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Mr. FARR	English
Judge FENZ	English
The GREFFIER	Khmer
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- 1 PROCEEDINGS
- 2 (Court opens at 0914H)
- 3 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 4 Be seated. The Court is now in session.
- 5 In today's hearing, we will hold the key document presentations
- 6 on three worksites: the 1st January Dam, the KampongChhnang
- 7 Airfield construction worksite, and Trapeang Thma Dam worksite,
- 8 following the hearing of the testimony of witnesses relating to
- 9 the three worksites. Ms. Se Kolvuthy, please report the
- 10 attendance of the Parties and individuals whom the Trial Chamber
- 11 has invited to attend today's proceedings.
- 12 [09.15.58]
- 13 THE GREFFIER:
- 14 Mr. President, for today's proceedings, all Parties to the case
- 15 are present. Mr. Nuon Chea is present in the holding cell
- 16 downstairs. He has waived his right to be directly present in the
- 17 courtroom. The waiver of Mr. Nuon Chea has already been delivered
- 18 to the greffier. Thank you, Mr. President.
- 19 [09.16.23]
- 20 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 21 Now, the Chamber decides on the request by Nuon Chea. The Chamber
- 22 has received a waiver from Nuon Chea dated the 26th August 2015,
- 23 which states that due to his health reason; headache and back
- 24 pain, he cannot sit and concentrate for long, and in order to
- 25 effectively participate in future proceedings, he has requested

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1 to waive his right to participate in and present in the courtroom

- 2 on the 26th August 2015 hearing. Having seen the medical report
- 3 of Nuon Chea by the duty doctor of the Accused at the ECCC, dated
- 4 the 26th August 2015, who notes that Nuon Chea has a chronic back
- 5 pain and when he sits longer, that situation exacerbates. For
- 6 that reason, he recommends that the Chamber grants him his
- 7 request and allow him to follow the proceedings from the holding
- 8 cell downstairs. Based on the above information and pursuant to
- 9 Rule 81.5 of the ECCC Internal Rules, the Chamber grants Nuon
- 10 Chea leave to follow today's proceedings remotely from the
- 11 holding cell downstairs.
- 12 AV unit are now instructed to link the AV from the holding cell
- 13 downstairs to the proceedings today. And that applies for the
- 14 whole day today.
- 15 As per the memorandum of the Trial Chamber, document E315/1 dated
- 16 the 17 December 2014, the Trial Chamber emphasizes that the Trial
- 17 Chamber will hold the key document presentation hearings as has
- 18 been done in Case 002/01 in order to allow the Parties the
- 19 opportunity to present key documents relevant to the facts in the
- 20 proceedings in each segment in Case 002/02. This will also help
- 21 the public to understand the key documents as well as the facts
- 22 of the worksites. Following the presentation of the key documents
- 23 of the Tram Kak Cooperative as well as Krang Ta Chan Security
- 24 Centre dated the 27th, 28th, and 30th April 2015, the Trial
- 25 Chamber has decided that it will hold the key document

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1 presentation hearings following the examinations of the evidence

- 2 relating to the facts concerning the three worksites -- that is,
- 3 the 1st January Dam worksite, the Kampong Chhnang Airfield
- 4 worksite, and Trapeang Thma worksite.
- 5 [09.19.35]
- 6 The Chamber has requested the Party to select only limited
- 7 documents and to avoid the document that has already been
- 8 admitted or examined in detail in the previous proceedings. In
- 9 order to ensure that these key document presentation hearings
- 10 proceed smoothly, the Trial Chamber has requested the Parties who
- 11 wish to present the document to the Trial Chamber and other
- 12 Parties to submit the document before the hearing on the
- 13 presentation of the key documents and no later than 1.30 p.m. of
- 14 the 25th August 2015.
- 15 [09.20.21]
- 16 All Parties have already submitted their key documents by the
- 17 deadline of the Trial Chamber. As notified in the email by senior
- 18 legal officers of the 17 August 2015, the Senior Legal Officer of
- 19 the Trial Chamber notes that the Trial Chamber will hold the key
- 20 documentation presentation hearing for three days: on the 26th,
- 21 27th, and 31st August 2015, in order to present key documents
- 22 relating to the three worksites. Today and tomorrow, each Party
- 23 will grant the opportunity -- will be granted the opportunity to
- 24 present key document concerning these three worksites. And on the
- 25 31st August 2015, the Party will be given the floor to respond or

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1 observe on the key document present by other Parties.

- 2 [09.20.10]
- 3 The Chamber wishes to remind the Parties that the presentation of
- 4 these key documents, the prosecutor and Lead Co-Lawyer for the
- 5 civil parties will have one day for the presentation. As for the
- 6 allocation of time for each party, it depends on the mutual
- 7 agreement of the two parties, following which the defence team
- 8 for Nuon Chea and Khieu Samphan will have half day each to
- 9 present their key documents. Following the presentation by the
- 10 two defence teams, the prosecutors and Lead Co-Lawyer for the
- 11 civil parties will have half a day to respond or observe on the
- 12 documents of the two defence teams. And towards the end of the
- 13 key document presentation hearing, the defence teams or the
- 14 Accused will have half day to reply to the presentation by the
- 15 prosecutor and Lead Co-Lawyer for the civil parties.
- 16 [09.22.16]
- 17 The Trial Chamber wishes to remind the Parties, once again, that
- 18 this documentation presentation is not -- is distinct from the
- 19 presentation on the admissibility of the document. Because Party
- 20 has already granted the opportunity to object in writing on the
- 21 various documents submitted in Case 002/02, please refer to
- 22 document E327. And Parties should focus on the documents that are
- 23 most relevant to the worksites in subsequent order, starting from
- 24 the 1st January Dam worksite followed by Kampong Chhnang Airfield
- 25 worksite, and the Trapeang Thma Dam worksite, in order to assist

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1 the Trial Chamber in assessing the weight of the evidence toward

- 2 the end of hearing in Case 002/02. The Trial Chamber wishes to
- 3 remind all Parties that the documents are relating to the context
- 4 or the policy that may be related to the three worksites are the
- 5 subject for further consideration by the Trial Chamber in the
- 6 subsequent hearing. For that reason, as the case may be, this
- 7 document may be the subject for the presentations in the holding
- 8 of the key document presentation in the future. And now, I hand
- 9 over the floor to the Prosecution to present their key document.
- 10 Please hold on. Counsel Arthur Vercken, the defence for Mr. Khieu
- 11 Samphan, you may proceed.
- 12 [09.24.16]
- 13 MR. VERCKEN:
- 14 Yes. Good morning to all of you here as well as to the public. I
- 15 apologize for interrupting here. I'm going to try to be very
- 16 brief. But I was expecting you, Mr. President, to answer the mail
- 17 that we sent to your Chamber yesterday evening. Indeed, when we
- 18 look at the list that was sent by the Prosecution and the
- 19 documents that they wish to use for this presentation of key
- 20 documents, we consider that they go against the rule that you
- 21 just reminded to us and that you had already established in the
- 22 past -- that is to say, these key document hearings should not be
- 23 a debate on the admissibility into evidence of documents.
- 24 However, it's clear here, and your Chamber should decide on this,
- 25 we have here several problems in the list that was sent to us by

