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- 1 PROCEEDINGS
- 2 (Court opens at 0859H)
- 3 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 4 Please be seated. The Court is now in session.
- 5 Today, the Chamber continues to hear testimony of witness Kaing
- 6 Guek Eav alias Duch.
- 7 Ms. Chea Sivhoang, please report the attendance of the parties
- 8 and other individuals to today's proceedings.
- 9 [09.00.51]
- 10 THE GREFFIER:
- 11 Mr. President, for today's proceedings, all parties to this case
- 12 are present except counsel Kong Sam Onn, the national counsel for
- 13 Khieu Samphan, who will be absent today for personal matters.
- 14 Mr. Nuon Chea is present in the holding cell downstairs. He has
- 15 waived his right to be present in the courtroom. The waiver has
- 16 been delivered to the greffier.
- 17 The witness who is to continue his testimony today -- that is,
- 18 Kaing Guek Eav alias Duch, is already present in the courtroom.
- 19 Thank you.
- 20 [09.01.33]
- 21 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 22 Thank you, Ms. Chea Sivhoang. The Chamber now decides on the
- 23 request by Nuon Chea.
- 24 The Chamber has received a waiver from Nuon Chea, dated 13 June
- 25 2016, which states that due to his health -- that is, headache,

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- 1 back pain, he cannot sit or concentrate for long. And in order to
- 2 effectively participate in future hearings, he requests to waive
- 3 his right to be present at the 20 -- at the 13 June 2016 hearing.
- 4 He advises that his counsel advised him about the consequence of
- 5 this waiver, that in no way it can be construed as a waiver of
- 6 his rights to be tried fairly or to challenge evidence presented
- 7 to or admitted by this Court at any time during this trial.
- 8 [09.02.27]
- 9 Having seen the medical report of Nuon Chea by the duty doctor
- 10 for the Accused at the ECCC, dated 13 June 2016, which notes that
- 11 Nuon Chea has a chronic back pain and it becomes severe when he
- 12 sits for long and recommends that the Chamber shall grant him his
- 13 request so that he can follow the proceedings remotely from the
- 14 holding cell downstairs. Based on the above information and
- 15 pursuant to Rule 81.5 of the ECCC Internal Rules, the Chamber
- 16 grants Nuon Chea his request to follow today's proceedings
- 17 remotely from the holding cell downstairs via an audio-visual
- 18 means.
- 19 The Chamber instructs the AV Unit personnel to link the
- 20 proceedings to the room downstairs so that Nuon Chea can follow.
- 21 That applies for the whole day.
- 22 I'd like to hand the floor now to the Lead Co-Lawyers for civil
- 23 parties to continue putting further questions to the witness.
- 24 You may proceed.
- 25 [09.03.34]

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- 1 QUESTIONING BY MS. GUIRAUD RESUMES:
- 2 Thank you, Mr. President. Good morning, everyone.
- 3 Q. Good morning, witness. I will continue putting questions to
- 4 you for about 30 minutes, and then I will give the floor to my
- 5 colleague, Mr. Ang Pich.
- 6 For a start, I would like to continue putting questions on the
- 7 topic we started with on Thursday afternoon, the issue of sexual
- 8 assault <and rape> at S-21. And these questions will enable you
- 9 to react to what you said on Thursday afternoon at 15.25. You
- 10 said the following, and I quote:
- 11 "I am only aware of one single case, that of a young man who
- 12 sexually assaulted my former professor. This was an error that
- 13 was committed as part of the interrogation."
- 14 Witness, who was that professor you referred to, and what can you
- 15 tell us about what happened during her interrogation?
- 16 [09.04.49]
- 17 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 18 First allow me to clarify that, at S-21 office, in relation to
- 19 rape, the National Co-Prosecutor, Madam Chea Leang, during her
- 20 final pleading, said that there was only one case that a young
- 21 man was found to engage in sexual <assault>, that he used a stick
- 22 to insert into the vagina <of my former teacher>. And that was
- 23 the case that I heard of, and I felt so remorseful for that.
- 24 There was no evidence to actually prove that. I spoke about that
- 25 matter with <Nic Dunlop and> Nate Thayer in April 1994 since

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- 1 there was no remaining document at S-21.
- 2 Regarding other incidents of rape, to me, they were all
- 3 fabricated. And that teacher or professor was Dim Saroeun.
- 4 At that time, I was still studying, and <she taught me> in 1955.
- 5 <I was in first grade.> Her husband, Ke Kim Huot, taught me at a
- 6 senior level during my schooling. And later on, we actually
- 7 joined the revolution together.
- 8 [09.06.40]
- 9 O. And what was her husband's name? I'll show you a document
- 10 subsequently.
- 11 A. I just mentioned her husband's name. Her husband's name is Ke
- 12 Kim Huot. <He taught me at a senior level.>
- 13 Q. Thank you, witness.
- 14 I would like to have placed on the screen a document you have in
- 15 the blue folder that was given to you on Thursday afternoon, and
- 16 that is document E3/10277. That is a list of prisoners from the
- 17 women's section. The date of entry of those prisoners was the
- 18 13th of July 1977. ERN in Khmer -- this document is available
- 19 only in Khmer -- 01017149.
- 20 Witness, may I request you to look at entry 45 on the list?
- 21 Mr. President, may I be allowed to place this document on the
- 22 screen so that the parties and the public may acquaint themselves
- 23 with it?
- 24 [09.08.15]
- 25 MR. PRESIDENT:

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- 1 Yes, you may proceed.
- 2 BY MS. GUIRAUD:
- 3 Q. Witness, you find here on the screen a list with a red
- 4 rectangle indicating the name Saroeun <(phonetic)> you referred
- 5 to a while ago. It is also indicated that she was the wife of Ke
- 6 Kim Huot. Can you confirm that?
- 7 I mean can you confirm that this entry on the list corresponds to
- 8 the professor you have just referred to?
- 9 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 10 A. Ke Kim Huot was my <teacher>, and Dim Saroeun was also my
- 11 <teacher>. The husband and the wife were both <> my teachers <at
- 12 primary school>.
- 13 [09.09.39]
- 14 Q. So we have on this list you have in hand the date of entry
- 15 13th of July 1977. Do you recall that date, and does it remind
- 16 you of the date on which you <saw or became> aware that Dim
- 17 Saroeun and Ke Kim Huot were at S-21?
- 18 A. I do not have a clear recollection of the date -- that is, 13
- 19 of July '77. I believed in principle this list <could be> a
- 20 proper list. At S-21, for important prisoners, when they arrived,
- 21 they were not yet registered on the list. And Comrade Thy was not
- 22 authorized to register the names yet, so I can conclude that the
- 23 date of 13 July '77 -- that is, the arrival date of Ke Kim Huot
- 24 and his wife, could be a correct date.
- 25 And of course, the list was reported to me and I knew of the

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- 1 arrival of my teachers.
- 2 That is all I want to say.
- 3 [09.11.31]
- 4 Q. Thank you. That is very clear.
- 5 Were you aware of the event you referred to at the beginning of
- 6 the hearing, the fact that an interrogator <allegedly> thrust a
- 7 stick into the vagina of teacher Dim Saroeun and, if yes, what
- 8 was your reaction at the time and what measures did you take?
- 9 A. During my current testimony as well as my previous testimony,
- 10 I made that point clear. However, allow me to reiterate it.
- 11 On that day, I was at my working place, which was also my
- 12 residence. I lived and worked at the same house, although it was
- 13 in a different room. And my main task was <reviewing> documents,
- 14 and that day, Hor, hurriedly came to me. And of course, <you
- 15 know> who Hor was.
- 16 He was my deputy, and he told me that this person actually stuck
- 17 a stick into the vagina of my teacher. I was angry and I told him
- 18 to remove him from the <> interrogation unit <for female
- 19 detainees>.
- 20 [09.13.00]
- 21 And that evening, I reported the matter to Son Sen. In my
- 22 capacity as the <head> of S-21, I did not have any authority to
- 23 request Angkar to arrest anyone, but my authority was to transfer
- 24 or remove that person from one post to another post.
- 25 I made the report to my superior, Khieu, and he did not issue any

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- 1 decision to arrest that individual. For that reason, that person
- 2 was not arrested.
- 3 O. Do you remember the identity of the interrogator in question?
- 4 A. No, I did not actually delve into details of the matter, and I
- 5 cannot recall the name of that person.
- 6 [09.14.15]
- 7 Q. Thank you.
- 8 A question for purposes of clarification because I'm not sure I
- 9 properly understood the translation in French of what you said.
- 10 You said that the person was subsequently transferred <to> the
- 11 women's interrogation section. Are you talking about your teacher
- 12 who was transferred to the women's interrogation section and, if
- 13 yes, can you provide further explanations as to what you mean
- when you say "women's interrogation"?
- 15 A. Thank you for asking for clarification on this matter.
- 16 And of course, I'd like to clarify the matter so everyone is
- 17 clear -- that is, for everyone here and for all Cambodian people.
- 18 I removed that interrogator from the <> interrogation unit <for
- 19 female detainees>. At the same time, I required all cadres at
- 20 S-21 who were married to have their wives interrogate female
- 21 prisoners, namely, female Comrade Mot, <Hor's wife>, who was from
- 22 the clothes-making factory; Comrade <Khoeun, > Huy's wife, who was
- 23 from former Division 703; as well as a number of other comrades,
- 24 including Comrades Ron (phonetic), <Comrade Trov's (phonetic)
- 25 wife > and also <> Pon<'s wife who was from the clothes-making

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- 1 factory>.
- 2 The wives of these cadres were used to interrogate female
- 3 prisoners, and that was <when> they formed this female or
- 4 <women's> interrogation unit, and their tasks were to interrogate
- 5 female prisoners.
- 6 [09.16.35]
- 7 Q. Thank you.
- 8 As regards all those <wives>, did they stay at S-21 up to the end
- 9 or <did> some of them <disappear> or were <they> executed while
- 10 they were at S-21?
- 11 A. That response was also a good response. The wives of Hor, Pon,
- 12 Trov (phonetic) and Pon remained at the centre until the day they
- 13 <fled> from Vietnamese troops <on 7 January 1979>. Huy was
- 14 arrested and, for that reason, his wife, Khoeun, and the children
- 15 were also arrested.
- 16 So out of those female cadres, only one woman or one female
- 17 cadre<, Khoeun, > was arrested.
- 18 Q. Do you know why Dim Saroeun and your teacher, Ke Kim Huot,
- 19 were arrested?
- 20 You stated a while ago that you were informed of their presence
- 21 at S-21. <Did> you know why they were arrested?
- 22 [09.18.23]
- 23 A. It's a long story, and allow me to summarize it.
- 24 Between 1978, Brother Mok actually removed four intellectuals
- 25 from the Southwest Zone and <said> that they had to leave the

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- 1 zone within 24 hours, including <Khaek> Pen alias Sou (phonetic),
- 2 Ke Kim Huot, and I do not recall his alias. That could be Moan
- 3 (phonetic). Chea Hun (phonetic) alias Van (phonetic); and another
- 4 individual, Um Chuon alias Mei (phonetic); they had to leave the
- 5 zone within 24 hours.
- 6 So the parties actually sent them to Northwest Zone.
- 7 Later on, <> they were <implicated> in a number of confessions
- 8 and, as a result, Office 870 arrested the four and sent them to
- 9 S-21. And that is the reason for their arrest and arrival at
- 10 S-21.
- 11 And Ke Kim Huot was brought along with his wife, Dim Saroeun.
- 12 [09.20.08]
- 13 Q. Thank you.
- 14 Let me point out that the list you have identified indicates that
- 15 Ke Kim Huot arrived <at S-21> on the 13th of July <1977. I would
- 16 like you to react to statements made by witnesses who preceded
- 17 you in this Chamber over the last several weeks, or during your
- 18 own trial, > regarding the <female interrogators, > the <wives> of
- 19 cadres, who <apparently> interrogated <female> detainees,
- 20 beginning with Prak Khan, who we already referred to on Thursday,
- 21 there's a transcript of your <own> case, <E3/7463>. We are on the
- 22 21st of July 2009, and it is 15.53.
- 23 And Prak Khan is questioned on the same issue -- that is,
- 24 regarding the presence of interrogators who were both male and
- 25 female. And Prak Khan was asked the following question. I'll

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- 1 <read> the question and then we'll look at the answer in order
- 2 for you to react:
- 3 Question: "Did you, yourself, ever have to interrogate female
- 4 detainees?"
- 5 Answer: "I interrogated a woman on one occasion."
- 6 Question: "When was that? Was it at the beginning of your
- 7 functions as an interrogator or, rather, at the end? Was it a
- 8 time when there were female interrogators or it was at a time
- 9 when there were no longer any female interrogators, or was it
- 10 before there were female interrogators?"
- 11 [09.21.54]
- 12 And Prak Khan's answer was as follows: "The interrogation of that
- 13 prisoner occurred towards the end of the period when there were
- 14 no longer any female interrogators, so the work done by female
- 15 interrogators was <reassigned> to male interrogators."
- 16 Question: "Did you interrogate her alone?"
- 17 Answer: "Yes. I was alone, but the interrogation occurred
- 18 differently because all those windows at the time had to be left
- 19 wide open in order that anyone who passed by there could see that
- 20 there was nothing illegal occurring."
- 21 What is your reaction, witness, to what Prak Khan said <during
- 22 your own trial>, essentially that <after> a certain point in time
- 23 there were no longer any female interrogators and it was male
- 24 interrogators who continued interrogating the <female> detainees?
- 25 [09.23.09]

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- 1 A. Allow me to clarify the matter.
- 2 That development of the interrogation unit and, in particular,
- 3 for male detainees and for the female detainees, as the
- 4 development or the changes <was> like what I described earlier.
- 5 <After female> cadres were <> assigned to interrogate female
- 6 detainees, <> the <female> interrogators were not executed <later
- 7 on>, except <for> Khoeun. And <the reason for that was because>
- 8 Huy was ordered by <870> to be arrested.
- 9 And as for Hor, Hor was with me. How could I arrest Mot?
- 10 <And for Comrade Pon, he was my right-hand man. How could I
- 11 arrest Comrade Ny (phonetic)?>
- 12 So when the male cadres were working with me, it would not be
- 13 possible for me to arrest their wives, so that statement by Prak
- 14 Khan is not correct.
- 15 I can say that the testimony of Prak Khan before this Chamber is
- 16 not reliable.
- 17 [09.24.37]
- 18 Q. Thank you.
- 19 I would like you to react to another testimony we heard in this
- 20 particular case, and I'm referring to the testimony of Lach Mean.
- 21 We also referred to him on Thursday afternoon on 26th of April
- 22 2016, and it is the draft transcript for the time being, up to
- 23 10.02 a.m. And I will read out to you the question in order for
- 24 you to understand the context, and I will then read Lach Mean's
- 25 answer:

