, if I were to hear this
- 14 information on radio broadcast, I would not believe that it was a
- 15 genuine assembly. It was staged or fabricated by Pol Pot just to
- 16 excite the people.
- 17 Q. Thank you.
- 18 Before we finish this afternoon, I would like to show you a few
- 19 more documents and ask you to comment on them and the next
- 20 document is D43/IV-Annex 58.
- 21 And I have a hard copy for the witness and if it can be placed on
- 22 the screen,
- 23 Mr. President?
- 24 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 25 You may proceed.

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- 1 Court officer is now instructed to bring the document to the
- 2 witness.
- 3 (Short pause)
- 4 BY MR. SMITH:
- 5 Q. Witness, this document is entitled "Confession of Eng Meng
- 6 Heang alias Chhon, working in the Ministry of Energy".
- 7 Have you seen that document before?
- 8 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 9 A. Mr. President, Your Honours, I would like to state, which is
- 10 not relevant to the question by Mr. Prosecution, the statement
- 11 here, in handwriting, "Confession of Eng Meng Heang alias Chhon
- 12 (Energy)", it was written by me, myself.
- 13 It was it is the document of S-21 without any contest. This
- 14 document was known to me or I saw it during the case file 001
- 15 trial proceedings and I already explained on this.
- 16 I am now expecting further questions from the Prosecution on this
- 17 particular document, should he wish to do so.
- 18 [15.45.23]
- 19 Q. Thank you.
- 20 If you can read the first annotation and also state who you
- 21 believe made that annotation?
- 22 A. There are two annotations: one outside the box, another in the
- 23 red box.
- 24 And also, there's another annotation on the corner of the
- 25 left-hand side, on top. So could Co-Prosecutor be more precise?

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- 1 Which part of the annotation would you like me to read?
- 2 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 3 Co-Prosecutor, could you please be more specific which part of
- 4 the annotation would you wish the witness to refer to?
- 5 MR. SMITH:
- 6 Thank you, Your Honour.
- 7 BY MR. SMITH:
- 8 Q. If you could read the annotation on the page and I'll have
- 9 the ERN number, it's 00174392. It's the annotation in red.
- 10 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 11 A. The annotation in red was made by my superior, Son Sen.
- 12 Q. And can you read that annotation, please?
- 13 A. The annotation reads: "Important [underlined]: Request to the
- 14 Ministry to examine immediately so that everyone is removed
- 15 before we could enter to the Ministry of Commerce to control it
- 16 and -- Ministry of Commerce ..." and something I cannot read.
- 17 [15.48.38]
- 18 Q. And, from your knowledge, who in the Ministry would be
- 19 reviewing that document?
- 20 A. Mr. President, the Ministry -- Eng Meng Heang worked at -- was
- 21 the Ministry of Energy.
- 22 Q. In terms of the instruction, though, the question is: Who in
- 23 the Ministry do you believe would be reviewing that document,
- 24 that confession?
- 25 A. In principle, the Secretary of the Ministry of Energy was the

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- 1 one who was supposed to examine this document, this request.
- 2 [15.50.19]
- 3 Q. Do you mean the Ministry of Energy or the Ministry of
- 4 Commerce?
- 5 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 6 Counsel for Khieu Samphan, you may proceed.
- 7 MR. VERCKEN:
- 8 I don't really understand the last question, Mr. President.
- 9 It seems to me, Mr. Prosecutor, that the ministry we're talking
- 10 about has not yet been mentioned in these exchanges. I'm not
- 11 quite sure why this particular suggestion is being made to the
- 12 witness. Thank you.
- 13 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 14 The objection is dismissed.
- 15 Witness is now advised to respond to the question by the
- 16 Prosecution. We note two terms: "Energy" and the "Commerce",
- 17 here, in the question.
- 18 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 19 Mr. President, could you please advise Co-Prosecutor to rephrase
- 20 or re-put the question?
- 21 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 22 Co-Prosecutor, please, repeat the question.
- 23 BY MR. SMITH:
- 24 Q. The question was: Who would be reviewing this confession, the
- 25 Ministry of Energy or the Ministry of Commerce, based on your

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- 1 knowledge at the time?
- 2 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 3 A. This order was issued directly to the Ministry of Energy and
- 4 the person who had the authority to examine this was the
- 5 secretary of the Energy Ministry. But we also, here, have another
- 6 term "Ministry of Commerce".
- 7 To be precise, Eng Meng Heang was under supervision of Koy Thuon.
- 8 So Koy Thuon had his associates in the Ministry of Energy and
- 9 Commerce. However, this order was rendered to the Ministry of
- 10 Energy.
- 11 [15.53.05]
- 12 Q. Thank you. Now, I'm finished with that document.
- 13 I would ask that another document be placed before you; it's
- document IS 5.30, and it's a letter that contains a note.
- 15 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 16 You may proceed.
- 17 Court officer is now instructed to take the document and hand
- 18 over to the witness.
- 19 (Short pause)
- 20 BY MR. SMITH:
- 21 Q. Witness, if you can look at that document and tell the Court
- 22 whether you've read it before?
- 23 [15.54.25]
- 24 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 25 A. This document is S-21 document. To be more precise, we can