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1 the Prosecution. For example, there's Document D195.7 that was

- 2 never listed by any Party, nor in the first case, nor in the
- 3 second. So therefore, this document has never been admitted into
- 4 evidence. That is the first document. And we also have a Document
- 5 E342.1 in the Prosecution's list that was only admitted into
- 6 evidence -- only one page of this document was admitted into
- 7 evidence. And that came with a decision of your Chamber, with
- 8 number E342/3 in which you stated that if the Prosecution wishes
- 9 to use other excerpts of this book, it would be necessary for
- 10 them to file a submission on the basis of Rule 87.4. Today, I
- 11 don't know if they want to just read out this particular page
- 12 that has been admitted -- that is to say, pages 8 and 9 of the
- 13 book. But in their list, however, they are requesting to present
- 14 the totality of this book, so which of course contradicts your
- memorandum E342/3.
- 16 [09.26.34]
- 17 And to finish, we have 18 documents here that the Prosecutions
- 18 wish to use today in their presentation that are written records
- 19 of interview coming from investigations that are now in the
- 20 process -- so, that is to say, investigations linked to Cases 003
- 21 and 004. And as you know, because we only received a courtesy
- 22 copy of this, but given the nature of this issue, we believe that
- 23 it was essential to inform you of our stance with regard to the
- 24 1355, I think that's the figure, documents --1355 written records
- 25 of interview that are still in the process in Cases 003 and 004.

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- 1 And we believe that these documents have been forwarded
- 2 illegally. The only documents in our eyes that can be accepted
- 3 are testimonies that are -- that come from witnesses or -- from
- 4 witnesses before they appear or exculpatory elements. And it is
- 5 clear that when we read the Prosecution's submissions is that
- 6 they're forwarding these documents because they are inculpatory
- 7 documents.
- 8 [09.28.02]
- 9 So, and you can imagine that, Your Honours, if today during a
- 10 document hearing the Prosecutions wish to read excerpts of 18 of
- 11 these written records of interview, this will certainly not be
- 12 for exculpatory purposes. So, we therefore object to this
- 13 practice that consists in allowing the Prosecution to do what
- 14 they wish to do in complete contradiction with the rules that you
- 15 have set because it is your Chamber that stated that the
- 16 documents that were filed during the trial by the prosecutors and
- 17 that have just been received are only documents that are
- 18 inculpatory. So therefore, I'm asking you to cast aside the three
- 19 series of documents I have just cited from today's presentation.
- 20 And I am asking you to forbid the Prosecution from using D197.2
- 21 and the 18 written records with index E319 and following. Thank
- 22 you.
- 23 [09.29.17]
- 24 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 25 Mr. Prosecutor, you have any observation or response to the point

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1 raised by the defence team for Khieu Samphan?

- 2 MR. SMITH:
- 3 Just briefly, Your Honour. In relation to E342.1, in fact, the
- 4 Prosecution won't be using that document today even though it was
- 5 on the list. In relation to E195.7, that's a map. And it's hasn't
- 6 been admitted into the evidence; it's on the case file, but it's
- 7 quite a helpful map. I assume the Defence don't want the rules to
- 8 be that stringent. It's quite a clear map.
- 9 But to avoid the debate for the moment, we won't be using that
- 10 map, and at this stage. But as far as the other 18 documents,
- 11 those documents have been admitted. The next point is, the
- 12 Defence is saying that the Prosecution can't put forward
- 13 inculpatory evidence. That's strange. That's the Prosecution's
- 14 job, to put forward inculpatory evidence, whether it's from a
- 15 written record or whether it's from a contemporaneous document.
- 16 Of course, that's the Prosecution's role. Without going into
- 17 details about what is exculpatory, what is inculpatory, I think
- 18 one point I'd like to make is that, I think that we all know that
- 19 when we look at the documents in this trial, there's elements
- 20 that affect the reliability of other witnesses, and there's --
- 21 either it strengthens the case or it weakens the case. That's the
- 22 nature of evidence. But the idea that the Prosecution can't put
- 23 forward inculpatory evidence is very strange. This seems to be
- 24 tied up with their motion that they put forward about not having
- 25 this other evidence come into the Trial. That's the subject of a

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- 1 motion and the Prosecution will respond to that. But that's
- 2 certainly not -- these documents are admitted and the Prosecution
- 3 is able to put forward inculpatory evidence. That's its job. My
- 4 colleague prosecutor may want to add one thing further about
- 5 those 18 documents because he's looked at them closely. Thank
- 6 you.
- 7 [09.32.08]
- 8 MR. FARR:
- 9 Mr. President, I'll just add some details, so there is no
- 10 confusion on the status. This relates to the E319 documents. The
- 11 Prosecution made an 87.3 and 87.4 motion for the admission of
- 12 those documents on the 25th of May of this year. No Party
- 13 responded to the Prosecution's motion. On the 17th of July, the
- 14 Trial Chamber granted the Prosecution motion for the admission of
- 15 all of the documents that are on the list. That reference is
- 16 E319/22/1. And in paragraph 1 on that memorandum, the Chamber
- 17 noted that no Party had responded to the Prosecution motion.
- 18 Thank you, Mr. President.
- 19 JUDGE FENZ:
- 20 Just to clarify, since the Prosecution appears to have the
- 21 document ready. E319/21.3.19 is on -- is admitted too?
- 22 [09.33.21]
- 23 MR. FARR:
- 24 Can you read that number again for me, Your Honour?
- 25 JUDGE FENZ:

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- 1 E319/21.3.19.
- 2 MR. FARR:
- 3 Your Honour, I believe it is. It's a link. The annex I would have
- 4 to look through. But I'll confirm that before using it certainly.
- 5 [09.33.49]
- 6 MR. VERCKEN:
- 7 Very rapidly, Mr. President. I would like to say that the
- 8 Co-Prosecutor who has responded to me at first appears not to
- 9 understand what I said. And he has the right to do so. He says
- 10 that the duty of the Co-Prosecutors is to present inculpatory
- 11 evidence. Of course, that is obvious. There's no problem with
- 12 that when we've understand stood that very clearly, there are
- 13 procedural rules that provide for the respecting of the rights of
- 14 the Defence. And that is why at the beginning of this trial, the
- 15 scope of the trial has to be determined in order to enable the
- 16 Defence to prepare themselves appropriately. It is not possible
- 17 except where there are exceptions to continually fuel this trial
- 18 with additional inculpatory evidence. And if you do so all the
- 19 time, it means that there's no trial. This is a crucial rule. So
- 20 the prosecutor appears to say that we are being prevented from
- 21 presenting inculpatory evidence. We have not prevented you to do
- 22 so for years during the investigations. Today, we are at trial,
- 23 and you cannot, and the Chamber has made that clear to you and--
- 24 [09.36.07]
- 25 MR. PRESIDENT:

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- 1 Arthur Vercken, this Chamber will hear only the issue in relation
- 2 to the documents before us. And you made a submission already and
- 3 it was responded by the Co-Prosecutor a while ago. Court officer,
- 4 please check the headset of Arthur Vercken so that he can hear
- 5 what I'm talking of.
- 6 MR. VERCKEN:
- 7 I can hear you now, Mr. President. I missed what you said at the
- 8 beginning. What I was saying was that we filed a motion and
- 9 you've been seized of that motion. These submissions violate the
- 10 rules that you yourself set, Mr. President. The issue today is
- 11 very urgent. It is imminent the prosecutor is preparing to
- 12 violate the rules set by the Chamber. Are you opposed to that?
- 13 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 14 You are not given the floor to express any other matters other
- 15 than the issue in relation to documents. You have the floor now,
- 16 Judge Lavergne.
- 17 [09.36.26]
- 18 JUDGE LAVERGNE:
- 19 Very well. Let me try to clarify matters somewhat. I do
- 20 understand that Khieu Samphan's defence is objecting to the
- 21 tendering into evidence of three types of documents. A first
- 22 document which is not in dispute by the Office of the Prosecutors
- 23 and that has not been ruled admissible on record. And in due
- 24 time, we will consider that case. We have another document in
- 25 respect of which only one page has been admitted into evidence.

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1 As for the rest, if there are applications, we will also have

- 2 time to consider that as well. Regarding document E319, as
- 3 pointed out earlier, we have cross-checked that and apparently,
- 4 all the documents with the E319 reference number with the
- 5 exception of perhaps one have been the subject of a memorandum by
- 6 the Chamber dated the 17th of July. That memo is an E319/22/1,
- 7 and that memorandum is a response to a motion filed by the
- 8 Co-Prosecutors with a view to requesting that the Chamber admits
- 9 those documents into evidence as new evidence. The Chamber has
- 10 ruled on that motion. The Chamber has decided to grant that
- 11 motion and those documents are now admissible. Today, if I do
- 12 understand clearly what the Khieu Samphan defence is saying, it's
- 13 a question of challenging the decision taken by the Chamber. If
- 14 that is the case, you should do so as part of a written request
- 15 which will be considered subsequently, but not during these
- 16 proceedings. For the time being, till date, we've been seized
- 17 with a courtesy motion which is not an official motion. That is
- 18 all we have received so far.
- 19 [09.38.24]
- 20 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 21 The Chamber now gives the floor to the Co-Prosecutors to present
- 22 key documents.
- 23 [09.38.39]
- 24 MR. DE WILDE D'ESTMAEL:
- 25 Thank you, Mr. President. Good morning, Your Honours. And good

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1	morning to the Parties and to the public. I note, Mr. President,
2	that the time is 9.40 so we will try to make our presentation
3	with the civil parties today. And if we do not succeed to do so,
4	we will request you to grant us additional time tomorrow morning.
5	On behalf of the Office of the Prosecutors, I'll present
6	documents regarding the 1st January Dam. And immediately after
7	me, the civil parties will present their documents regarding the
8	same dam. And then, we will proceed in the same manner with the
9	two other sites. I'd like to start with some considerations
10	regarding documents that are of a general nature considering
11	regarding hydraulic and irrigation projects in the Democratic
12	Kampuchea regime, and then I will present certain testimonies
13	regarding documents dealing working conditions on the 1st January
14	Dam worksite and the 6th January Dam worksite. And then, I will
15	talk briefly about the purges that occurred during the same
16	sectors during the construction of the dam. And I will conclude
17	by referring to a number of visits by foreigners or party cadres
18	to the 1st January Dam worksite. I will not return to certain
19	documents that have already been presented and shown to certain
20	witnesses before this Chamber, particularly videos which were
21	shown to Meas Layhuor. But I would nevertheless like to start
22	this documents presentation by having placed on the screen a
23	video, and it is video E3/3048R, which is titled in English,
24	"Building A Khmer Rouge dam". If that video lasts slightly more
25	than four minutes, it is not obvious that that video footage was

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- 1 taken on the specific site of the 1st January Dam worksite as
- 2 such. But the images nevertheless show the manner in which dams
- 3 were built during that era. And on that video, we'll also see the
- 4 faces of very young adolescents participating in the construction
- 5 of that dam. Mr. President, do we have your leave to play this
- 6 four-minute video?
- 7 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 8 You can proceed now.
- 9 [09.41.53]
- 10 (Audiovisual presentation)
- 11 [09.46.38]
- 12 MR. DE WILDE D'ESTMAEL:
- 13 Thank you. We have a second video that I would like to show. It
- 14 is very short, it lasts six seconds. In any case, it is an
- 15 extract from video E3/2348R, E3/2348R, titled, "Khmer Rouge
- 16 History Of Genocide Part 1". And the passage that I would like to
- 17 show on the screen lasts one minute 35 seconds up to 35 minutes
- 18 55 seconds (sic). It shows the interest that the leaders had in
- 19 the major irrigation works, particularly Nuon Chea who visited a
- 20 dam during the regime. Mr. President with your leave may this
- 21 video footage be screened.
- 22 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 23 Yes, you can proceed. AV technician, please project the video
- 24 footage as requested by the Deputy Co-Prosecutor.
- 25 [09.47.51]

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- 1 (Audiovisual presentation)
- 2 [UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:] "Nuon Chea, the secretary of the
- 3 Communist Party of Democratic Kampuchea"
- 4 [09.48.03]
- 5 MR. DE WILDE D'ESTMAEL:
- 6 Very short. The next document is a written document, E3/2412. It
- 7 is an article written by Francois Ponchaud and it is titled
- 8 "Kampuchea--
- 9 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 10 You have the floor now, Mr. Koppe.
- 11 MR. KOPPE:
- 12 No objection, just a question for clarification in relation to
- 13 the first video. I would be obliged if the Prosecution would give
- 14 the particular seconds of the fragments in which young people or
- 15 children they have in mind, so that we can look for it ourselves.
- 16 [09.48.56]
- 17 MR. DE WILDE D'ESTMAEL:
- 18 Very well. May I point out, Mr. President, that this video is
- 19 available under ZyLAB, the first few minutes. Now let us talk
- 20 about this article by Francois Ponchaud titled, "Kampuchea A
- 21 Revolutionary Economy". It's dated January 1979. In this
- 22 document, E3/2412, Ponchaud analyses particularly the role of
- 23 major irrigation projects in the Kampuchea economy. The first
- 24 extract on page 1 in the three languages: in French it is
- 25 00410765; in English, 00598519; and in Khmer, 00812343. And I