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- 1 Question: "Were there any female interrogators to interrogate
- 2 women or it was the usual interrogators who interrogated female
- 3 prisoners? "
- 4 Answer: "There were no female interrogators. There was only Pon's
- 5 spouse. She was <a woman> working there. "As for Duch's wife, she
- 6 didn't work within the premises, but outside.
- 7 "There was another woman, <Hain's (sic)> wife, and only <Hain's
- 8 (sic) > wife -- <H-A-I-N (sic) for the interpreters, and Pon's
- 9 wife> had access to the interrogation room within S-21. However, I
- 10 do not know whether those women interrogated female detainees or
- 11 not."
- 12 Witness, do you have any remarks to make? Because it appears that
- 13 at least two interrogators were not aware of the existence of
- 14 that female interrogation unit, <or in any case,> they continued
- 15 interrogating women<, at least for Prak Kham, one woman> after
- 16 the unit was set up.
- 17 Do you have any remarks to make in that regard?
- 18 [09.26.38]
- 19 A. I do not have any remark to make, but I'd like to tell the
- 20 truth in relation to this individual, Lach Mean.
- 21 Interrogators, cadres <included> Lach Mean, but the person who
- 22 appeared before this Chamber in Case 001 was not Lach Mean who
- 23 was my subordinate; and I believe you can refer to the
- 24 transcript.
- 25 When the Office of the Co-Prosecutors showed him the signature of

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- 1 Lach Mean, Lach Mean categorically denied <it>, and he said that
- 2 it was not his signature. And the Co-Prosecutor was laughing at
- 3 the time. So this proves that Lach Mean, who appeared before this
- 4 Chamber during the proceedings in Case 001, was another person
- 5 and he was not the real Lach Mean. He was only -- he was someone
- 6 who was made up as Lach Mean.
- 7 [09.27.58]
- 8 So for that reason, the testimony of that individual should not
- 9 be considered. And the statement that Pon's wife was living
- 10 outside and my wife was working in the military hospital,
- 11 although she stayed at home, that is a correct statement.
- 12 And later on, toward the end of the regime, she was pregnant with
- 13 my second child and, for that reason, she stopped working and
- 14 stayed at home with me. And for that reason, I did not bring her
- 15 to work in S-21.
- 16 And Hor's wife -- that is, Mot, if I still used Hor as my
- 17 subordinate, how could I remove Mot -- that is, his wife? <If I
- 18 still used Comrade Trov (phonetic), how could I remove Comrade
- 19 Ron (phonetic)?> <Comrade Ron (phonetic)> was a niece of
- 20 secretary of Sector 31, and if I dared to remove her, then I
- 21 would be in trouble.
- 22 So the female cadres who interrogated female detainees remained
- 23 until the <7th> of January <>. <Only Comrade Ny (phonetic)
- 24 disappeared.>
- 25 [09.29.42]

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- 1 Q. Thank you.
- 2 I would like to put to you a last series of questions, which will
- 3 be based on the 12 moral commandments. And I'd like to know if
- 4 you remember still today these 12 moral commandments and, if yes,
- 5 can you tell the Chamber what you remember?
- 6 A. Regarding the 12 moral principles, it was disseminated in
- 7 <1968>, though I actually read it in 1971 after I was released
- 8 and then I re-engaged with my revolutionary work.
- 9 The first line or principle is to always love, to respect and
- 10 serve the <> people, always. And the second principle is that
- 11 wherever you are, serve the people there with all your heart --
- 12 that is, serve the workers and the peasants there with all your
- 13 heart.
- 14 And the third, do not engage in doing anything that impacts the
- 15 people, not even one chili pepper or one word.
- 16 [09.31.34]
- 17 Number 4, if you commit a mistake regarding the people, you must
- 18 apologize to the people.
- 19 And number 5, <do not drink, or eat anything that is wrong for
- 20 the revolution>.
- 21 And number 6, do not behave in any way that violates females.
- 22 And one of the principles states that you shall always <love and
- 23 always> sacrifice yourself. And allow me to expand that point a
- 24 little bit.
- 25 Ponchaud mentioned in his book -- that is, "Year Zero", that

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- 1 always <love and> engage in <> labour, but the word "sacrifice"
- 2 and "labour" do not go hand in hand together because the word
- 3 "sacrifice" means you dare to die for the revolution. That is
- 4 sacrifice.
- 5 As for "labour", it means that in the morning you have to carry
- 6 water in the bucket, etc.
- 7 So the interpretation by Ponchaud is not that accurate and, for
- 8 that reason, I'd like to state during this testimony that one of
- 9 the principles mentioned by Ponchaud is not correct.
- 10 As for the rest of the principles, I cannot recall them right
- 11 now.
- 12 [09.33.28]
- 13 Q. Thank you.
- 14 Can you explain to the Chamber what the purpose was or what the
- 15 status was of these principles? Was this an ideal to reach for
- 16 any revolutionary?
- 17 Can you somehow describe what these 12 revolutionary principles
- 18 <represented> back then?
- 19 A. Thank you. This is an appropriate question. I would like to
- 20 elaborate it.
- 21 You can refer to the terms in the 12 <principles> of a
- 22 revolutionary, <particularly> number 2, "Wherever you are, serve
- 23 the people, <workers, peasants> there with all your heart".
- 24 <Workers and> peasants here do not refer to <all> the people in
- 25 general. That is the idea of CPK. That is the <workers and>

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- 1 peasants based on the Party's class.
- 2 [09.34.58]
- 3 And there is another point in the 12 <principles> of a
- 4 revolutionary. If you commit some mistakes regarding the people,
- 5 you must apologize to the people.
- 6 So the question is: who adhered to the 12 <principles> at the
- 7 time?
- 8 I cannot say that everyone adhered to the 12 <principles>, but I,
- 9 myself, was committed to the 12 <principles>, and I told the
- 10 Chamber about my commitment to 12 <principles>. And I had
- 11 committed some mistakes regarding the people, so I had already
- 12 apologized <to> the people.
- 13 And concerning the drinking<, the eating, the smoking> or did
- 14 anything wrong, I <> apologized <for my behavior because I am
- 15 human, not God>. In <1973, I drank palm wine>. <One day,> I went
- 16 to a study session <with Bong Phoas, Cheng An's wife, > and I
- 17 admitted my mistake that I had drank the <sour> palm juice, and I
- 18 committed -- I confessed to my mistake at the time in a study
- 19 session -- that is, I had drank palm wine. <And Bong Phoas
- 20 pointed her finger at me. So this is concerning the principle, do
- 21 not eat, drink anything that is wrong for the revolution.>
- 22 And concerning another <principle>, do not play around with girls
- 23 or women, I instructed <myself and others> about this
- 24 <principle>. I instructed them to have the doors and windows wide
- 25 open while interrogating <female prisoners>, and I instructed

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- 1 that to the <male> interrogators. That is the principle.
- 2 And when Brother Nuon was my superior, he instructed me <> not to
- 3 interrogate female detainees, and I, myself, <> had never
- 4 interrogated <any> detainees since I was busy with reading the
- 5 documents <in order to summarize them so that it could be sent to
- 6 the Party>. This is what I would like to tell you. <The 12
- 7 principles were really absolute during the CPK.>
- 8 [09.37.47]
- 9 And <> about another 12 <principles>, <> do not touch common
- 10 property. <The principle was that enemy had to be smashed> and
- 11 the loot of the war belonged to the Party, so I did not dare to
- 12 touch common property. <So either at M-13 or S-21,> what I had
- 13 gathered, I would send it to the Party. <I thought that I would
- 14 be beheaded if I did not adhere to the principles. > Within my
- 15 family, if there was no me and if I disappeared, my parents, <my
- 16 grandparents, > my siblings, my niece and nephews were also gone.
- 17 So <I had to be firm. > I, at the time, told my professors, my
- 18 parents that I had to leave and join the revolution for the
- 19 benefits of the <family and> nation, <not to leave for my own
- 20 happiness or my death>. That is what I want to inform the Court.
- 21 [09.39.12]
- 22 Q. Thank you, witness.
- 23 I must put an end to my examination, but I have a few questions
- 24 regarding the moral <pri>ciples>, in particular <principle>
- 25 number 6 <which you described>.

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- 1 So that everyone can follow you, including in a public gallery,
- 2 and I'd like to display on the screen document E3/776 -- excuse
- 3 me, E3/765; Khmer, ERN 00376493 <for the> title <of the
- 4 principle> and <94 for the> substance <and explanation> of the
- 5 <principle>.
- 6 And Mr. President, this is an excerpt from "Revolutionary
- 7 <Youth>", issue number 10, of October 1978.
- 8 And if you please allow me, I would like to read out <principle>
- 9 number 6. You <should> have these <principles> in your blue
- 10 folder.
- 11 And Mr. President, if you please allow me to, I would like to
- 12 display it on the screen so that, witness, you can also see it on
- 13 the screen. And I'm also going to read what's explained below
- 14 this <principle>.
- 15 "Do not behave in any way that violates females." It's principle
- 16 6 <in all languages>, ERN in French 0054--
- 17 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 18 Yes, your request is granted, and the document shall be shown on
- 19 the screen on the request of the Co-Lead Lawyer for civil
- 20 parties, particularly the specific page of that document.
- 21 And Mr. Witness, do you have the page of <the>> document with you?
- 22 And let me inform you, Lead Co-Lawyer for civil parties, that the
- 23 witness may not be able to read the document on the screens
- 24 because it is blurred and is not shown clearly on the screen, so
- 25 please provide the documents to the witness in case of necessity.

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- 1 [09.41.39]
- 2 MS. GUIRAUD:
- 3 Thank you, Mr. President.
- 4 There <should be> a copy in the blue folder, but I see that the
- 5 witness does not have it. So if you please allow me, I will
- 6 provide him with a second copy so that he may refer to it.
- 7 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 8 You may proceed.
- 9 BY MS. GUIRAUD:
- 10 Q. So you have the little red tab so that you may find it, but
- 11 <maybe> I can <--> It's <principle> number 6. So you can look at
- 12 the ERN number at the top of the page, 00376493 regarding the
- 13 title of the <principle>, and 94 for the explanation of <this
- 14 principle>.
- 15 [09.42.32]
- 16 And I would like to read out, Mr. President, the explanation of
- 17 this <pri> this <pri> this principle>, which is "Do not behave in any way that
- 18 violates females". And the following is indicated:
- 19 "Briefly speaking, never violate sexual morality in no case.
- 20 Indeed, this issue tarnishes our honour and our influence as
- 21 revolutionaries. This violates the noble and clean tradition of
- 22 our population. Therefore, on the one hand, this damages our
- 23 people and, on the other hand, what is important is that if we
- 24 violate sexual morality, which represents, in fact, the true
- 25 nature, the true corrupted and stinking nature of enemies of all

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- 1 kinds, the enemies will then have the means to manipulate and
- 2 seduce us. Therefore, we would be facing danger and the
- 3 revolutionary movement would also <be in> danger.
- 4 "Regarding the <the beginning of marital life>, there is no
- 5 obstacle to that today under the condition that it <is based> on
- 6 the two principles of the Party. First principle, the two people
- 7 in <question> must agree. Second, the community <is in favour, so
- 8 it is sealed. > There's no reason that should oblige us to
- 9 transgress sexual morality."
- 10 [09.44.12]
- 11 Witness, I have a question in order to allow us to better
- 12 understand what this principle number 6 means. Is it true that we
- 13 should understand from this that <all> male to female relations
- 14 -- <all> male to female relations had to be approved by the
- 15 community and, therefore, by the Party?
- 16 Is that how I must under this <principle> number 6?
- 17 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 18 A. Thank you. Let me clarify the point, that is, the principle.
- 19 Let me bring up an example in relation to my case. <> I was 32
- 20 years old in <1974>, so I considered myself quite old <>, so at
- 21 the time, I was looking for a female <fit> to be my wife. And I
- 22 found <Rom>, who is my current wife. At the time, I made a
- 23 request to the office that I loved Comrade Rom, and I asked
- 24 someone to ask Rom whether she loved me. And if she did not, that
- 25 matter should be left alone. <Otherwise, I would be embarrassed

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- 1 if others knew about that.>
- 2 [09.46.12]
- 3 <So Comrade> Som went to ask Comrade Rom and, three days later,
- 4 Rom told Som that she respected the decision of Angkar. And at
- 5 the time, Ta Mok made a decision.
- 6 Rom, at the time, was under Ta Mok. She was the chief of <the
- 7 clothes-making factory in the Southwest Zone>, and I was under
- 8 Vorn, <I was chief of a police office of> the Special Zone <>,
- 9 and later on, I was under Son Sen. So Angkar at the time
- 10 <contacted> with one another.
- 11 On 17 April <>, I made a request to marry Comrade Rom. That is my
- 12 case.
- 13 And about the love between the younger comrades, I do not know
- 14 about that. There is one case, <Bong Mok was solving a case of> a
- 15 young man <who> loved another young woman; <they were at his
- 16 wife's house, and <> later on, <> the couple <> <was> allowed to
- 17 get married

 by Bong Mok so that they did not commit moral
- 18 misconduct>.
- 19 [09.47.36]
- 20 In <1998 (sic)>, I went to join a study session with Pol Pot
- 21 about the principles, and he said that the couple who loved one
- 22 another should be allowed to get married <in order to avoid the
- 23 violation of the principle regarding moral misconduct>. That was
- 24 the principle or the practice <>. <But what used to happen was
- 25 that when couples committed moral misconduct, they ran to join

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- 1 the enemy.>
- 2 In 1974, there was one case who was part of the Angk Snuol
- 3 committee. And that person joined the enemy <>. That was the
- 4 situation <> at the time, so <> the 12 principles could be a
- 5 measure to prevent the infringements of the moral acts.
- 6 <Nuon, > Pol, Khieu, Hem did not violate the principles <in terms
- 7 of moral misconduct>, but there was another person, Koy Thuon,
- 8 violated the principles. And the story of Koy Thuon <started
- 9 with> the mistakes <regarding moral misconduct>.
- 10 [09.49.22]
- 11 Q. Thank you for shedding light on these <pri>principles> because, of
- 12 course, this is relevant to all of the questions I put to you
- 13 previously.
- 14 I would like now to put a question to you in the following way:
- 15 <Would> sexual relations <between a man and a woman> outside of
- 16 <a marriage> approved by Angkar, have been considered as a form
- 17 a moral offence?
- 18 A. That is true. That was the immoral act.
- 19 Q. What would then happen when two people were discovered
- 20 engaging in moral misconduct, were both people punished? Were
- 21 they punished <differently, > in the same way?
- 22 Can you tell us exactly what would happen in that case?
- 23 A. Thank you.
- 24 If the individuals were caught in the action, they would be
- 25 smashed, but for some cases, they were tolerated. <For instance,

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- 1 Bong Mok let Comrade Kung (phonetic) and the woman he loved get
- 2 married. > So <Bong Pol said that > the marriage would be organized
- 3 for those people <who loved each other so that they did not
- 4 violate the principle of moral misconduct>. So <it was better to
- 5 prevent the moral misconduct from happening than> to arrest the
- 6 people <for moral> misconduct.
- 7 <I mentioned the case of> Chhan (phonetic) already <and another
- 8 person who was part of Angk Snuol Committee. Comrade Chhan
- 9 (phonetic) > was already married, and later on, <after committing
- 10 moral misconduct, > Chhan (phonetic) joined the enemy. And <the
- 11 person who was part> of Angk Snuol Committee, that person also
- 12 joined the enemy.
- 13 [09.52.12]
- 14 Q. And my last question now in order to be clear about this
- 15 issue, when <a person --> two people were caught engaging in
- 16 sexual relations <without consent>, that is to say, a man that
- 17 might have abused a woman, in that case, <in your opinion, > was
- 18 the woman punished just as much as the man who had <sexually>
- 19 assaulted this woman?
- 20 What was the principle that was applied back then?
- 21 A. Concerning the actual incident, I cannot tell you about
- 22 specific cases happening at the time, but I can tell <you> the
- 23 general situation.
- 24 There were no cases of violent rapes, but there were cases that
- 25 the couple loved one another and committed <moral> misconduct.