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- 1 refer to page 922.
- 2 On that page, I wrote: "Hu Nim, Phoas, Number 2, the situation
- 3 when he did not confess at all yet."
- 4 Q. Thank you.
- 5 In relation to the first annotation which is a note which is on
- 6 0008921 in the Khmer -can you read that note, please?
- 7 It's the first page on the left-hand side.
- 8 A. May I ask, Co-Prosecutor, through the President would you
- 9 like me to read page 921 or 922?
- 10 Q. I would ask, in fact, that you read -- I believe it's 00008923
- 11 which is, in fact, the last page with the annotation at the top.
- 12 It's the handwritten page.
- 13 A. The annotation on the left margin was my annotation: "The
- 14 report that a copy was reported as information, 11 of April
- 15 1977". That was my annotation, handwriting.
- 16 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 17 Counsel, you may proceed.
- 18 MR. KONG SAM ONN:
- 19 Thank you, Mr. President. Could Mr. Co-Prosecutor be more
- 20 specific on which page you would like the witness to read from?
- 21 Because, on the screen, we noted that page number 1 was put up,
- but then you asked the witness to read page 3.
- 23 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 24 I think, indeed, there could be some kind of misunderstanding.
- 25 The Prosecutor indicated clearly at the beginning like that but

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- 1 later on he also referred to an exact ERN number. So this is what
- 2 the prosecutor would like to correct and what the prosecutor
- 3 wants the witness to read.
- 4 So, Co-Prosecutor, you may now continue.
- 5 [15.58.12]
- 6 MR. SMITH:
- 7 Thank you. It's 00008923. It's the handwritten page.
- 8 BY MR. SMITH:
- 9 Q. Witness, do you agree that is a letter from Hu Nim; is that
- 10 correct?
- 11 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 12 A. The text starting from page 923 to 924 was written by Hu Nim.
- 13 Q. And was this written whilst he was in custody at S-21?
- 14 A. Hu Nim wrote this a day after he entered S-21.
- 15 Q. And it's a letter perhaps if you can read the annotation as
- 16 to who he's written the letter to? It's in the red box at the
- 17 top.
- 18 [16.00.08]
- 19 A. I would like to read this heading. Perhaps maybe it's not the
- 20 heading but the top three lines. Hu Nim wrote to the following
- 21 people:
- 22 "My sincere respect to the Angkar of Communist Party of
- 23 Kampuchea. My respect is more than my life to the Angkar. My
- 24 sincere respect to Bong Pol, Bong Nuon, Bong Van, Bong Vorn,
- 25 Comrade Khieu, Comrade Sem, the most rather, Comrade Hem, the

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- 1 most beloved Comrades."
- 2 Q. Thank you.
- 3 And perhaps the last question for today: Can you read out their -
- 4 can you state their non-revolutionary names? So "Brother Pol" is
- 5 referring to-- Is that Pol Pot?
- 6 A. "Pol", here, refers to Pol Pot.
- 7 Q. And "Brother Nuon" refers to who?
- 8 A. "Bong Nuon" is Nuon Chea.
- 9 Q. And "Brother Van", who is that?
- 10 A. "Bong Van" is Ieng Sary.
- 11 Q. And "Brother Vorn"?
- 12 A. "Bong Vorn" is Vorn Vet.
- 13 Q. And "Brother Khieu"?
- 14 A. "Comrade Khieu" is Son Sen.
- 15 Q. And who is "Hem" referring to?
- 16 A. "Comrade Hem" is Khieu Samphan.
- 17 MR. SMITH:
- 18 Thank you, Your Honour. I've finished the questions for today.
- 19 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 20 Thank you, the Prosecution. And thank you, Witness.
- 21 Today's hearing comes to an end. It is now an appropriate time
- 22 for the adjournment.
- 23 The next session will be resumed on Monday, next week, commencing
- 24 at 9 a.m.
- 25 Next week, the Chamber will hear testimonies of Kaing Guek Eav

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1 alias Duch for the whole week again. The Chamber, therefore, 2 would like to ask witness Kaing Guek Eav alias Duch to be present 3 in the hearing on those days as well. 4 Security personnels are now instructed to bring the witness and 5 the accused persons to the detention facility, and they have to 6 be returned to the courtroom on Monday, at 9 a.m. 7 (Court adjourns at 1604H) 8 (9 10 (11 (12 (13 (14 (15 (16 (17 (18 (19 (20 (21 (22 (23 (24 (

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