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1 quote: "Aware of the fact that only economic independence would

- 2 guarantee genuine national independence and that agriculture was
- 3 Kampuchea's only natural wealth, the leaders of the revolution
- 4 mobilized the entire nation in 'the production offensive' 'to
- 5 defence and build the country'." The second stage in the
- 6 revolution. A little later on the same page, further down on the
- 7 same page, Francois Ponchaud says the following:
- 8 "According the revolutionary motto, if we have rice we can have
- 9 everything. It is therefore the construction of a vast irrigation
- 10 system for the country that has mobilized practically all the
- 11 country's energy over the past three years."
- 12 And Ponchaud continues by quoting the Khmer Rouge propaganda of
- 13 that period, and it was on page 2 of the same document in all
- 14 three languages. He says, "[...]since April 1975, 'the whole of
- 15 Cambodia has been a huge construction site'."
- 16 [09.51.24]
- 17 This was an extract from a lecture given by Ieng Sary: "[...]'the
- 18 whole of Cambodia has been a huge construction site where the
- 19 people work day and night, fearing neither fatigue nor pain'. The
- 20 whole country is criss-crossed by a huge network of dykes and
- 21 canals which is transforming it into a checkerboard of rice
- 22 fields. These mammoth projects with shield production from the
- 23 vagaries of nature and enable the people to be 'masters of the
- 24 land and water', 'masters of nature', 'absolute masters of water
- 25 and all times during both the rainy season and the dry season'.

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1 In short, they will enable them to be truly 'masters of the

- 2 country'."
- 3 Ponchaud is referring to the visits by Yugoslavians into
- 4 Democratic Kampuchea, four in French, three and four in English,
- 5 and four and five in Khmer. And this is what he states and I
- 6 quote: "In March 1978, the delegation of Yugoslavian journalist
- 7 visited a dozen dams". And further down on the same page, and I
- 8 quote: "In Baray, they visited the 1st January Dam site which
- 9 cuts across the Stueng Chinit River built in 1st of January 1977
- 10 and -- between 1st of January 1977 and May of the same year".
- 11 Later on, he says that; "23,000 youths constructed the 6th
- 12 January Dam reservoir on the river Tang Krasang and the 5th
- 13 January Dam on the river Santuk."
- 14 [09.53.33]
- 15 On page 5 in French, 4 and 5 in English, and page 6 in Khmer, he
- 16 describes the work done on the worksite. And I quote: "However,
- 17 however extraordinary these projects may be, they are not without
- 18 problems. The refugees often report that these networks of dykes
- 19 and canals are built without any feasibility studies and in a
- 20 chaotic manner according to the whims and caprices of the local
- 21 cadres; and that in some case, they have even had to destroy the
- 22 newly built dykes, as some of them were too high and others too
- 23 low to allow for proper water distribution. Other refugees report
- 24 that there were accidents and the earth dams could not withstand
- 25 the water pressure." And lastly, last extract, the last two

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- 1 excerpts of this article by Ponchaud. He concludes the article by
- 2 referring to discipline and the human cost of the economic policy
- 3 of Democratic Kampuchea.
- 4 [09.54.40]
- 5 First of all, on page 17 in French, 14 in English, and 17 in
- 6 Khmer. And here again, I will quote the slogans of propaganda --
- 7 of Khmer Rouge propaganda.
- 8 "All the people are mobilized 'to launch the offensive to build
- 9 the country'. 'As we fought against American imperialists, we
- 10 must fight to build the country.' It is the same struggle that
- 11 continues. All official discourse reflects this constant tension.
- 12 Work is denoted by the words 'fight', 'attack', 'offensive'.
- 13 Achievements are hailed as victories. Construction sites are
- 14 referred to as 'vanguard battlefields', the cooperatives are
- 15 'rear battlefields'. Food crops are referred to as 'strategic'
- 16 crops. Discipline is unrelenting and any negligence or outward
- 17 expression of discontent warrants 'edification', meaning a rebuke
- 18 and in most cases often punished by death."
- 19 And lastly, pages 17 and 18 in French, page 15 in English, and
- 20 page 18 in Khmer; Ponchaud says the following and I quote:
- 21 "Failure to respect human factors and ideological intransigence
- 22 that characterize the creation of the hydraulic infrastructures
- 23 undermine seriously the likelihood of success. People who are
- 24 bled dry subjected to the revolution, will they be able to
- 25 quarantee political independence in the face of such a powerful

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1 and ambitious neighbour as Vietnam."

- 2 [09.56.48]
- 3 So in document E3/20, Elizabeth Becker in her book, "When The War
- 4 Was Over: Cambodia And The Khmer Rouge Revolution", expresses the
- 5 same reservations regarding the quality of the results obtained.
- 6 The first excerpt is -- ERN in French is, 00638501 to 02; in
- 7 Khmer, 00232318 to 19; and in English, 00237945. In this extract,
- 8 she refers particularly to the 1st January Dam worksite, which
- 9 she visited during her visit to Cambodia in December 1978. May I
- 10 point out in passing for the purposes of the record that
- 11 Elizabeth Becker erroneously situates this dam in the Northeast
- 12 Zone as opposed to the North or Central Zone where the dam is
- 13 located. Let me quote the extract: "The cadres of the Southwest
- 14 Zone had been charged with ensuring that the Northwest would
- 15 raise itself as Pol Pot demanded to the height of its reputation
- 16 as a region endowed with a remarkable hydraulic works and very
- 17 fertile rice fields. During the purge, they imposed on them new
- 18 major irrigation site requiring that people work 24 hours round
- 19 the clock. Rapid decisions and many hands, plans were drawn up by
- 20 cadres who had no experience as engineers without consulting the
- 21 peasants who knew the region. The construction of the 1st January
- 22 Dam offers a good example of disastrous results obtained."
- 23 [09.59.06]
- 24 "That dam was built in 1977. The Centre" -- now I'm quoting from
- 25 the text; no longer free translation: "The dam was built in 1977.