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- 1 And if you asked me to elaborate on specific cases, I cannot do
- 2 so.
- 3 [09.53.53]
- 4 MS. GUIRAUD:
- 5 Thank you, witness. I believe I am done with my questions. My
- 6 colleague also has some questions for you.
- 7 Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, witness, for having answered
- 8 my questions.
- 9 QUESTIONING BY MR. PICH ANG:
- 10 Mr. President. Good morning, Your Honours. Allow me to have
- 11 follow-up questions after my colleague. Good morning, everyone in
- 12 and around the courtroom.
- 13 Q. And good morning, Mr. Witness. My name is Pich Ang. I am the
- 14 Co-Lead Lawyer -- the National Co-Lead Lawyer for civil parties
- 15 with my international colleague who has just finished her
- 16 questioning.
- 17 I have some questions in relation to the treatment of detainees
- 18 or prisoners at S-21. I would like to bring up the case of Chum
- 19 Mey. And I believe that you know Chum Mey very well. Chum Mey
- 20 came to testify in Case 001 before the Chamber.
- 21 [09.55.14]
- 22 Recently, Chum Mey -- Chum Mey came to testify before this
- 23 Chamber on 18 April 2016. In his transcript, E1/417.1 at
- 24 10.37.43, Chum Mey was asked a question about the torture against
- 25 him. "Beside beatings, what type of -- what type -- what other

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- 1 types of torture were inflicted on you?" And he responded that at
- 2 the time, he was beaten up and he raised his hand and one of his
- 3 fingers was broken. And plyers were used to pull out his nails
- 4 from his big toe as well.
- 5 Chum Mey testified that <during the 12 days that he was
- 6 interrogated, > plyers were used to pull off the nail from his big
- 7 toe.
- 8 Could you explain this case before the Chamber? Was that kind of
- 9 torture happened -- <was> inflicted on the prisoners at S-21?
- 10 [09.57.00]
- 11 MR. KAING GUEAK EAV:
- 12 A. Thank you.
- 13 In relation to torture against prisoners in general or the case
- 14 of Chum Mey, <I discussed> pulling off <nails> before the Chamber
- 15 in <the> Case 001 proceedings. I learned of one incident.
- 16 Hor told me that <nails> were pulled off. He -- and at the time,
- 17 I instructed him -- I was serious about that, and instructed him
- 18 to stop that kind of practice. <That's all I know and that's all
- 19 I can recall about that.>
- 20 Chum Mey stated that his toenails were pulled off. I told the
- 21 Court already that I had never been informed of such incident at
- 22 S-21.
- 23 I told François already, and I told him that nothing happened to
- 24 Chum <Mey's toenails>. And during the proceeding in Case 001, the
- 25 camera showed the toenails of Chum Mey. And it was the decision

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- 1 of the Court to decide on the issue, so now I do not have any
- 2 thing to explain you on the case. But I can <only> tell you
- 3 <about> what I have told you.
- 4 [09.58.52]
- 5 Q. Chum Mey says that although the nail came back, but it is not
- 6 in good form nowadays.
- 7 And do you happen to know <another form of torture> that <a>
- 8 needle was inserted into <prisoners' toes>?
- 9 A. Hor came to tell me about the practices of pulling <out>
- 10 nails, and I instructed Hor to stop that kind of practice. I
- 11 warned Hor at the time not to continue the practice. <That's all
- 12 I know about that.>
- 13 And at the time, I didn't <know how> nails <were pulled off>.
- 14 Q. I have another question for you, Mr. Witness. Chum Mey made a
- 15 mention about electrocution where electric wire was used to
- 16 electrocute him. And last week, you testified before the Chamber
- 17 that electric wires were attached to toes of detainees and then
- 18 the detainees were electrocuted.
- 19 In the same document, E1/417.1 at 10.37, Chum Mey told the Court
- 20 as follows:
- 21 "I told them that I did not know CIA or KGB agents. Although I
- 22 told them that, they continued beating me. Then they inserted
- 23 electrical wires into my ears and I could hear the explosion.
- 24 <And I became unconscious.>"
- 25 [10.01.06]

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- 1 And the question was further put to Chum Mey: "How many times
- were you electrocuted?"
- 3 Chum Mey's responded that he was electrocuted two times and now
- 4 one side of his <> eye <> could not see clearly and <one of his
- 5 ears> could not hear clearly.
- 6 What can you tell about the electrocution inflicted on Chum Mey?
- 7 Did such practice happen at S-21?
- 8 A. Allow me to clarify this matter.
- 9 Regarding the authorization and the practice of such torture
- 10 under the supervision of Nat, that happened -- that is, a <hand
- 11 cranked phone > was used for such purpose. Later on, I heard
- 12 Comrade Tuy said that electric wire from a wall plug <with the
- 13 power of 220W> was <attached> to a toe, and the other side of the
- 14 electric wire would be used to shock the prisoner, and that did
- 15 happen. <It was not attached to prisoners' ears.>
- 16 And I authorized the electrocution, but I strictly forbid them
- 17 not to let any prisoner die so that their confession or
- 18 interrogation <would not be > cut off. <I warned them that if they
- 19 beat or tortured important prisoners to death, they would be dead
- 20 too.>
- 21 [10.03.02]
- 22 Later on, while we fled from the "Yuon" troops, Comrade Pon
- 23 mentioned the practice. He said that he electrocuted a prisoner
- 24 named Phav Bun Sing (phonetic). One wire was attached to his
- 25 organ and <> another electric wire was used to shock the

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- 1 prisoner. <As a result, the prisoner died.> And of course, <I
- 2 knew about> that <> so late already, I could not punish him.
- 3 As for Chum Mey, during his testimony <in the first case>, I
- 4 don't recall that one electric was <attached> to his earlobe, so
- 5 I cannot <talk> about electrocution by attaching one electric
- 6 wire to an earlobe.
- 7 If a prisoner was subjected to that, I do not believe the
- 8 prisoner would survive <with the electric wire with 220W power
- 9 attached to the earlobe>. And I cannot say whether such practice
- 10 was used on him.
- 11 [10.04.26]
- 12 Q. Again in relation to Chum Mey, I'd like to ask another
- 13 question.
- 14 In the transcript again of 18 April 2016, that is the same
- 15 document, E1/417.1, at around 10.53.33, he said that: "When we
- 16 had to relieve <ourselves> and when it <spilled> on the floor, we
- 17 had to lick it clean. And the same thing when we had to urinate.
- 18 And if it spilt, we had to lick <what> spilled clean."
- 19 And Chum Mey said because he was afraid of being beaten, he had
- 20 to lick his own faeces.
- 21 So in this case when the victim spilled his faeces or urine, was
- 22 ordered to lick it clean in the detention cell, can you shed
- 23 light on this matter before the Chamber, whether it actually
- 24 happened?
- 25 A. This is a specific example, and I myself did not supervise

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- 1 <every issue>, such <an> incident <was never reported to me>. For
- 2 that reason, on this issue when urine or faeces spilled and the
- 3 detainee had to lick it clean, I cannot say whether it actually
- 4 happened at S-21. And for that reason, I cannot acknowledge its
- 5 existence.
- 6 [10.06.40]
- 7 Q. At S-21, were there any regulations or rules that set out
- 8 about <spilling> of faeces on the floor and that <the> detainee
- 9 would be disciplined <for> such behaviour?
- 10 A. The remaining regulations that I saw and that were written by
- 11 Hor and that surviving document remained and I acknowledge its
- 12 existence.
- 13 As for the writing on the board regarding the Santebal rules, I
- 14 deny that because that's not the principles that detainees had to
- 15 follow those regulations.
- 16 There were regulations for the guards, and there is a surviving
- 17 document. And I believe you can refer to that. And I actually
- 18 acknowledge its existence.
- 19 As for the rules regarding the behaviour or regarding when
- 20 detainees had to relieve themselves, I never saw such
- 21 regulations.
- 22 Q. Before the break time, I'd like to ask you <one> more
- 23 question.
- 24 When prisoners were arrested and brought to S-21, did S-21 have
- 25 the mechanism to inform detainees about the right -- that is,

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- 1 right to free speech, rights to counsel?
- 2 [10.08.47]
- 3 A. No, there was none. Even when I met Koy Thuon, as I testified
- 4 last time, I did not inform him of anything. I only said that you
- 5 no longer had the right to meet with Angkar and you could only
- 6 report to Angkar through me. However, I <did not> humbly <speak>
- 7 to him <like> this.
- 8 MR. PICH ANG:
- 9 Mr. President, shall we take a break now or shall I continue?
- 10 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 11 It is now appropriate for our short break. We'll take a break now
- 12 and resume at 10.30 to continue our proceedings.
- 13 Court officer, please assist the witness at the waiting room
- 14 reserved for witnesses and civil parties during the break time
- and invite him back into the courtroom at 10.30
- 16 The Court is now in recess.
- 17 (Court recess from 1009H to 1029H)
- 18 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 19 Please be seated.
- 20 The Court is now back in session and the Chamber hands over the
- 21 floor to the National Lead Co-Lawyer for civil party to resume
- 22 his questioning.
- 23 You may proceed.
- 24 BY MR. PICH ANG:
- 25 Thank you, Mr. President. Allow me to resume my questioning. I

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- 1 have a question for clarification in relation to the statement of
- 2 witness on 8 June 2016.
- 3 O. The witness <talked> about the children -- the three children
- 4 of Sang Un, and that statement was made at 09.55.27. You stated
- 5 that the three children of Sang Un did not survive <because there
- 6 was no sentiment>.
- 7 Could you again shed light on the three children of Sang Un? What
- 8 was the reason that the three children did not survive?
- 9 [10.31.17]
- 10 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 11 A. Let me bring up the issue once again. Sang Un had three
- 12 children, and among them there was a newborn baby, and another
- 13 child <a bit bigger>, and the eldest one was <female,> five years
- old, <but I do not recall her name>.
- 15 <Sang Un's wife was not with him at the time. I do not know
- 16 whether or not she already died>. I assigned a female to look
- 17 after the three children, and the food <provided> was to <be>
- 18 equal <> to <the food ration for Mam Nai's children>. <Mam Nai
- 19 also had three children there. The two big children were sent
- 20 outside already. He still had three small children in there.> The
- 21 children who were given rice to eat but no sentiments by the
- 22 regime, at the time, did not survive the regime. The youngest
- 23 child died of malnutrition or swelling <>. At the time, there
- 24 were no medicines for treatment<, not even for the medics
- 25 themselves or me>.

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- 1 In 1973 and '74, a famine happened within the revolution. Some
- 2 offices had only the "angkor chek" or the bananas to eat after
- 3 they were <sliced, boiled and then> dried <>. And the food ration
- 4 at M-13 was also reduced.
- 5 I had a meal with -- mixed with bamboo shoots at the time. We
- 6 faced food issue at the time.
- 7 Mam Nai<'s> children were raised with sentiment, with good
- 8 sentiment <from both parents>, with <the> best care, and <> meals
- 9 to eat. <They had the same conditions for hygiene, but they
- 10 survived. > This is the experience that I had in relation to the
- 11 taking care of children. So I hope I fully respond to your
- 12 question, and if you want to know more, you can put your
- 13 follow-up question.
- 14 [10.34.32]
- 15 Q. I want you to clarify in relation to the three children of
- 16 Sang Un. You stated that the three children died at M-13. On the
- 17 same date that I mentioned -- that is, the 8th June, you stated
- 18 that you asked Son Sen about perhaps that issue. And the
- 19 instruction of Son Sen was about the absolute stance <regarding
- 20 classes>. Could you explain further on the absolute stance
- 21 <regarding classes> on raising the children?
- 22 A. Thank you.
- 23 It was later on when I was assigned to work at S-21 under the
- 24 same supervisor or superior -- that is, Son Sen. Son Sen was also
- 25 my superior when I was at M-13. I did not make a full report

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- 1 <regarding raising the children>.
- 2 [10.35.58]
- 3 Later on, the issue of <an> eye for an eye was raised. After the
- 4 parents were smashed, there was an issue with children. The
- 5 children of those who were arrested needed to be smashed as well.
- 6 <That was the principle.>
- 7 <> I made a report to Son Sen about the three children that I
- 8 raised <and still did not survive because there was no sentiment
- 9 involved, so even if we did not smash them, they would still
- 10 die>, <he agreed on that principle> so the stance was to be
- 11 absolute. After the parents were smashed, that was the time for
- 12 the children <to be smashed as well>. <I also talked about the
- 13 case of Phen (phonetic) and Bong Vorn. Phen (phonetic) was> the
- 14 child of Vorn, the member of Standing Committee of Centre. After
- 15 Vorn was arrested, the child was <not spared either> at the time.
- 16 Q. Thank you.
- 17 <Does> the absolute stance <have> something to do with the slogan
- 18 that is <when> digging grass, the roots has to be taken out as
- 19 well? <And did this slogan exist during the Khmer Rouge regime?>
- 20 A. In general, that slogan was used or known by the public <as>
- 21 the purging method of the CPK, the purging against the bad
- 22 elements. The slogan was correct, but CPK itself did not use the
- 23 slogan. <The> Party only required us to be absolute in our
- 24 stance. We <had> to distinguish enemies and people.
- 25 As I said, <according to the precepts of the revolution, wherever

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- 1 we were, > we were instructed to serve the <peasants and workers>
- 2 there with all your hearts, and we <only served workers and>
- 3 peasants based on the class of the Party.
- 4 [10.38.45]
- 5 Q. Thank you.
- 6 I have another question in relation to a dentist, Dy Phon. Did he
- 7 survive the regime after 6 January 1979?
- 8 A. Thank you.
- 9 Dy Phon alias Thuk was released by me. <His ankle> was not
- 10 shackled. He had a different sleeping quarter and a different
- 11 food ration. He was allowed to help <the medics> at S-21.
- 12 <On 7 January, Bong Thuk aslo fled with others.> Later on, he
- 13 went together with Comrade Van. <Comrade Van> did not come to
- 14 testify before the Chamber<, but his statement was read here>.
- 15 Nhep Ho (phonetic) <was one of my cadres. He> went with a group
- 16 of <people> together with Dy Phon <afterward>. And for <Bong
- 17 Thuk>, I did not know whether he later on <was dead or alive>.
- 18 [10.40.42]
- 19 Q. Thank you.
- 20 I am now asking you about the food ration of prisoners at S-21.
- 21 What were the food rations like at S-21?
- 22 A. There was a document stating about the food ration, how many
- 23 cans of rice provided to prisoners at S-21, but I, myself, did
- 24 not <pay attention to> the list or document. <And I do not recall
- 25 any details about it.>

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- 1 My sibling who <visited the place> made mention about the food
- 2 ration at S-21, and my sibling said that the food ration at S-21
- 3 was better than at the base. In principle, <> I did not reduce
- 4 the food ration as punishment for the prisoners. But let me
- 5 clarify <one thing, for the important> prisoners who were
- 6 interrogated, <we were very careful about> the food ration <and
- 7 the treatment> for <them>.
- 8 [10.42.15]
- 9 For example, <> there was a case of one prisoner. That prisoner
- 10 was from perhaps Division 160 <from the East Zone>. <His name was
- 11 Sour Sophan. > During the interrogation, <> the prisoner swallowed
- 12 a piece of iron <that he saw at a window>, and <as a result,> he
- 13 could not confess.
- 14 Seeing that, <because he was an important prisoner,> I instructed
- 15 to have a medic <from 98> to come and conduct the surgery to get
- 16 the screw out of the body. <It took several days for him to
- 17 recover. And then the interrogation resumed. So during an
- 18 interrogation of an important prisoner, we were really careful
- 19 with the prisoner.>
- 20 I observed that some witnesses who came to testify before the
- 21 Chamber were <exaggerating>. And there was a case that <a>
- 22 witness mentioned about <giving two> <teaspoons of soup> to feed
- 23 the prisoners. If we had had reduced food ration provided to
- 24 <every> prisoner <with that level>, <> many of them would have
- 25 died and <> the confessions would be cut off.

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- 1 Regarding the food rations for staff members at S-21, they had
- 2 two mealtimes per day <just like the prisoners>. And for my case,
- 3 I did not like soup so usually I was provided with different
- 4 dishes, but not soup. <Other than that, the dishes were the same
- 5 for everyone there.>
- 6 [10.44.12]
- 7 Q. Thank you.
- 8 I am now asking you about the treatment of prisoners. What type
- 9 of prisoners were treated at S-21?
- 10 A. The important prisoners were treated at S-21. At S-21, there
- 11 were medical doctors, <the ones we arrested>. I used one of the
- 12 medical doctors at S-21 to treat a prisoner. Her name was <Hak>
- 13 Phadet (phonetic). She graduated from medicine from USSR.
- 14 There was another doctor, <a female> medical doctor, named <>
- 15 Lach Dara <alias Than, who was Pou Nuon's (phonetic) niece>.
- 16 When I was seriously ill, I asked the two doctors to come and
- 17 treat me <with my wife>. Initially, I used Brother Roat Kut to
- 18 treat my diseases. I regarded him as my senior at <monk's
- 19 quarter> number 3 when I was at the pagoda. And later on, I used
- 20 Sieng Seng. He was <a doctor> from Hospital 98, and he was also
- 21 <a> professor <>.
- 22 So let me clarify that these were the medical doctors at S-21
- 23 that were <re-educated by S-21>.
- 24 [10.46.15]
- 25 Q. What were the purposes <of treating> prisoners at S-21? Why

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- 1 were prisoners <> treated at S-21?
- 2 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 3 Please wait, Mr. Witness, and observe the microphone.
- 4 BY MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 5 A. Prisoners were given with rice to eat and they were treated so
- 6 that they survived <>. When the prisoners were needed for
- 7 interrogation, they would be taken for interrogation. And if they
- 8 were to be smashed, they would be taken away to be smashed. So
- 9 they had to be in good form in terms of health <when they were
- 10 needed for interrogation>.
- 11 Concerning professor or teacher <Phung> Ton, he was sent into
- 12 S-21, but I had not been informed in advance about his case
- 13 <because they knew that I had sentiments for him the way I had
- 14 sentiments for Bong Roat Kut>.
- 15 <He> died because of some <illnesses>, but I did not <even> know
- 16 <about> that <>. In general, prisoners had to survive for
- 17 interrogation. And after <concluding the> interrogation, they
- 18 would be sent away for execution.
- 19 For the prisoners who were not important, after <> I got
- 20 instruction from <Son Sen>, I would send those prisoners out for
- 21 execution.
- 22 MR. PICH ANG:
- 23 Q. You were talking about smashing of prisoners. After prisoners
- 24 were smashed, were funeral rituals held for those smashed
- 25 prisoners?

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- 1 A. <> I would like to clarify that. This kind of practice was
- 2 against our custom and traditions, and I think that this Court
- 3 3 ike other places> has adhered to the tradition and custom<;</p>
- 4 that is, after someone has passed away, the body was sent to the
- 5 family. For instance, after the accused <, Bong Mok or Ieng
- 6 Sary> died, the body was handed over to the family.
- 7 For prisoners <at S-21> at the time, after they were smashed,
- 8 they were buried in <common> graves. <There was no funeral for
- 9 them. > That was <> against the tradition and our customs.
- 10 [10.49.34]
- 11 Q. Thank you.
- 12 I want to ask you in relation to one document, E3/12. The heading
- 13 of the document is "The decision of Centre on particular
- 14 matters". That document is dated 30th March 1976. I want to ask
- 15 you about the right to smash outside and inside the rank.
- 16 Mr. President, may I provide the document to the witness?
- 17 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 18 You may proceed.
- 19 [10.50.41]
- 20 BY MR. PICH ANG:
- 21 Thank you, Mr. President.
- 22 Q. You could remember the first point very easily, and I would
- 23 like to refer you to the first page of the document. I do not
- 24 <need> to read the ERNs in three languages because <it is all on
- 25 the first> page.

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- 1 The document states about the right to smash within and outside
- 2 the ranks, and objective <> is mentioned in the document, number
- 3 1, that: <to have> a framework in absolute implementation of our
- 4 revolution.
- 5 Mr. Witness, could you explain the first point -- that is, <to
- 6 have> a framework in absolute implementation of our revolution?
- 7 What does it mean?
- 8 [10.51.48]
- 9 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 10 Please hold on, Mr. Witness.
- 11 You have the floor first, Koppe.
- 12 MR. KOPPE:
- 13 Thank you, Mr. President. I object to this question.
- 14 I know the witness has given extensive testimony about this
- 15 document. However, the Trial Chamber in Case 001 has also
- 16 established itself that he never knew of the existence of this
- document before 1979, so that is something that has been
- 18 established.
- 19 The witness has also admitted him -- this himself a few times, so
- 20 now asking again questions to the witness on this very subject
- 21 from this document that he has zero contemporaneous knowledge of
- 22 is something which is not appropriate and, therefore, I object to
- 23 this question.
- 24 [10.52.48]
- 25 BY MR. PICH ANG:

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- 1 Mr. President, I would like to ask the witness whether or not he
- 2 was aware of the existence of this document when he was in charge
- 3 of S-21.
- 4 Q. Mr. Witness, when you were in charge of S-21, were you aware
- 5 or, did you happen to see that document?
- 6 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 7 A. Thank you.
- 8 I would like to make mention of this document in two points. This
- 9 document was provided to me in two occasions: The first time was
- 10 -- the first time the document was provided to me by the
- 11 Co-Prosecutor and the Investigating Judges withdrew it, <and then
- 12 it was provided to me again, > so I could say that I saw the
- 13 document during the investigation stage.
- 14 [10.54.09]
- 15 That happened in a specific year, I could not recall <which>. In
- 16 fact, the implementation https://doi.org/10.108/j.mc-13 did not have
- 17 the right to go around and arrest people. The decision was vested
- 18 within the Centre. Vorn was in charge of the specials -- Special
- 19 Zone, and Mok was in charge of the Southwest. <So S-21 could make
- 20 an arrest when they ordered S-21 to arrest someone.> That was the
- 21 practice; that the decision was made by the Centre.
- 22 M-13 did not have the right to go and arrest people. If M-13 had
- 23 done so, it would have been in danger.
- 24 And once again, <since 1971, according to research,> there were
- 25 196 police officers. Why were they gone? Because those officers

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- 1 perhaps did not respect the decision of the Centre or perhaps
- 2 those officers did not adhere to the moral acts or principles.
- 3 In fact, the decision <> was made on 20th July 1971. That had to
- 4 be adhered <to> by police officers since <that> time.
- 5 [10.56.05]
- 6 Q. In fact, I do not want to go into the detail about <that>.
- 7 I would like <you> to <clarify one point, since> you were <not>
- 8 aware <of> or you did <not> see the document when you were in
- 9 charge of S-21<, when people said,> "absolute implementation of
- 10 our revolution", what does this mean?
- 11 A. Thank you.
- 12 The Communist theory or ideology is that freedom will lead to
- 13 anarchy. <Absolute implementation would lead to discipline.>
- 14 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 15 Please hold on, Mr. Witness.
- 16 You have the floor first, Anta Guisse.
- 17 [10.57.10]
- 18 MS. GUISSE:
- 19 Yes, Mr. President, I would like to repeat my colleague's
- 20 objection from earlier.
- 21 <I have no objection to my colleague's first question, but> he
- 22 immediately <moved onto> a document before the witness answered
- 23 whether or not he was aware of this document when he was heading
- 24 S-21. And based on his previous statements, I understood that he
- 25 saw this document for the first time during the investigation and

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- 1 then he saw it again during the trial.
- 2 So I understood that he had not seen this document when he was
- 3 heading S-21, but it might be good to specify this. And in this
- 4 case, the second question of my colleague is not suited and,
- 5 therefore, I object to this second question.
- 6 JUDGE FENZ:
- 7 Generally, we have frequently asked witnesses to comment on
- 8 documents on which they had no contemporaneous knowledge. It
- 9 depends, obviously, on the context and the question. But in
- 10 itself, this is not a valid objection as soon as it is clear
- 11 where his knowledge, provided he says he has any, is coming from.
- 12 So again, what was the last question, the one you are now
- 13 objecting to?
- 14 [10.58.38]
- 15 MR. PICH ANG:
- 16 Madam Judge, I did not <actually> quote <an excerpt from> the <>
- 17 document for <the> witness to answer. I <> only <used a
- 18 particular point> of the document <> so that <> I could have the
- 19 explanation from the witness. <I believe this practice is allowed
- 20 in this court.>
- 21 I asked the witness about the meaning of "absolute implementation
- 22 of our revolution", so I did not quote <an excerpt from> the <>
- 23 document for witness to answer.
- 24 JUDGE FENZ:
- 25 Again, why -- what, exactly, are you objecting to in -- for this

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- 1 question -- for this special question?
- 2 [10.59.39]
- 3 MS. GUISSE:
- 4 To follow up on what you said a while ago by saying that the
- 5 witness has already been asked to comment on documents, <of
- 6 which he didn't have prior knowledge. <So far, most of the
- 7 documents presented <have been> related to S-21<, even a priori>.
- 8 Even though he may not have known these documents specifically,
- 9 if they ask questions on <the general> functioning of S-21, I
- 10 have no objection to that, but to ask the witness to speak as an
- 11 expert about documents he never saw and in respect of which he <a
- 12 priori> has no particular knowledge, <since if I> understand
- 13 <correctly > this is a decision of the Central Committee, and
- 14 this is what poses a problem.
- 15 The witness is being asked to furnish explanations and to make
- 16 remarks and to express his opinion on documents which he
- 17 <apparently> has no reason to have specific knowledge of, and
- 18 these are statements that have> nothing to do with his work at
- 19 S-21. Unless the question is rephrased, I find that it is too
- 20 broad, and <in any case, refers to something about which> the
- 21 witness didn't have any specific knowledge at the time <of the
- 22 facts>. And that is why I'm objecting to this line of
- 23 questioning.
- 24 (Judges deliberate)
- 25 [11.06.06]

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- 1 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 2 I would like to hand the floor to Judge Lavergne to make an oral
- 3 decision on the last question by the National Lead Co-Lawyer for
- 4 civil parties, which was opposed by the international counsel for
- 5 Khieu Samphan.
- 6 Judge Lavergne, you have the floor.
- 7 JUDGE LAVERGNE:
- 8 Thank you, Mr. President.
- 9 The Chamber wishes to underscore the point that the witness here
- 10 present is not an expert, so he is not in a position to give
- 11 <his> general opinion, particularly with regard to documents he
- 12 was not aware of when he was the head of S-21, so in this sense,
- 13 the objection raised by the Defence is perhaps upheld.
- 14 [11.07.02]
- 15 However, it is also clear that the document in question can shed
- 16 light on the witness' knowledge at the time regarding the manner
- 17 in which S-21 was called upon to function, so perhaps the
- 18 question should be rephrased and the witness should be asked
- 19 whether, <after reading> the decision of the Standing Committee,
- 20 he <has> another vision -- and what impact <that could have on
- 21 his view of> the way S-21 functioned.
- 22 We are not going to ask him to explain in general terms the terms
- 23 used by the Standing Committee.
- 24 MS. GUISSE:
- 25 For the record, let us recall that the document is titled