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1 The Centre ordered it to be completed, dug, and constructed

- 2 between the January harvest and the May planting season. It was
- 3 to irrigate 20,000 hectares of land. There was practically no
- 4 mechanical equipment available, no bulldozers for digging, and
- 5 fuel trucks for hauling the earth. The cooperatives in the
- 6 general vicinity had to donate labour teams of thousands of
- 7 people with no training. They worked like ants, digging the earth
- 8 with crude, picks, and shovels, carrying back-breaking loads of
- 9 dirt and rocks in bamboo baskets balanced on poles across their
- 10 shoulders. They worked around the clock with the moon and
- 11 lanterns lighting the area at night. But they finished on time.
- 12 And in the 1978 rainy season, the dam burst."
- 13 [10.00.35]
- 14 And further down, and I quote: "When the dam burst, people living
- 15 downstream who were not protected were flooded. The remaining
- 16 irrigation system remained useable. But numerous canals were
- 17 either dis-aligned or needed basic repairs. That would have been
- 18 unnecessary if the canals had been built correctly in the first
- 19 place. But such considerations were not considered in the
- 20 fundamental philosophy of the regime. Political conscience of the
- 21 workers mattered more than technical skills. There was a special
- 22 irony in the fact that the Khmer Rouge were inspiring themselves
- 23 from the Angkar periods." A little bit later; "While the Khmers
- 24 of Angkar era advanced the state of the art, constructing
- 25 irrigation systems with hydraulic engineering techniques that

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1 were sophisticated for their time, techniques which nonetheless

- 2 were unable to prevent the salinization of the soil, the Khmer
- 3 Rouge considered engineering skills incidental. They managed to
- 4 reproduce the slavery of that previous era and little else."
- 5 [10.02.08]
- 6 The following document is document E3/8026. It is simply a site
- 7 identification report regarding the 1st and 6th January Dam that
- 8 was produced by the OCIJ on the 23rd of February 2009. And on
- 9 page 2 in French, and page 2 in English, and page 2 and 3 in
- 10 Khmer, there are two small paragraphs that I'm going to read out
- 11 to you, and I quote (free translation): "Although the entire
- 12 irrigation systems had been improved and modernized, the original
- 13 dam still exists. It's called today the Irrigation Rehabilitation
- 14 Project at Stueng Chinit. The modern work is different form the
- one of the Khmer Rouge period in that the basin is a new
- 16 construction and that the main channels are shorter. The basin
- 17 was built in the 1990s in order to avoid the flooding of the
- 18 neighbouring area. At the Khmer Rouge period, the waters were not
- 19 contained and the whole area became flooded."
- 20 [10.03.35]
- 21 So we saw during the Trial the importance of these major works
- 22 and the hot nature of the building of the 1st January Dam site
- 23 during the dry season. Another document mirrors this importance
- 24 in the eyes of Pol Pot and of the Central Committee. This is
- 25 document E3/1783. It is a FBIS report dated 22 December 1977,

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1 which is entitled "Account of the Visit to Cambodia of Chen

- 2 Yonggui". And first of all, there's a short sentence that is
- 3 related by the Chinese radio and that is spoken out by Ros Nhim
- 4 regarding another dam, the Trapeang Thma Dam, and which reminds
- 5 that the major irrigation and dam building projects came from the
- 6 Party Centre. This is at the French page, 00606766; English,
- 7 00498181; and in Khmer, 0659260. And the following is said and I
- 8 quote: "Comrade Nhim -- Ros Nhim, second vice president of the
- 9 Northwest Zone of the CPK declared that the reservoir had been
- 10 built in response to the appeal of the Central Committee of the
- 11 Party requesting to build major water retention projects." (free
- 12 translation).
- 13 [10.05.27]
- 14 This, of course, is a reference to the five-year plan of the
- 15 Central Committee of the Party. In the same document, E3/1783,
- 16 now regarding the 1st January Dam, the article continues, and
- 17 it's on the same page in English and French, and in Khmer it's
- 18 00659261. And I quote:
- 19 "Vice Premier Chen Yonggui also visited many other water
- 20 conservancy projects. To mark the day of the offensive on Phnom
- 21 Penh, January 1, 1975, the people in the Central Zone have built
- 22 the January 1 Dam astride the Chinit River and brought 10,000
- 23 hectares of land under irrigation. Comrade Pauk, a responsible
- 24 party member of the Central Zone, told us: 'The Buddhist monks
- 25 used to say that only god can damn the Chinit River. Some old men

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- 1 were still sceptical when young people discussed construction of
- 2 a dam in the river. Now a dam is there and many old people have
- 3 come to see it.' As secretary Pol Pot put it well: 'The people
- 4 themselves are gods.'" End of quote.
- 5 [10.07.10]
- 6 I'd like to note, however, that in this excerpt, mention is made
- 7 of the fact that the project allowed for the irrigation of 10,000
- 8 hectares of land, whereas in article E3/2412, of Francois
- 9 Ponchaud, it is said that or that the Yugoslav journalist was
- 10 speaking about 30,000 hectares and in Becker's book, she speaks
- 11 about 20,000 hectares. And here were have an official Chinese
- version that brings the figure to 10,000.
- 13 Document E3/1339, the following document is a FBIS report of
- 14 December 1977. On the English page 00168335, there is no French
- 15 translation yet nor Khmer. This is -- the document is dated 8
- 16 December 1977, and the name of the Cambodian figures accompanying
- 17 Chen Yonggui are mentioned in this article. And this -- we have
- 18 Pol Pot, Vorn Vet, Ke Pauk, and Om An. And mention is made in
- 19 this article that thousands of cadres and people welcome them on
- 20 site. Mr. President, now I'm going to turn to a segment regarding
- 21 testimonies about working conditions and living conditions at the
- 22 1st January Dam worksite. So if you want to break now, it maybe
- 23 is a good time.
- 24 [10.09.15]
- 25 MR. PRESIDENT:

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- 1 Thank you. The time is now appropriate for a short recess and the
- 2 Chamber will adjourn now and resume at 10.30.
- 3 (Court recesses from 1009H to 1035H)
- 4 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 5 Please be seated. The Court is back in session.
- 6 And the Chamber now gives the floor to the Co-prosecutor to
- 7 continue the presentation of key documents. But first, you have
- 8 the floor now, Mr. Koppe.
- 9 MR. KOPPE:
- 10 Thank you, Mr. President. I have two objections: first objection
- 11 is relating to something that was shown prior to the break. It
- 12 might have been a translation issue because maybe in French it
- 13 wasn't heard well, but I've formulated an objection nevertheless.
- 14 We have been showed four minutes of footage. We have seen on that
- 15 footage hundreds, maybe thousands of faces. We need to be able to
- 16 defend ourselves -- our client against the allegation that there
- 17 are youngsters or young people on the video. So I think you
- 18 should instruct the Prosecution to tell us which still or which
- 19 second on those four minutes the Prosecution is referring to.
- 20 Maybe we will even concede, but at least we need to know which of
- 21 the faces of those hundreds or thousands of people the
- 22 Prosecution is having in mind. So that's my first objection, also
- 23 in the form of requesting you to instruct the Prosecution to give
- 24 us these stills.
- 25 [10.36.58]

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- 1 My second objection is relating to the documents that are about
- 2 to be shown. In the last key document presentation -- oh, sorry.
- 3 I will slow down, Mr. President.
- 4 My second objection is relating to the documents that are going
- 5 to be discussed now. I made a similar objection during the
- 6 previous key document presentation hearing in relation to civil
- 7 party applications being used by the civil parties. That
- 8 objection was overruled. I will not make a similar objection when
- 9 it comes to civil party applications. However, if the Prosecution
- 10 wishes to use WRIs in the next 10 or 15 minutes, I will object, I
- 11 think. We're having a key document hearing; documents should be
- 12 discussed either, preferably, contemporaneous documents, possibly
- 13 also documents consisting of books or journals. But WRIs,
- 14 although they are paper and strictly speaking, maybe a document,
- 15 of course, I think this is not what the Trial Chamber meant.
- 16 So, if the Prosecution is allowed to discuss WRIs, we have in
- 17 fact a sort of semi-closing argument situation. I think we should
- 18 not go there. The Prosecution should limit itself to documents in
- 19 the legal, technical sense of the word.
- 20 [10.38.48]
- 21 MR. DE WILDE D'ESTMAEL:
- 22 Thank you, Mr. President. Regarding the first objection, quite
- 23 frankly, the Defence will have the time on Monday to make its
- 24 remarks regarding the evidence being at use. This is not the time
- 25 to talk about the exact timing of the appearance of youths on the

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- 1 screen. I consider that as an interruption of this hearing, which
- 2 took off 40 minutes, at the beginning.
- 3 Regarding the second objection, I do not see the basis for it.
- 4 The Office of the Prosecutors has often used contemporaneous
- 5 documents because, in addition to having specific probative value
- 6 as regards to the consideration of the 1st January Dam, there are
- 7 a lot less documents that we can have available at the Party
- 8 centre regarding the authority, the structures of the Party. In
- 9 Case 01, regarding Krang Ta Chan, there are documents that have
- 10 subsisted. So the idea I have is to link some extracts of records
- 11 of hearings of -- or interviews of witnesses who are no longer
- 12 alive. We are talking of three records of interviews and then two
- 13 others that are very short and which refer to the link with the
- 14 Baray Choan Dek, the 1st January Dam worksite.
- 15 We will not be able to use these documents further. I believe the
- 16 Chamber has already ruled on the matter, and maybe the Chamber
- 17 can confirm that.
- 18 (Judges deliberate)
- 19 [10.42.40]
- 20 Mr. PRESIDENT:
- 21 The objection of Mr. Koppe focuses on two points. Number one is
- 22 to ask the Co-Prosecutors to project clearly concerning the video
- 23 footage in relation to child labour. So the video should be
- 24 clearly projected in relation to child labour so that it is clear
- 25 for everyone.

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1 Number two, the objection of Mr. Koppe on the second point is

- 2 overruled in relation to key document presentation hearing,
- 3 particularly concerning the written records of interview of
- 4 witnesses who have passed away already. The Chamber allows
- 5 parties to present such written records of interviews as long as
- 6 the parties can prove that the witness in the written records of
- 7 those interviews passed away. And in the document of the Trial
- 8 Chamber -- that is, E315/1, it is clear that the documents to be
- 9 presented should be limited to the relevant facts adjudicated
- 10 before the Trial Chamber.
- 11 And the Chamber would like to inform the parties that this
- 12 morning, the Chamber started the hearing late for this reason. It
- 13 will grant an additional 50 minutes to the Co-Prosecutors and
- 14 Lead Co-Lawyers to present their documents so that they can
- 15 finish it by the time allocated.
- 16 The Chamber would like to once again reiterate that it will give
- 17 additional 50 minutes to the Co-Prosecutors and the Lead
- 18 Co-Lawyers, because this morning we started the hearing late. And
- 19 once again, the Chamber grants an additional 50 minutes.
- 20 [10.45.56]
- 21 MR. SMITH:
- 22 Thank you, Your Honour. 40 minutes -- 50 minutes, thank you.
- 23 Your Honour, if I can just raise one other point, which has come
- 24 up new. Obviously, I don't want to make it 60 minutes. But the --
- 25 in terms of using written records of interviews at these

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1	hearings, the Prosecution has prepared on that basis not just
2	the written records of interviews of people that have died, but
3	many people, and I'll just briefly explain why. Because, Your
4	Honours, have requested us to focus as directly as we can on the
5	facts relating to the different worksites and, as Your Honours
6	are aware, in the other document hearings, when we were dealing
7	with policies, there's far more policy evidence that's available
8	in the contemporaneous form. But when we move to the particular
9	worksites, perhaps Krang Ta Chan might be one exception, as Your
10	Honours are aware, on the case file, there's far less
11	contemporaneous direct documentation. And so the Prosecutors, to
12	accord with Your Honours request, have looked at direct evidence,
13	and that has been the basis of our presentation today. Where we
14	can find contemporaneous DK documents, we do do that. But
15	sometimes, other than policy evidence, there's not as many of
16	those documents available. So we've had and needed to use written
17	records of interview. And as far as the weight of written records
18	of interview, the Defence say we should be using books and
19	journal articles; of course, all parties have been using that
20	material where they need to, but to be clear, books and journal
21	articles are relying on original documentation, witness
22	statements, etc. So it's a secondary source; an important one,
23	but a secondary source. So as far as written records of
24	interviews are concerned, Your Honours, we submit that they
25	reliable corroborative pieces of evidence which we should be able

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- 1 to put before this Chamber, whether or not the author of that
- 2 statement is dead or alive. And I would ask, Your Honours, if you
- 3 could confirm that, because that would change the nature of our
- 4 presentation quite markedly.
- 5 Thank you.
- 6 (Judges deliberate)
- 7 [10.49.12]
- 8 Mr. PRESIDENT:
- 9 The Chamber would like to reiterate again that on this portion,
- 10 the objection of the Defence team is overruled. So Co-Prosecutors
- 11 can proceed with presentation concerning the point that you have
- 12 just raised. I, a while ago, made mention of the cases that some
- 13 documents cannot be presented. So it is clear now that the
- 14 objection by the defence team on this point is overruled; it is
- 15 clear for everyone.
- 16 You have the floor now, Judge Lavergne.
- 17 JUDGE LAVERGNE:
- 18 Yes, Thank you, Mr. President. I will be very brief, but I want
- 19 things to be very clear, particularly for the record. In the
- 20 French version, 50 additional minutes will be granted to the
- 21 Prosecutor, and not 15, as we have heard in French.
- 22 [10.50.32]
- 23 MR. DE WILDE D'ESTMAEL:
- 24 Mr. President, I will proceed with some testimonies concerning
- 25 the 1st January Dam, and in particular, as I said earlier,