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- 1 "Decision of the Central Committee<" and not ">Standing
- 2 Committee". And I would like to recall that <in the framework of
- 3 our appeal> we raised <a> question regarding the authenticity of
- 4 this document. In any case, the manner in which the document is
- 5 titled<-- it's a> Central Committee document.
- 6 [11.08.20]
- 7 BY MR. PICH ANG:
- 8 Thank you, Judge, for clarifying the question. And I'll rephrase
- 9 my question.
- 10 Q. Witness, regarding the first point of the document -- that is,
- 11 the objective is that there is a framework in "absolute
- 12 implementation of our revolution"; can you tell the Chamber your
- 13 understanding of that point, the first point, in terms of your
- 14 implementation and working at S-21?
- 15 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 16 A. Thank you.
- 17 Allow me to clarify that all Santebal offices of the CPK -- that
- 18 is, from December 1970 up to the day we fled the "Yuon" troops --
- 19 that is, 7 January 1979, all those Santebal offices were regarded
- 20 as an absolute tool of the Party, and that is the definition
- 21 given to Santebal offices.
- 22 And in terms of implementation, I was repeatedly instructed and
- 23 warned not to make any arbitrary arrest of anyone.
- 24 [11.10.25]
- 25 Brother Mok and Brother Si -- that is, the deputy and the

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- 1 secretary of the Southwest Zone, were also members of the Central
- 2 Committee. Huot Heng (phonetic) alias Pal -- that is, secretary
- 3 of Sector 32, was also a former <member> of the Central
- 4 Committee.
- 5 As for the <Special> Zone, Brother Vorn was a member of the
- 6 Central Committee; for that reason, M-13 did not go out to make
- 7 any arrest or receive anyone sent to us except those <who were
- 8 sent> by the Centre and if I were to go out and make an arrest,
- 9 <> I would be beheaded because that was against the principle.
- 10 For that reason, the document clearly set the limit of our work
- 11 starting from the <> 20 of July 1971 because at S-21 <and at
- 12 M-13>, <we> did not have any authority to make any arrests; we
- 13 were there only to receive people arrested by the <Centre> and
- 14 our implementation was consistent with what is set <out> in that
- 15 document.
- 16 [11.11.56]
- 17 Q. Thank you. And I'd like to also refer to other points set out
- 18 in the document. There are three sub-points underneath -- that
- 19 is, surrounding the centre office, to be decided by the Central
- 20 Office Committee. As for independent sectors, it <had> to be
- 21 decided by the Standing Committee and as for the Centre military,
- 22 it <had> to be decided by the general staff.
- 23 During your implementation, can you inform the Chamber whether
- 24 your implementation <was> consistent with what I just <read>?
- 25 A. Thank you.

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- 1 Regarding the issues -- regarding the points surrounding the
- 2 Centre office and that it had to be decided by the Central Office
- 3 Committee, there were many offices surrounding the Centre office
- 4 and the <decision> had to be made by the Politburo of the Party
- 5 Centre.
- 6 As for the independent sectors, <it has to be decided by> the
- 7 Standing Committee of the Party.
- 8 [11.13.54]
- 9 And I'd like to mention one independent sector of Kampong Som.
- 10 The Kampong Som independent sector did not report through the
- 11 Southwest Zone secretary. It had to make a direct report to 870
- 12 and all decisions had to be made by 870 and not by the secretary
- 13 of Southwest Zone; although, physically, it was part of the
- 14 Southwest Zone. So usually 164 had to report to <> the Standing
- 15 Committee <-- that is the Politburo of the Party Centre>.
- 16 As for the Centre military -- and I believe there are many
- 17 surviving documents highlighting this Centre military-- usually
- 18 after meetings, Son Sen <took notes for> Comrade Pin for
- 19 consideration, so all implications in the confessions had to be
- 20 considered by Pin as who had to be arrested and who <was> not and
- 21 that was the chain of command regarding the Centre military.
- 22 [11.15.35]
- 23 Q. Thank you. You said that the Politburo <of the Party Centre>
- 24 had to make decisions and can you inform the Chamber who were
- 25 members of the Politburo <of the Party Centre>?

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- 1 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 2 Witness, please observe the microphone.
- 3 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 4 A. Actually, I made mention of members of the Politburo of the
- 5 Party Centre. In Cambodia, usually it it <was> not referred to
- 6 as the Politburo, but it <was> referred to as the Permanent
- 7 Committee or the 870 Committee.
- 8 For the former resistance including Chou Chet -- Chou Chet alias
- 9 Si, Norng Ke Suon (phonetic) alias Norng Suon (phonetic); they
- 10 were referred to as the intellectual group or Phnom Penh group.
- 11 So in Cambodia, the Politburo usually <referred> to as the
- 12 Standing Committee or Committee 870 and there were <one, > Pol
- 13 Pot; two, Brother Nuon; <three>, Brother Van -- that is, Ieng
- 14 Sary; and number 4, Brother Vorn; number 5, Brother Khieu -- that
- is, Son Sen; and number 6, Brother Hem -- that is, Khieu Samphan.
- 16 [11.17.31]
- 17 Q. Thank you for your response. And the title of the documents
- 18 that I refer to is "Decision of the Central Committee." <Are the>
- 19 Central Committee and office of the Party Centre <different> or
- 20 the same? <And was Khieu Samphan a member of the Central
- 21 Committee or not?>
- 22 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 23 Please, rephrase this as the witness did not mention or refer to
- 24 office of the Party Centre. You should quote the exact words used
- 25 or responded by the witness so that it does not confuse anyone.

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- 1 BY MR. PICH ANG:
- 2 Thank you, Mr. President. I actually jotted down his words and
- 3 maybe he <used> another term -- that is a "kanak prachamka" in
- 4 Khmer, or Permanent Committee.
- 5 [11.18.47]
- 6 Q. So again, my question is in relation to the title of the
- 7 document -- that is, "Decision of the Central Committee." And my
- 8 question to you, witness, is that whether Khieu Samphan was a
- 9 member of the Central Committee on the 30 of March 1976?
- 10 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 11 A. Thank you. And allow me to clarify the term, the "<Politburo>
- 12 of the Party Centre." The Communist Party of Kampuchea never used
- 13 that term -- that is, my superior, Son Sen, also never used that
- 14 term. However, in relation to Communist Party of "Yuon" or China,
- 15 they refer to the <Politburo> of the Party Centre, but in CPK,
- 16 they used the Permanent Committee or Committee 870 and I already
- 17 made mention of members of the committee -- that is, Brother Pol,
- 18 Brother Nuon, Brother Van, Brother Vorn, Brother Khieu, and
- 19 Brother Pon. There were six members.
- 20 As for another set of the leadership of the Party, they were
- 21 known as a Standing Committee of the Party Centre and there were
- 22 Brother Pol; Brother Nuon; Brother Phim from the East Zone; four,
- 23 Brother Mok from the Southwest; Brother Van, <-- that is Ieng
- 24 Sary; number 5, Ministry of Foreign Affairs; and number 6,
- 25 Brother Vorn; and number 7, Brother Khieu, Son Sen from the

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- 1 general staff. And there were only seven members of the Standing
- 2 Committee. And that is from the Independence Day -- that is, the
- 3 Fourth Party Congress. And they remained members until the Fifth
- 4 Party Congress.
- 5 Brother Hem was not part of <> the Standing Committee, but he was
- 6 a member of the Permanent Committee and in Khmer referred to as
- 7 "kanak prachamka".
- 8 [11.21.50]
- 9 That's two members of the Standing Committee <who> were not
- 10 members of the Permanent Committee as they did not attend weekly
- 11 meetings in Phnom Penh -- that is, Brother Phim from the East and
- 12 Brother Mok at the Southwest Zone. Although they were members of
- 13 the Standing Committee, they were not members of the Permanent
- 14 Committee.
- 15 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 16 Thank you. From my observation, the question is rather repetitive
- 17 as the question was put to the witness by the Deputy
- 18 Co-Prosecutor already and the question was for you to clarify
- 19 about the composition of the Central Committee, in particular, in
- 20 relation to the document before you -- that is, in relation to
- 21 the decision of the Central Committee and the implementation at
- 22 S-21. So the question is to -- for you to respond to the limit of
- 23 the composition of the Central Committee.
- 24 [11.23.10]
- 25 BY MR. PICH ANG:

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- 1 Q. Witness, allow me to repeat my question again. By 30 March
- 2 1976, was Khieu Samphan a member of the Central Committee?
- 3 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 4 A. Brother Khieu Samphan was a full member of the Party Centre,
- 5 as well as a member of the Permanent Committee.
- 6 Q. Thank you. In fact, I'd like to ask you on some more points in
- 7 relation to this document, but my time is running out and I'd
- 8 like to hand the floor to the Co-Prosecutors.
- 9 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 10 For the remaining time, I'd like to hand the floor to the
- 11 Co-Prosecutors to continue putting further questions to the
- 12 witness. You may proceed.
- 13 [11.24.33]
- 14 MR. LYSAK:
- 15 Thank you, Mr. President.
- 16 We have a -- just a few minutes so -- before the break. Let me
- 17 start, Mr. Witness, by going back to something and seeking some
- 18 clarification with respect to something I asked you about last
- 19 week.
- 20 Mr. President, if I could, I'd like to provide back to the
- 21 witness two lists that were given to him last week. You might
- 22 recall, these are the lists of Lon Nol -- former Lon Nol
- 23 personnel -- military personnel sent to S-21 who came from a
- 24 village called Ta lei Village and it's Document E3/2017 --
- 25 E3/2017; Khmer, ERN 00021137; English, 00183670 through 72; and

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- also Document E3/3187; Khmer, ERN 00008785 through 86; English,
- 2 00874237 through 41.
- 3 May I hand these to the witness?
- 4 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 5 Yes, you may proceed.
- 6 [11.26.28]
- 7 QUESTIONING BY MR. LYSAK RESUMES:
- 8 Q. Mr. Witness, I showed you these documents last week and I'd
- 9 like to read to you now an excerpt from a book written by Michael
- 10 Vickery. It is document -- the book is E3/1757 -- E31757, page
- 11 175 of that book; English, ERN 00397090 -- there's no
- 12 translations presently; they've been requested.
- 13 In Michael Vickery's book, he writes about this location, Ta Lei,
- 14 a village then, and this is what he says, if you can listen to
- 15 this quote.
- 16 "A former Lon Nol official, Seng Chen An, was sent with his wife
- 17 to the village of Ta Lei, 15 to 20 kilometres due south of the
- 18 city. He wrote that the internees there were divided into three
- 19 sections: civilians who had recently returned from abroad, a
- 20 group of former urban intellectuals who had joined the
- 21 revolutionaries in 1972-'73, and military personnel who had come
- 22 back from the United States." End of quote.
- 23 [11.28.01]
- 24 My question: Does this refresh your memory, at all, Mr. Witness;
- 25 do you remember a group of former Lon Nol servicemen who had

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- 1 returned to Democratic Kampuchea from the United States and were
- 2 later sent to S-21? Do you remember these men?
- 3 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 4 A. I do not have a clue at all about Ta Lei village or who was
- 5 sent there. It is possible that it was the remaining task of
- 6 Brother Nat and Son Sen ordered Nat to finish off his work.
- 7 As I said, I do not know how to respond to your question in
- 8 relation to Ta Lei village. I have no clue at all about its
- 9 location.
- 10 Q. Just one follow-up. I'm not asking you about where the
- 11 location of Ta Lei village. The lists -- the S-21 lists I
- 12 provided to you are from August or September 1976 well after the
- 13 time you had taken over from Nat.
- 14 My question is: Do you remember prisoners, former Lon Nol
- 15 servicemen who were sent to S-21, who had been in the United
- 16 States when the Khmer Rouge gained power, but had returned to
- 17 Democratic Kampuchea; do you remember those former Lon Nol
- 18 servicemen from the United States?
- 19 [11.30.07]
- 20 A. That question is rather strange to me. Although <> the date
- 21 you mentioned is after I became chairman of S-21, I never
- 22 received any soldiers who returned from the United States at all.
- 23 MR. LYSAK:
- 24 Thank you, Mr. Witness. I just wanted to see if you had any
- 25 recollection of these people.

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- 1 Mr. President, I can break here.
- 2 [11.30.53]
- 3 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 4 Thank you, Deputy Co-Prosecutor.
- 5 It is now convenient for our lunch break. We'll take the break
- 6 now and resume at 1.30 this afternoon.
- 7 Security personnel, you are instructed to take Khieu Samphan as
- 8 well as Witness Kaing Guek Eav to the waiting room downstairs,
- 9 separately, and have Khieu Samphan returned to the courtroom
- 10 before 1.30.
- 11 As for witness, please have him returned to attend the
- 12 proceedings at 1.30.
- 13 The Court is now in recess.
- 14 (Court recesses from 1131H to 1330H)
- 15 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 16 Please be seated. The Court is now in session.
- 17 The floor is now given to the Deputy Co-Prosecutor to resume the
- 18 questioning, but please wait.
- 19 You may proceed first, Counsel Anta Guisse.
- 20 [13.31.34]
- 21 MS. GUISSE:
- 22 Thank you, Mr. President.
- 23 I'd simply like to make a request on part of our team. Could we
- 24 remind the witness to speak a bit more slowly because in French,
- 25 we have a real problem following the flow <and with the time lag>

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- 1 -- and when we deal with topics that are a bit more complex
- 2 <perticularly> with terms that are <related> to the CPK
- 3 <structure>, it's important for us to have <the> translation on
- 4 time. So it's just a simple request I'm making here.
- 5 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 6 Very well; <to> the witness, I hope <you have> understood the
- 7 request made by the counsel of the defence team, so please speak
- 8 slower. It's very important that you speak slower so that we
- 9 <can> have proper record and <in> the interest of the
- 10 proceedings.
- 11 You may proceed now, Counsel.
- 12 [13.32.45]
- 13 MR. LYSAK:
- 14 Thank you, Mr. President.
- 15 Good afternoon, Mr. Witness. Last week, we were talking about
- 16 interrogations and confessions and I had a couple more questions,
- 17 follow-up, I wanted to cover on that subject.
- 18 And Mr. President, can I return to the witness the binder of the
- 19 interrogator notebooks as I have a question from one of these
- 20 documents?
- 21 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 22 Yes, you may proceed.
- 23 [13.33.32]
- 24 BY MR. LYSAK:
- 25 Q. Mr. Witness, I'm handing you back the binder and the specific

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- 1 excerpt I want to ask you about comes from the statistics list
- 2 interrogator notebook, document E3/8368; Khmer, pages 00007470
- 3 through 71, 740 -- excuse me, 7470 through 71; English, 00225395;
- 4 French, 00278759 through 760; and this is in the section 4 titled
- 5 "Views and Stances on Enemy Confessions."
- 6 Paragraph 2, I've marked it in your book, reads as follows --
- 7 contains the following statement quote: "We only ask the points
- 8 that the Party instructs us to ask because the Party grasps the
- 9 situation." End of quote.
- 10 What -- you've indicated the -- that these are notes from
- 11 instructions you gave to the interrogators, but what was meant by
- 12 the statement that we only ask the points that the Party
- 13 instructs us to ask?
- 14 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 15 A. I have not found the right statement you quoted; which
- 16 paragraphs and which number you are referring to?
- 17 [13.35.35]
- 18 Q. It's -- I've marked it with -- it's marked with the letter A
- 19 on the Post-it. Yes, if you look at the bottom -- at the bottom
- 20 of that page, if you read paragraph 2, you'll see a reference in
- 21 there to this, "We only ask the points that the Party instructs
- 22 us to ask"; do you see that in the notes?
- 23 What was meant by that?
- 24 A. Thank you. Before responding to your question, I would like to
- 25 make a clarification. These documents <> belonged to <one of my>

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- 1 interrogators and the note was about the methods of interrogation
- 2 <that I had instructed>. The owner of this notebook is Pou Phally
- 3 (phonetic).
- 4 Concerning the issue that you raised as to <the>> points that the
- 5 Party instructed us to ask, I <already> told the Court, <over>
- 6 the last days, that first, we permitted the prisoners to respond
- 7 and to tell <us> whatever they wanted <regarding their
- 8 backgrounds> and then we would determine the advantages and <>
- 9 determine the weak points of the prisoners and the points that
- 10 the Party was instructed us to ask <were the points> in relation
- 11 to the enemy network and also the CIA or <other> agents.
- 12 [13.38.05]
- 13 And <> I don't think that the interrogators would include <all>
- 14 the points of my instruction<>. And once again, <the principle
- 15 was that> the interrogators should not allow <prisoners> to know
- 16 what the interrogators <wanted> to obtain <from their answers>.
- 17 Interrogators <were not supposed to let> the prisoners <know>
- 18 what they wanted; for example, in the case of Yim Sambath, the
- 19 interrogator was trying to avoid the fact that <> the
- 20 interrogator wanted to get the implication about Chan Chakrey.
- 21 [13.39.10]
- 22 MR. LYSAK:
- 23 Well, let me give a few examples that I found in the
- 24 interrogation records on this issue of what was presented or what
- 25 was told to prisoners during interrogations.

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- 1 Mr. President, if I may provide to the witness document E3/8374
- 2 -- E38374; it's a 25 September 1976 note or letter from Pon to
- 3 the witness.
- 4 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 5 Yes, please.
- 6 BY MR. LYSAK:
- 7 Q. First question: Do you recognize this as a note that was
- 8 written by interrogator Pon?
- 9 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 10 A. Thank you. This writing belongs to Pon. This letter <was a
- 11 trick that Pon and I used to> interrogate Bong Ya; that is the
- 12 letter <from Pon to me> that we fabricated. <Bong Ya's original
- 13 name was Men San.>
- 14 [13.41.15]
- 15 Q. Let me read, Mr. Witness; I want you to focus. The first
- 16 paragraph talks about the use of torture that had been instructed
- 17 by Angkar. It's the second paragraph I'd like to focus on and it
- 18 states, "The essence of propaganda based on the instructions" and
- 19 then point A -- well, first of all, A is a letter that was from
- 20 you dated 24th that I believe was supposed to be shown to Ya, but
- 21 it's the next two points that are -- I want to ask you about
- 22 because Pon writes -- I quote: "We quoted the confession of Chhou
- 23 Bun Leat from 703 and Mam Visal from 107 to show him."
- 24 [13.42.17]
- 25 And then the next point, "Propagated from the confession of

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- 1 VIII"; VIII was a pseudo -- a number or pseudonym that was being
- 2 used -- had been used in relation to Chhouk. "Propagated from the
- 3 confession of VIII" and then it states, "The assignment of a new
- 4 party with Keo Meas and Brother Chhouk acting as Central
- 5 Organization Committee."
- 6 My first question: What did it mean to say that you were -- that
- 7 the interrogator propagated from the confession of 8?
- 8 A. Co-Prosecutor is reading a different and more-detailed
- 9 document, I believe, and <the document in my hand> is the letter
- 10 which <was> <written by> Pon. <I cannot recall which person was
- 11 referred to as number 8. It was a number given to a prisoner
- 12 during the interrogation. > I made the report of the names to Son
- 13 Sen; particularly, in relation to the confession of Chhou Bun
- 14 Leat at 703 and Mam Visal 107 to show <Bong Ya>. In fact, I was
- 15 permitted by Son Sen and in terms of interrogation, on some
- 16 occasions, I needed to have permission from the upper echelon and
- 17 I told the Court already that I had telephone communication every
- 18 evening with Son Sen.
- 19 "C). Propagated from the confession of number VIII". I do not
- 20 know who number VIII is. I do not recall the person by the name
- 21 number VIII.
- 22 [13.44.48]
- 23 The assignment of a new party with Keo Meas and Brother Chhouk
- 24 <as members of the Standing Committee of the Party>; <it was> not
- 25 the <Communist> Party <of Kampuchea> that was created in the

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- 1 1960s.
- 2 The Party here, I guess, referred to the Party that was in
- 3 existence long time ago <> -- that is <after> 20 July <> 1954<>,
- 4 and Mr. Co-Prosecutor, you may recall the date <> 20th July 1954
- 5 <regarding Geneva>.
- 6 Chhouk and Meas were part of the Standing Committee of that party
- 7 and Ya was also an important individual within the party. <That
- 8 was why excerpts from the confessions of Bong Meas and Bong
- 9 Chhouk were shown to Bong Ya.>
- 10 And the other point is the secret contact <between the Party and>
- 11 Vietnam when Meas <was> in Phnom Penh, so the purpose was to
- 12 encourage Ya to talk about the conversation with Bong Meas.
- 13 [13.46.23]
- 14 Q. Mr. Witness, did the information about this new party, the
- 15 information about the contacts with Vietnam, did -- is this
- 16 information that had come, come from the confessions of previous
- 17 people who had been interrogated, such as the people who are --
- 18 who are identified in this document?
- 19 A. That happened a long time ago; however, after my reading of
- 20 this document, these were quoted from those individuals, Bun
- 21 Leat, Chhouk, and Mam Visal, so the statements of the three
- 22 individuals were combined together and put in this document so
- 23 that the information <could> be used <during an interrogation>.
- 24 The main purpose of the interrogation was to find contact with
- 25 "Yuon".

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- 1 MR. LYSAK:
- 2 Thank you, Mr. Witness.
- 3 Mr. President, next I'd like to present another document. This is
- 4 an -- report from an interrogator, a report dated 22 July 1977;
- 5 document E3/1705 -- E3/1705. May I present it to the witness, Mr.
- 6 President?
- 7 [13.48.11]
- 8 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 9 Yes, you may.
- 10 BY MR. LYSAK:
- 11 Q. What I've handed to the witness are Khmer ERN pages 00014091
- 12 through 96. Again, this is from E3/1705. The corresponding
- 13 English page, 00183285 through 290; and French, 00373117 through
- 14 120; this is a report from an interrogator on the interrogation
- 15 of former Sector 7 secretary, Ke Kim Huot and it -- towards the
- 16 end where I've put the Post-its, Mr. Witness, the parts I wanted
- 17 to ask you about, first of all, Section 4, paragraph 1, reports
- 18 as follows quote: "On the morning of 18 July 1977, we decided
- 19 to do torture. We told him the names of those who had implicated
- 20 him." End of quote.
- 21 [13.49.47]
- 22 And then, if you look on the next page of the Khmer, in section 5
- 23 of the report, the interrogator specifies further as follow -
- 24 quote: "I told them that those who had implicated him were: 1)
- 25 Sou, said he was CIA; 2) Mai, said he was CIA; 3) Tiv Ol, said he

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- 1 was CIA; 4) Yi Yon, said he was CIA; and 5) Dim Saroeun alias Men
- 2 also said he was CIA." End of quote.
- 3 My first question: How did the interrogator know the names of the
- 4 people who had implicated Ke Kim Huot?
- 5 (Short pause)
- 6 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 7 A. What is the name of the concerned interrogator? I presume that
- 8 <> his name was Hak -- Comrade Hak (phonetic)? How could he <get>
- 9 the information? Hak (phonetic) was one of <the interrogators>
- 10 and he was assigned to conduct the interrogation, so the
- 11 information in the confession was owned by the group of
- 12 interrogators, so they may have known who implicated whom. <So,
- 13 Pon's group had those documents.>
- 14 [13.52.05]
- 15 BY MR. LYSAK:
- 16 Q. And do you understand what was the purpose of telling the
- 17 prisoner that was being interrogated who had implicated him; what
- 18 was the purpose for doing that?
- 19 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 20 A. Thank you. Kim -- Brother Kim Huot alias Sot was a stubborn
- 21 person and he did not confess easily, so when we had no way out
- 22 and after we had permission, we showed the implication to him.
- 23 In fact, these measures were not so good, so we used these kinds
- of measures only when we had no way out.
- 25 MR. LYSAK:

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- 1 Thank you, Mr. Witness.
- 2 Next, Mr. President, I'd like to present to the witness an
- 3 excerpt from document E3/1891 -- E3/1891; this relates to the
- 4 interrogation of Division 310 Secretary Oeun.
- 5 [15.53.45]
- 6 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 7 Yes, please.
- 8 BY MR. LYSAK:
- 9 For the record, the specific pages I'm going to ask the witness
- 10 about are a statement and this is the first or second day, the
- 11 arrival of Division 310 Secretary; a document dated 20 February
- 12 1977; English, ERN 0096819 through 20; and Khmer, 00017901
- 13 through 03; again, E3/1891; no French translation at this time.
- 14 I've marked the pages for you, Mr. Witness. The statement I
- 15 wanted to ask you about reads as follows -- and this is from
- 16 Division Secretary Oeun, he said -- he wrote:
- 17 "I am supposed to report about my plans for a coup d'état against
- 18 the Party which I respect as much as I respect my own life. I
- 19 have nothing to hide from the Party. I have had no thoughts of
- 20 carrying out a coup d'état against the Party. I find this
- 21 question preposterous because the thought has never even occurred
- 22 to me."
- 23 And here's the specific point I want to ask you about, Mr.
- 24 Witness quote: "Another thing--
- 25 [13.55.30]

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- 1 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 2 Please hold on. You may proceed now, Counsel Anta Guisse.
- 3 MS. GUISSE:
- 4 Well, here, I'm objecting in principle. It appears to me that the
- 5 Chamber's decision was that we're not supposed to read the
- 6 content of confessions, but this is what the Co-Prosecutor is
- 7 doing right now, so I object to this line of questioning or in
- 8 any case, the way the questions are being phrased because he's
- 9 reading straight from a confession.
- 10 [13.56.04]
- 11 MR. LYSAK:
- 12 Your Honour, this is the, in fact, exact opposite of a
- 13 confession. This is the very first statement from this prisoner
- 14 and he is adamantly denying that he is involved in anything, so
- 15 this is not something that could possibly be barred by the
- 16 Torture Convention. This is not a -- this is not a confession;
- 17 this is the witness -- I mean the prisoner saying, "I did nothing
- 18 wrong." And the relevance of this is to show the procedure here;
- 19 he makes specific reference to what he was being shown by the
- 20 interrogators. So this is not -- the Torture Convention bars
- 21 statements obtained by torture; it does not bar admission of a
- 22 prisoner saying, "Why are you arresting me? Why are you torturing
- 23 me? I've done nothing wrong."
- 24 [13.57.08]
- 25 MS. GUISSE:

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- 1 Well, here again, I have an issue in principle. I believe that we
- 2 spent a lot of time speaking about how the interrogations <took>
- 3 place at S-21 and how different methods were used as the
- 4 different witnesses explained here before us.
- 5 Here, what the Co-Prosecutor is telling us is that since what
- 6 transpires from this confession is something that he feels is
- 7 useful for his case, he can use it; whereas, if we stick to what
- 8 was said until now by the different witnesses, <once> someone is
- 9 interrogated; whether it's the cold method, whether it's the hot
- 10 method, as soon as someone is being interrogated, either there's
- 11 torture or duress. You said this in different decisions that you
- 12 issued for different witnesses <before this Chamber>; here, the
- 13 only difference, of course, is that the Co-Prosecutor believes
- 14 that the contents support his case.
- 15 Here, I object and I stand by my objection.
- 16 [13.58.26]
- 17 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 18 You may proceed now, Judge Lavergne.
- 19 JUDGE LAVERGNE:
- 20 Yes, a question for the Co-Prosecutor. I'd like <to understand>
- 21 -- do you intend to use the content of these confessions or do
- 22 you intend to use annotations and do you intend to read out the
- 23 content to give meaning to the annotations?
- 24 I'm a bit unclear about this because <the --> statements made by
- 25 prisoners at S-21<, whether they are initial statements or

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- 1 statements made at a later time> imply a presumption; the Chamber
- 2 said so, the presumption being that there is a <real> risk that
- 3 these statements were obtained under torture. So can you explain
- 4 to us what the purpose is of this reading that you are proposing?
- 5 [13.59.15]
- 6 MR. LYSAK:
- 7 Your Honour, we are relying here on the rule of the Torture
- 8 Convention; we're not relying on this, as Counsel says, because
- 9 it helps us. The rule of the Torture Convention is that what is
- 10 precluded are statements obtained by torture.
- 11 Yes, there is a presumption because of the circumstances there
- 12 that statements obtained were under duress. But we have, in this
- 13 situation, and we have this -- we see this sometimes, that there
- 14 were some prisoners who at the outset of their detention and
- 15 there were prisoners who despite the use of torture said, "I am
- 16 innocent. You -- I did not do these things you accused me of."
- 17 How could that possibly be a statement obtained by torture? It is
- 18 the exact opposite of a statement obtained by torture. It is a
- 19 prisoner saying you can torture me but I am innocent.
- 20 And the significance of this is not so much the statement, the
- 21 truth of the statement of this detainee. It's what he says about
- 22 what the interrogators were doing which is that they were reading
- 23 to him excerpts from the confession of Koy Thuon to try to get
- 24 him to confess. And he is saying here there is no truth to any of
- 25 this.