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1 several witnesses who were close to Ke Pauk, the secretary of the

- 2 former North Zone and the Central Zone.
- 3 The first record of interview is E3/5513. And it is the record of
- 4 interview of Ieng Chham alias Chhi. He was a former bodyguard of
- 5 Ke Pauk up to 1975. And in 1976, he was one of the rare persons
- 6 who received a six-month training session on irrigation and
- 7 hydroelectricity at the technical school of Ruessey Keo, in Phnom
- 8 Penh, before the school was closed and the professors were
- 9 arrested. He subsequently became a technician and a foreman of
- 10 the 1st January Dam worksite. That is what I can say regarding
- 11 his competencies in hydroelectricity and what happened at the
- 12 Ruessey Keo technical school, and it is answer number 39.
- 13 [10.51.50]
- 14 "Most students there did not want to study hydroelectricity. I
- 15 believe that most of them who were in training at the time could
- 16 not use the knowledge they acquired because they did not eat
- 17 enough and often fell sick. Consequently, they were obliged to
- 18 drop out of school after they were taken ill."
- 19 Answer number 44, this is what he said:
- 20 "They told us to use our skills and practice at the cooperatives.
- 21 They subsequently asked us to continue to study to increase our
- 22 knowledge and skills and to get a certificate. Unfortunately, the
- 23 school was closed, subsequently, somewhat later. During the
- 24 study, they had a plan to conduct a field study at the
- 25 hydroelectricity station at Kirirom and other places, but we did

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- 1 not manage to go there." End of quote.
- 2 Answer number 52 talks about the technical choices that were made
- 3 as regards to 1st January Dam worksite, notably the absence of a
- 4 stairway and the construction of a sluice gate. Answer number 52:
- 5 [10.53.24]
- 6 "I was sent to inspect the Chinit River and to visit a culvert
- 7 built by the French in Siem Reap for us to choose which methods
- 8 to block water. They did not choose the method the French had
- 9 chosen for the Siem Reap Dam."
- 10 Ouestion number 56:
- 11 "When did the construction start and when was the 1st January Dam
- 12 worksite opened?"
- 13 Answer -- an answer by Ieng Chham:
- 14 "In between late 1976 and early 1977, the 1st January Dam was
- 15 surveyed. They required that that we finish the lower foundation
- 16 before the rainy season in 1977." End of quote. (Free
- 17 translation)
- 18 [10.54.20]
- 19 In answer number 86, Ieng Chham points out that the 1st January
- 20 Dam was competed in the year 1978. And I quote:
- 21 "I was in charge of that Dam up until the time when the
- 22 Vietnamese entered the country." (free translation). And he
- 23 points out that this is not the 6th January Dam.
- 24 Question 59:
- 25 "Did Sao" -- and we're referring to the head of the work team --

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- 1 "did Sao who issue the master plan for the construction?"
- 2 Ieng Chham response:
- 3 "I did not know that at all. I just knew that Sao and I received
- 4 the master plan from Ke Pauk. According to the plan examination,
- 5 it was just an image plan, a simple picture. It was not the plan
- 6 following technical standards. That plan was drawn on simple
- 7 paper."
- 8 Ieng Chham explains the technical approximations made on the 1st
- 9 January Dam worksite and concern to economise equipment, which
- 10 led to at least one incident.
- 11 [10.55.56]
- 12 Answer 83, and I quote:
- 13 "At the time, my team tried very hard to work to do whatever, to
- 14 finish the work set by the upper echelon. When we were not able
- 15 to complete according to this set plan, we would be in danger.
- 16 For instance, the front part of the spillway that Sao ordered us
- 17 to use less cement and iron. It means that we needed to use the
- 18 materials economically, unless -- and maintain the quality. But
- 19 after I tried opening the rear water gate, half of the front part
- 20 of the spillway was broken."
- 21 Regarding the importance of this 1st January Dam worksite, Ieng
- 22 Chham says in answer number 63:
- 23 "The dam was placed under the supervision of the North zone,
- 24 which included Sectors 41, 42 and 43. This means that the dam was
- 25 controlled by the North zone."

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- 1 [10.57.08]
- 2 And answer number 82, and we should recall that Ke Pauk came to
- 3 that worksite once or twice a month.
- 4 Regarding sanitation and health care, Ieng Chham is very clear on
- 5 this matter. In answer number 74 to 77, he states, in 74:
- 6 "There were many sick people. There were not enough medicines for
- 7 treating them. Nevertheless, we made most of these medicines
- 8 ourselves. They were small, round-shaped tablets which looked
- 9 like rabbit pellets. We also had some medicines for intravenal
- 10 (phonetic) injections."
- 11 Answer number 75:
- 12 "I didn't know whether those medics went through school or not
- 13 because of those medics were very young. By my reckoning, they
- 14 did not have specific knowledge or any experience."
- 15 Question 76:
- 16 "Were there hospital or places to accommodate and treat
- 17 patients?"
- 18 [10.58.32]
- 19 Answer 76:
- 20 "They built a shelter as an office for accommodating the patients
- 21 but you can't call that hospitals. I can say that the medicines
- 22 were lacking in quality and the medics did not have the capacity
- 23 at the time." End of quote. (Free translation)
- 24 And lastly, question 77 is uncategorical (sic):
- 25 "I saw that there were many people walking at some places. It

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- 1 lacked sanitation. There was not enough to eat. The medics did
- 2 not have quality or knowledge. These were the reasons why the
- 3 patients did not survive."
- 4 Finally, at answer 85, Ieng Chham explains the following, and I
- 5 quote:
- 6 "After the disappearance of Sao, Ke Pauk appointed me to be in
- 7 charge of continuing the construction." End of quote.
- 8 And now, I would like to refer to document E3/7414--
- 9 [10.59.51]
- 10 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 11 International Prosecutor, please hold on; and Counsel Koppe, you
- 12 may proceed.
- 13 MR. KOPPE:
- 14 Thank you, Mr. President. I missed the part in which the
- 15 Prosecution indicates that this TCW-252 is dead. I haven't heard
- 16 that.
- 17 JUDGE FENZ:
- 18 To clarify this, what the President did when he tried to clarify
- 19 his ruling was -- or tried to do, to say that it extends to all,
- 20 not only to those that are dead. Apparently there was a
- 21 translation issue. So there is no need to prove death. But the
- 22 ruling that statements can be used extends to all of them.
- 23 MR. KOPPE:
- 24 But then we will officially withdraw from our document
- 25 presentation because this is a farce.