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- 1 So our position, so it's very clear, this cannot be a statement
- 2 that is barred by the Torture Convention.
- 3 (Judges deliberate)
- 4 [14.02.30]
- 5 JUDGE FENZ:
- 6 Can I just ask a clarification as to exactly what your argument
- 7 is? Is your argument, yes, I am confronting him with the contents
- 8 of a statement made under torture, but because he says it wasn't
- 9 me so it's not technically confession, it's not covered? Or is
- 10 your argument, this cannot possibly be have made a statement
- 11 under torture, because he said I am innocent? So which argument
- 12 is it; is it an argument which goes to we can use some of the
- 13 contents of the decision of the statement even if it was made
- 14 under torture, or is the argument the presumption that S-21
- 15 statements were made under torture doesn't apply here? So which
- 16 is the argument?
- 17 [14.03.27]
- 18 MR. LYSAK:
- 19 Thank you for letting me clarify that; it's more the latter
- 20 because we've and we've already used let me remind you and
- 21 admitted a number of these in the past where we've had a few
- 22 particularly high profile prisoners, who, at the very outset of
- 23 their detention wrote letters or statements saying often
- 24 addressed to the Party leader saying: "What are you doing? Why
- 25 are you arresting me? I haven't done anything." We've used that

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- 1 initial statement from Hu Nim; also from, I think, the secretary
- 2 of Sector 103 or 106, Pou Phat (phonetic), and this is the same
- 3 thing. This is a statement from this prisoner when he first
- 4 arrived at S-21, maintaining his innocence.
- 5 So, our position is that there cannot be a statement precluded by
- 6 the Torture Convention because it is an assertion of innocence by
- 7 the witness I mean, by the prisoner. The prisoner is doing the
- 8 opposite the very opposite in defying what the interrogators
- 9 wish him to do in asserting his innocence.
- 10 [14.04.37]
- 11 JUDGE FENZ:
- 12 But this is mixing argument again. Again, is the primary argument
- 13 the presumption that S-21 statements were made under torture is
- 14 rebutted here because if he says I didn't do it, he obviously
- 15 didn't do that under torture; is this the basic argument?
- 16 MR. LYSAK:
- 17 In a word, yes.
- 18 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 19 Yes, Defence Counsel, you have the floor.
- 20 MS. GUISSE:
- 21 The Court's indulgence. I'm sorry to interrupt you before you go
- 22 into deliberations.
- 23 Bearing in mind the clarifications of the Co-Prosecutor, the
- 24 question arises as to the basis on which the Co-Prosecutor says
- 25 that this document is different from other S-21 documents whereas

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- 1 <once again,> we have had before this Chamber witnesses who
- 2 explained the process of interrogating the prisoners. <There was
- 3 one interrogation on peoples' identities, and then there were
- 4 questions from the interrogators. > What is the basis for this
- 5 presumption? I do not see any reasons why we should consider that
- 6 this document should be admissible<, under these conditions>.
- 7 [14.06.10]
- 8 JUDGE FENZ:
- 9 Any further comments from any of the other -- counsel?
- 10 MR. KOPPE:
- 11 Other than that I am very curious how you are going to deal with
- 12 this in the light of your decision not -- that we cannot use Koy
- 13 Thuon's confession.
- 14 (Judges deliberate)
- 15 [14.07.46]
- 16 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 17 The Chamber rules that the objection by the defence counsel of
- 18 Khieu Samphan to the question by the Deputy Co-Prosecutor with an
- 19 excerpt of a statement obtained -- presumably obtained under
- 20 torture and that any document arising from S-21 is the result of
- 21 torture and the Chamber holds that that objection is sustained.
- 22 For that reason, Deputy Co-Prosecutor <and other parties>, you
- 23 are reminded not to use excerpts of the statements to put
- 24 questions to this witness or to any other upcoming witness before
- 25 this Chamber -- upcoming witnesses before this Chamber.

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- 1 [14.08.43]
- 2 MR. LYSAK:
- 3 Thank you, Mr. President.
- 4 Let me move to my next document and next subject.
- 5 I want to return briefly, Mr. Witness, to the issue of prisoners
- 6 who were sent from Prey Sar to S-21 for execution.
- 7 And Your Honours, I would like to present to the witness document
- 8 E3/1041 -- E3/1041, which is a report from Huy from Office 24
- 9 dated the 24th of March 1977, with your leave.
- 10 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 11 Yes, you may proceed.
- 12 [14.09.47]
- 13 BY MR. LYSAK:
- 14 And if we may display this on the screen?
- 15 Q. Mr. Witness, document E3/1041 dated the 24th of March 1977 is
- 16 a report signed by Huy. In the chart it lists five people who
- 17 have infectious diseases.
- 18 And the first thing I want to refer you to is the handwriting
- 19 that appears at the bottom of the document. This is -- and let me
- 20 read -- the handwriting that I am interested in states the
- 21 following: "The number of people requested to send to 21
- 22 includes "-- and then there are four items listed "of people who
- 23 have infectious diseases, five people; those who acted against
- 24 revolution, four people; people who were seriously incapacitated,
- 25 moved freely, were lascivious, 15 people; and then people who

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- 1 were pregnant, 13 people; for a total of 37 to be sent to S-21."
- 2 The first question: Do you recognize the handwriting of this note
- 3 that appears at the bottom of this document? Whose handwriting is
- 4 that?
- 5 [14.11.46]
- 6 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 7 A. Huy made a report to me with his handwriting, but it happened
- 8 a long time ago so it is very difficult for me to identify his
- 9 handwriting. Here is his signature.
- 10 However, this document should be part of <S-21's> work and that
- 11 37 people were sent from the rice fields to Phnom Penh. However,
- 12 they were not supposed to be <interrogated,> they were supposed
- 13 to <be sent> from <the rice fields> to Choeung Ek.
- 14 Q. And can you explain why is it that -- let's start with the
- 15 five people who had diseases. Do you -- what was the reason that
- 16 people with diseases were being sent from Prey Sar to Choeung Ek,
- 17 to S-21 for execution?
- 18 A. The five prisoners had infectious diseases -- that is,
- 19 sexually transmitted diseases and TB.
- 20 [14.13.25]
- 21 Q. And so what was the reason for killing these people, Mr.
- 22 Witness?
- 23 A. The first reason is that they could infect other inmates.
- 24 Second, we did not have medicine or treatment for sexually
- 25 transmitted diseases and tuberculosis.

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- 1 MR. LYSAK:
- 2 Your Honours, and for the record, there are nine specific names
- 3 of people in this report. The first five, the people with
- 4 diseases and then the next four who are also identified below
- 5 them, each of them appears on the OCIJ S-21 list as having been
- 6 executed on the 25th of March 1977, the day after this report.
- 7 For the record, you will find those, the reference numbers in the
- 8 OCIJ list for these nine people are number 3259, number 3306,
- 9 number 3289, number 3272, number 4422, number 3248, number 3270,
- 10 number 2119 and number 3292.
- 11 [14.15.26]
- 12 BY MR. LYSAK:
- 13 Q. There is a reference in the note at the bottom to 15 people
- 14 who were seriously incapacitated, moved freely or were
- 15 lascivious. What was meant by that? Who were these people and
- 16 what had they done to deserve to be sent to S-21 or Choeung Ek
- 17 for execution?
- 18 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 19 A. This is the first time that I <am seeing> this document and,
- 20 of course, I made my comment regarding the first part of the
- 21 document based on my knowledge.
- 22 And to respond to your second question, you spoke about people
- 23 who were seriously ill who could not walk <>, <but in this
- 24 document, it states that there were different kinds of people-
- 25 those who> were seriously <disabled>, <and those who were liberal

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- 1 and lascivious. I believe the solution to these problems was the
- 2 principle that we implemented <> -- that is, to keep is no gain,
- 3 <> to remove means no loss.
- 4 [14.17.22]
- 5 MR. LYSAK:
- 6 Thank you, Mr. Witness.
- 7 And Mr. President, next I would like to present to the witness
- 8 document E3/10506 -- E3/10506 and E3/8657 -- E3/8657. These are
- 9 two lists or prisoner lists from S-21.
- 10 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 11 Yes, you may proceed.
- 12 [14.18.14]
- 13 BY MR. LYSAK:
- 14 Now, let me specify for the record the information from these
- 15 lists that on which I focus, and if we could display on the
- 16 screen as well.
- 17 The first list, E3/86 -- E3/8657; these are documents that are
- 18 just in Khmer. The Khmer ERN is 00230070 through 71. This is a
- 19 list of prisoners who entered in March 1977 in the section for
- 20 S-21D, S-21-kor, and there are six elderly women who were
- 21 transferred from Prey Sar to S-21 who appear in this list. They
- 22 are numbers 799 through 803 and 806 on the list, if we can show
- 23 that on the screen.
- 24 Your Honours and Mr. Witness, the six women who were being
- 25 transferred on the 25th of March 1977 from Prey Sar to S-21 were

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- 1 a 75 year-old Sok Nay (phonetic), 74 year-old Eav Touch
- 2 (phonetic), 73 year-old Preap Tut (phonetic) alias Tun
- 3 (phonetic), 70 year-old Yus Phol (phonetic), an 82 year-old woman
- 4 Neang Im (phonetic), and another woman, Hour Deng (phonetic), who
- 5 was listed as 92 years old.
- 6 The second list I gave you, Mr. Witness, which is E3/10506 at
- 7 Khmer page 01019379, records the execution of the six women on
- 8 the day of their transfer to S-21. They appear as numbers 102
- 9 through 106 and 109 on that page if we can display that on the
- 10 screen.
- 11 And my question to you again, Mr. Kaing Guek Eav: Why were these
- 12 very elderly women being transferred from Prey Sar to S-21?
- 13 [14.21.38]
- 14 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 15 A. First, allow me to make my impression on these two lists.
- 16 Can you tell me whether these lists were extracted from the lists
- 17 of prisoners at S-21 that were used to question to me or <are>
- 18 these two separate lists?
- 19 Q. These are S-21 records. I believe they are part -- they have
- 20 been discovered and put into evidence through a new list done by
- 21 OCIJ but -- so they are probably not documents that you have been
- 22 examined on before.
- 23 Do you recognize these as the format of S-21 prisoner lists?
- 24 [14.22.40]
- 25 A. If <the> documents <were> extracted from the prisoner's list

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- 1 at S-21 that <was> used to question me and that was used to put a
- 2 verdict to send me to life imprisonment, <it is not like that> as
- 3 the sequential number of the lists was different and <the names
- 4 were> in Latin <>.
- 5 <I used to see, know and hear about those lists.>
- 6 And now I am presented with a new list and it is rather strange
- 7 to me. So I do not know how to respond to your question, and I
- 8 actually need time to read these documents fully before I can
- 9 respond to your question.
- 10 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 11 Mr. Kaing Guek Eav, as you have been informed a number of days
- 12 ago, in fact that there is a new updated list of prisoners at
- 13 S-21 besides the list that was used for your Case 001 and with
- 14 the judgment <sentencing you to> life imprisonment. At that time
- 15 the list included about 11,890 names. However, with the new
- 16 investigations in other cases; namely, Cases 003 and 004, the
- 17 Office of the Co-Investigating Judges made an updated list of
- 18 prisoners including the names of about 15,000 and the increased
- 19 number was the result of findings of new documents that were used
- 20 to compile the new list.
- 21 [14.25.03]
- 22 So these two documents are the new documents that were not used
- 23 to confront you in Case 001 and the new list has a new figure and
- 24 it is modified from the previous list of around 11,000 to 15,000
- 25 <in the new list>. That is the latest development in relation to

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- 1 the list of prisoners.
- 2 And the new list has been part of the case file at present and
- 3 that parties can use the list to question you. Of course, it is
- 4 appropriate for you to review the list fully so that you are in a
- 5 position to provide a precise answer to the questions put to you
- 6 by the parties.
- 7 So this is just to explain to you about the development of the
- 8 list.
- 9 Deputy Co-Prosecutor, you have the floor.
- 10 [14.25.58]
- 11 BY MR. LYSAK:
- 12 Thank you, Mr. President.
- 13 O. Mr. Witness--
- 14 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 15 Deputy Co-Prosecutor, please hold on. We notice that Witness Duch
- 16 wants to speak.
- 17 Please hold on and wait for the microphone to be operational.
- 18 MR.KAING GUEK EAV:
- 19 Mr. President, I'd like to put question to the Chamber in
- 20 relation to the list of names of those who died at S-21. The old
- 21 list was about -- included about <1,200 (sic)> names and later
- 22 on, after I was tried, several names were added to the list and
- 23 they were still in the computer. From what I heard that those
- 24 names of around 12,000 were <carved> or inscribed at Tuol Sleng
- 25 with <funding> from the German government.

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- 1 I recall that recently John Kerry, <United States> Secretary of
- 2 <State>, visited Tuol Sleng <on 6 February> before he went to pay
- 3 his courtesy calls to Hun Sen or Hor Namhong or the opposition
- 4 party.
- 5 [14.27.36]
- 6 And to my knowledge, I think both national and international
- 7 community acknowledge those 12,000-plus names inscribed at Tuol
- 8 Sleng. This is my comment that I would like to make.
- 9 And the second part of my comment is that <> it is strange that I
- 10 was confronted with this new list of people <> who were sick and
- 11 <who> were sent to S-21. And <in order to be> able to make my
- 12 full response, I would seek your permission to review the
- 13 documents, the list first.
- 14 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 15 Deputy Co-Prosecutor, maybe you should try to use another line of
- 16 questions to put questions to the witness and if you want to use
- 17 this line of questioning relying on the new list, it is better to
- 18 give the list first to the witness so that he'll have time
- 19 <perhaps tonight> to review them before he can respond.
- 20 Otherwise, there would be interruptions during the proceedings
- 21 and he would need time to review those lists.
- 22 And Judge Claudia Fenz, you have the floor.
- 23 [14.29.30]
- 24 JUDGE FENZ:
- 25 I want to say something very general, witness.