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- 1 [11.01.02]
- 2 MR. DE WILDE D'ESTMAEL:
- 3 I will continue, Mr. President. So I had finished by saying that
- 4 answer 85, Ieng Chham had said that after the disappearance of
- 5 Sao, Ke Pauk had appointed him to take charge of the construction
- 6 work. Sao not only disappeared, he was arrested, interrogated and
- 7 questioned, and executed at S-21. And we can find S-21 -- Sao's
- 8 S-21 confession. His full name is Yap Yan, alias Sao. This is
- 9 document E3/7414, dated 25 September 1977.
- 10 Another testimony is the testimony of Ke Pich Vannak, alias
- 11 Vannak, Tha and Yuth -- E3/35.
- 12 Mr. President, I am being interrupted again I see--
- 13 MR. VERCKEN:
- 14 Yes, Mr. President, you won't be interrupted for long because the
- 15 Khieu Samphan defence considers also that this document hearing
- 16 does not have its place in this Trial and does not see why it
- 17 should continue partaking in something that resembles more final
- 18 statements than anything else. So therefore, we would like to
- 19 withdraw from the process.
- 20 JUDGE FENZ:
- 21 Then let us put on record that the International Defence Counsels
- 22 for both teams are leaving the room; National Defence Counsels
- 23 are staying, at least so far. In this case, we can go ahead.
- 24 [11.03.20]
- 25 MR. KONG SAM ONN:

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- 1 Mr. President, I am seeking your leave, Mr. President, since I am
- 2 working as a team in my defence team, so I would like to also
- 3 withdraw from these proceedings.
- 4 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 5 The International Prosecutor, you may proceed.
- 6 MR. SMITH:
- 7 First, Your Honour, just briefly for the record, the Prosecution
- 8 hasn't been submitting closing arguments; it's been presenting
- 9 evidence in accordance with your Order. The behaviour of the
- 10 Defence is completely illogical. And in relation to -- certainly,
- 11 in relation to the Khieu Samphan team, Your Honours, as you can
- 12 see, the counsel for Khieu Samphan had walked out. Your Honours
- 13 have standby counsel for Khieu Samphan and we will just ask, Your
- 14 Honours, to consider whether or not they should come in place of
- 15 the counsel that have decided not to participate in these
- 16 proceeding. But maybe that's something to consider during the
- 17 lunch break.
- 18 [11.05.04]
- 19 MR. DE WILDE D'ESTMAEL:
- 20 I am therefore going to proceed. The following testimony is
- 21 document--
- 22 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 23 Is there any issue or observation on the withdrawal of the two
- 24 defence teams?
- 25 How about the Lead Co-Lawyer for the civil parties, do you have

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- 1 any observation?
- 2 MR. PICH ANG:
- 3 Mr. President, earlier on I wanted to observe on this, but now I
- 4 have withdrawn my position. So I remain silent on this issue.
- 5 (Judges deliberate)
- 6 [11.09.39]
- 7 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 8 Just now we granted the floor and now you are dreaming and you
- 9 are getting up on your feet. We do not have any more time for
- 10 discussion on this issue, Counsel.
- 11 MR. PICH ANG:
- 12 Mr. President, since we are working in a team, so I needed some
- 13 time to consult with my teammate before I made any observation. I
- 14 would like to take this opportunity to express our position that
- 15 the behaviour of the defence counsels is absolutely not
- 16 appropriate. We believe that what the Prosecution has done and
- 17 the proceedings that is now ongoing before Your Bench is the key
- 18 document presentation. That's why the Party should have the
- 19 opportunity to present the documents and they have the
- 20 opportunity to object to any document once their time comes, and
- 21 they can make an observation on this document. So this is not a
- 22 final statement by the Party at all. So once again, we would like
- 23 to reiterate our position, that the counsel has a duty to be
- 24 present in this hearing, and if they withdraw from this
- 25 proceeding, this is absolutely not appropriate.

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- 1 [11.11.20]
- 2 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 3 If that is the case, you should have notified the Bench that you
- 4 need some time to consult with your teammate before you made
- 5 observations, rather than you said that you did not have any
- 6 observation and then later on you stand on your feet, and you
- 7 have an observation.
- 8 Now, I hand over the floor to Judge Lavergne.
- 9 JUDGE LAVERGNE:
- 10 Thank you, Mr. President. Of course, this is a rather exceptional
- 11 situation here, rather extraordinary, in fact. And I would like
- 12 simply to note, for the record that, apparently, the Khieu
- 13 Samphan defence was intending to use at least one WRI, because I
- 14 see that on the list of key documents that they submitted to the
- 15 Chamber, we see document E3/35 -- this is the WRI of Ke Pich
- 16 Vannak -- so therefore, I have some questions about why the Khieu
- 17 Samphan defence reacted the way it did today. But we are going to
- 18 see how we are going to manage the situation.
- 19 [11.12.50]
- 20 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 21 Thank you. The Chamber wishes to advise the Parties and members
- 22 of the public that the presentation of key documents before the
- 23 Chamber concerning the three worksites, now the Chamber cannot
- 24 proceed because the two defence teams, both National and
- 25 Internationals, have boycotted the proceedings and they have

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1 walked out of this courtroom. And the Accused now do not have the

- 2 defence lawyer to represent their interest now. And it is
- 3 important that the proceedings before this Chamber is carried out
- 4 with the presence of the defence teams to represent the Accused
- 5 -- at least there is one National or International lawyers. But
- 6 now, since both of them have boycotted and left the courtroom, so
- 7 we cannot proceed.
- 8 [11.13.59]
- 9 For that reason, the Chamber adjourns the hearing now and resumes
- 10 tomorrow at 9 a.m. And for your information, in between now and
- 11 tomorrow morning, we will deliberate among the members of the
- 12 Bench and with the Parties. We will look into this issue, as well
- 13 as other facts to be heard in the future proceedings. And we have
- 14 to make sure that it is correct and fair to all parties to
- 15 proceed further.
- 16 And this issue has already been put forth to all Parties in Case
- 17 001 and Case 002/01. We have followed the same proceedings. We
- 18 have taken into considerations all the viewpoints of all Parties
- 19 before we render a decision. And finally, we presented already
- 20 before the proceedings today, we notified the Parties the
- 21 proceedings, as well as the procedures on this presentation of
- 22 the key documents. We made it very clear based on the Practice
- 23 Direction to the Parties with reference to various documents that
- 24 the Court has been using. And now, all of a sudden this morning,
- 25 this incident took place. So for that reason, the Chamber now

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1	adjourns the hearing and we will resume tomorrow at 9 a.m.
2	[11.15.35
3	Security guards are now instructed to bring the Co-Accused, Nuon
4	Chea and Khieu Samphan, back to the detention facilities, and
5	have them back in this courtroom tomorrow before 9 a.m. And other
6	parties are also invited to the proceedings, tomorrow before 9
7	a.m.
8	The Court is now adjourned.
9	(Court adjourns at 1116H)
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