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- 1 This is a separate trial. Your trial was a separate trial. This
- 2 is a separate trial. So whatever the prosecutor or anybody else
- 3 said in the first case, and you have frequently referred to the
- 4 National Prosecutor, is of very limited importance in this case.
- 5 Second, yes, there is additional evidence that you are not
- 6 familiar yet. We don't know yet where this evidence will go but
- 7 we have to deal with it.
- 8 So it doesn't really help if you tell us any time you haven't
- 9 seen a document in your own case that you don't like it because
- 10 it wasn't presented to you in your own case.
- 11 I would invite you to comment on the documents as far as you can
- 12 but, as I said, these are two different proceedings. Is this
- 13 clear?
- 14 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 15 Yes, Witness Duch, you can speak.
- 16 [14.30.58]
- 17 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 18 A. I am satisfied with the explanation by Judge Fenz. I would
- 19 <need> to have a list -- that is, the old list of around <12,300>
- 20 people before me so that I can actually compare the old list to
- 21 the new list. Of course, we had the proceedings in Case 001 and
- 22 if you refer to the previous documents, I am familiar with them
- 23 and I can respond rather quickly. But with the new lists, I need
- 24 time to review <whether or not I was aware of any of this
- 25 information or situation at that time>, and if I have the old

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- list with me here too, I can do a cross-reference. I <would>
- 2 appreciate it if I <could> be provided with the old list <as
- 3 well>.
- 4 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 5 And Counsel Koppe, you have the floor.
- 6 [14.32.00]
- 7 MR. KOPPE:
- 8 Yes, thank you, Mr. President. I would like to react to what the
- 9 witness is saying. We would strenuously object the witness being
- 10 provided either the old OCP list of 12,000-plus prisoners or the
- 11 new list provided or made by the investigators of the
- 12 International Co-Investigating Judges.
- 13 He is, as he said himself, the chairman of S-21. He should be
- 14 able to give evidence on the documents, the original
- 15 contemporaneous documents that are shown to him.
- 16 For him to be construing evidence on the basis of an Excel sheet
- 17 either drafted by the Prosecution or the OCIJ would be
- 18 unacceptable. If that's going to happen, we, again, will have an
- 19 unacceptable mix of his own evidence together with the products
- 20 of the investigation. So we really object to the Chamber handing
- 21 him either the old list or the new list.
- 22 [14.33.20]
- 23 MR. LYSAK:
- 24 Your Honours, I don't think anyone is proposing to do that, to
- 25 hand him either the list of 12,000 or 15,000. We are asking him

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- 1 to review some original records. That's all.
- 2 So I think the records should be clear that nobody is suggesting
- 3 that he be asked to review the 15,000 or 12,000 lists.
- 4 JUDGE FENZ:
- 5 Can I just put something on the record? I'm not sure I remember
- 6 it correctly.
- 7 You are very stuck on this old list. This became obvious. Is it
- 8 true that you were actually involved in compiling this list
- 9 during the investigation, the old list, or does my memory trick
- 10 me?
- 11 [14.34.10]
- 12 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 13 A. Thank you.
- 14 I <took> a copy of the combined list with me <to> Takhmau. <But I
- 15 did not bring it with me this time>. That list was given to me
- 16 during the investigation stage and the day after, I was
- 17 <questioned> <by Judges Lemonde and You Bunleng> about the list
- 18 that <was> given <to me to review> the previous day. <I said the
- 19 document was basically correct.> However, Vorn's name <and my
- 20 younger in-law's name were> missing, but later on, I found <their
- 21 names in there. In fact, Keoly Thong Huot was mentioned in there
- 22 as Keo and for Bong Vorn, he was mentioned as Pen Thuok, not as
- 23 Vorn Vet. > And the list was sent back to the Co-Prosecutors for
- 24 revision.
- 25 The list was revised twice before it became final and a final

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- 1 version of the document's heading is "List of prisoners at S-21",
- 2 the revised version. That is the list that I have read before.
- 3 And during the time that I was adjudicated by the Supreme Court
- 4 Chamber, I also reviewed that list. That list was drawn up based
- 5 on our consultation during the proceedings at the time and
- 6 Vincent was familiar with the list, I believe.
- 7 And <I took> a copy of <the list with me to> Takhmau.
- 8 [14.36.10]
- 9 JUDGE FENZ:
- 10 Thank you. I was about to ask this; I think he had basically the
- 11 whole case file in his cell.
- 12 So you still have the list at your disposal -- that makes the
- 13 whole debate kind of moot -- Is that true, you still have the old
- 14 list in your cell?
- 15 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 16 A. That is correct. I've got that <old> list with me at Takhmau
- 17 cell together with the binder of what I stated during the
- 18 proceedings. But right now, those documents are kept at the cell,
- 19 not with me here.
- 20 JUDGE FENZ:
- 21 I understand. I think that clarifies that issue. Go ahead.
- 22 (Judges deliberate)
- 23 [14.37.28]
- 24 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 25 Thank you very much. I think the issue has been dealt with and it

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- 1 is now an appropriate time for the short break. The Chamber will
- 2 take a short break from now until 3 p.m.
- 3 Court officer, please assist the witness in the waiting room
- 4 during the break time and please invite him back to the courtroom
- 5 at 3 p.m.
- 6 The Court is now in recess.
- 7 (Court recesses from 1437H to 1459H)
- 8 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 9 Please be seated. The Court is back in session.
- 10 Again, the floor is given to the Deputy Co-Prosecutor to continue
- 11 putting further questions to the witness.
- 12 [15.00.14]
- 13 BY MR. LYSAK:
- 14 Thank you, Mr. President.
- 15 Let me turn to another subject. I want to talk a little bit with
- 16 you about the Vietnamese prisoners at S-21 and instructions you
- 17 received relating to that.
- 18 Q. Were there prisoners at S-21 who were Vietnamese soldiers and
- 19 did you receive instructions from your superior on what to do
- 20 with prisoners who were Vietnamese soldiers?
- 21 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 22 A. Yes, I recall that. It was Vu Dinh Ngo who was a former
- 23 Thieu-Ky soldier and who was the first "Yuon" soldier that was
- 24 arrested and later on he became a soldier of Vietcong and was
- 25 arrested by Khmer soldiers on the 6th of January of '88 (sic).

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- 1 There was an <> order from the <upper echelon> regarding the
- 2 questioning of "Yuon" soldiers and the purpose was for them to
- 3 confess that they invaded Kampuchea and they wanted to use
- 4 Kampuchea as an umbrella of Indo-China. Their voices would be
- 5 recorded and broadcast and that <required> two segments of five
- 6 minutes each per week. < It was Pou Nuon who ordered me to do
- 7 that.>
- 8 [15.02.30]
- 9 And actually, by that time, Brother Khieu went to the front
- 10 battlefield and I assigned Mam Nai with Phan Than Chan, who used
- 11 to study in Hanoi to question "Yuon" soldiers. This Phan Than
- 12 Chan knew how to speak "Yuon" language as well as Thai and
- 13 <Laotian>.
- 14 So Mam Nai actually learned "Yuon" language from this Phan Than
- 15 Chan <and Vu Dinh Ngo, > and I used <Chau Seng > to assist Mam Nai
- in doing <this> work. So this is what happened to "Yuon"
- 17 soldiers.
- 18 Q. Who was the superior? Who was it that instructed you to make
- 19 audio recordings of confessions of the Vietnamese soldiers that
- 20 could be broadcast on the radio? Who gave you that instruction?
- 21 A. I have just made that point. It was Brother Nuon.
- 22 In fact, Son Sen had not met me face to face starting from the
- 23 15th of August 1978. I apologize. It was in 1977. That is the
- 24 time the Kampuchea declared that "Yuon" was our enemy, and that
- announcement was made on the 31st of December '78.

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- 1 When Vu Dinh Ngo arrived, I received an order from Brother Nuon
- 2 regarding the audio recording of the confessions. So it was not
- 3 Son Sen that I received orders from. It was Brother Nuon.
- 4 [15.04.30]
- 5 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 6 Judge Lavergne, you have the floor.
- 7 JUDGE LAVERGNE:
- 8 Thank you, Mr. President.
- 9 I am sorry to interrupt your examination. I would like a
- 10 clarification because in French we heard at <one> point that the
- 11 first Vietnamese soldier who was arrested was arrested on the 6th
- 12 of January 1988, unless I am wrong. So I think that date is
- 13 wrong.
- 14 I do not know whether you heard the same erroneous date in
- 15 English but this is a matter that should be clarified by the
- 16 witness.
- 17 On what date was the first Vietnamese soldier admitted to S-21?
- 18 [15.05.30]
- 19 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 20 A. Thank you, Judge. It was 6 January 1978.
- 21 BY MR. LYSAK:
- 22 Q. Thank you for clarifying that, Mr. Witness.
- 23 Was it the year -- were Vietnamese prisoners arrested and sent to
- 24 -- Vietnamese soldiers arrested and sent to S-21 throughout the
- 25 year 1978 -- that is, from January through December of that year?

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- 1 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 2 A. I do not recall the exact number; however, there were many of
- 3 them.
- 4 [15.06.45]
- 5 Q. I want to read to you an excerpt from your testimony in your
- 6 trial on the 10th of June 2009. This is document E3/525 at 09.33
- 7 in the morning to 09.35 in the morning, and this is what you said
- 8 on the subject -- quote: "The Communist Party of Kampuchea used
- 9 the voices of the Vietnamese people and the Vietnamese language
- 10 for propaganda purpose."
- 11 Question: "Did you therefore direct that these Vietnamese
- 12 soldiers be interrogated so that you could get material for radio
- 13 broadcasts?"
- 14 Answer: "The objective is determined from the upper echelon and
- 15 I, myself, I ordered the interrogators to do what it took in
- 16 order to achieve the objective of the upper echelon -- that is,
- 17 Vietnam invaded Cambodia in order to put Cambodia into the
- 18 Indo-Chinese Federation. The essence of the confessions of those
- 19 Vietnamese were sent to Uncle Nuon. Therefore, whatever it is he
- 20 would adjust and then he would send it to me and I would make
- 21 some changes.
- 22 So the purpose of the propaganda was determined from the upper
- 23 echelon and I just tried to fulfil those objectives." End of
- 24 quote.
- 25 What I wanted some clarification on, you indicate -- indicated in

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- 1 your testimony that the confessions of these Vietnamese prisoners
- 2 were sent to Uncle Nuon, to Nuon Chea for him to review and that
- 3 he provided some changes to the confessions.
- 4 Do you remember that and do you remember the nature of the
- 5 changes or comments Nuon Chea would make about the Vietnamese
- 6 confessions?
- 7 [15.09.07]
- 8 A. First, allow me to bring up a matter. The excerpts that you
- 9 raised seem to focus on the "Yuon" people <rather> than the
- 10 "Yuon" soldiers. Only a few "Yuon" people were arrested and the
- 11 rest were all "Yuon" soldiers.
- 12 And at that time many "Yuon" soldiers were arrested and brought
- 13 to the centre. What was the purpose of interrogating the "Yuon"
- 14 soldiers; for example, on the plans to invade or on who issued
- 15 the invasion orders? In fact, it would be a waste of time to
- 16 interrogate them on this matter and I <was> satisfied with the
- 17 orders from the upper echelon -- that is, to do what <was> needed
- 18 for them to confess that they were sent by their superiors to
- 19 invade Kampuchea and to include Kampuchea into the Indo-Chinese
- 20 Federation.
- 21 And I believe in that plan because that was the hidden agenda of
- 22 Vietnam. Through <Vietnamese> history, you could see that.
- 23 [15.10.40]
- 24 And I sent the audio recording as well as our voice interpreting
- 25 the audio recording. And only minor changes were made. For

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- 1 example, a number of firearms -- for example, for 15 firearms, he
- 2 would change it to 20 firearms. So he only made minor changes.
- 3 And that is a bit contradictory to my stance since usually I
- 4 would stick to the facts.
- 5 And I did not want to see discrepancies in the "Yuon" language
- 6 and the Khmer language.
- 7 Oh, I apologize. In fact we only wrote the Khmer script and it
- 8 would be read out by radio broadcaster and it was not audio
- 9 recorded in Khmer.
- 10 [15.11.42]
- 11 Q. When you said "he made minor changes", who were you referring
- 12 to?
- 13 A. I referred to Uncle Nuon, as I stated earlier, because by that
- 14 time Brother Son Sen had gone for quite a long time to the front
- 15 battlefield.
- 16 Q. So just that I understand correctly, you sent Vietnamese
- 17 confessions to Nuon Chea. He would make minor changes such as
- 18 increasing the number of firearms to be higher. Do I understand
- 19 correctly?
- 20 A. Yes. He only made minor changes. He made changes to the Khmer
- 21 text and then it would be given to the radio broadcaster to
- 22 announce it.
- 23 Q. Did Nuon Chea also give you orders relating to photographing
- 24 and taking some films of the Vietnamese soldiers who were
- 25 prisoners at S-21?

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- 1 A. Yes, there was an order to take photographs and the
- 2 photographs were taken by S-21 and Pang would assist me in
- 3 selecting which photographs to keep and which not to keep. In
- 4 fact, there was a conference in Indonesia that we should select
- 5 some documents some photographs in order to show them that,
- 6 indeed, "Yuon" <had> invaded Kampuchea based on those
- 7 photographs.
- 8 [15.13.58]
- 9 And in fact, they did not <make> a video of the "Yuon" soldiers.
- 10 They actually made movies of the "Yuon" soldiers by Theng, who
- 11 was a cameraman. <Theng was Pol Pot's nephew. > And I actually
- 12 asked Hor to take Theng to prepare a stage so that movie could be
- 13 made of the "Yuon" soldiers. And that location was to the east of
- 14 Street 163 and to the north of Mao Tse Toung Boulevard. And as I
- 15 stated earlier, there <were bushes and> a pond there and that was
- 16 the setting stage for movie-making. And actually, those "Yuon"
- 17 prisoners wore their military uniforms when they were arrested
- 18 in.
- 19 Also, at S-21, a stage was prepared for the movie as the "Yuon"
- 20 soldiers saluted and then showed their names and ranks. <Some of
- 21 the scenes from> the movie <were filmed> at my workplace -- that
- 22 is, at Street 95 and that house was facing the west. So <some
- 23 scenes were filmed> there as well.
- 24 [15.15.28]
- 25 Q. And you said that the person who -- the cameraman who came to

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- 1 make this movie was named Theng. Can you explain to the Court who
- 2 Theng was?
- 3 A. Allow me to repeat it. Theng was the nephew of Pol Pot. He
- 4 studied <film> and cinematography in China.
- 5 Q. When you received the instructions from Nuon Chea about
- 6 photographs of the Vietnamese soldiers, did he explain what type
- 7 of people he wanted photographs? Did he give you any further
- 8 explanations of the people that he wanted shown in these photos?
- 9 A. That was the general instruction. However, it was up to Theng
- 10 to make the arrangements of the movies. Even when the movie was
- 11 shot at my house at Street 95, usually "Yuon" soldiers <held>
- 12 their cap in the left hand, but Theng gave instructions for them
- 13 <not> to hold their cap in <their> left hand.
- 14 And Theng <and Hor were> the <ones> who also selected where to
- 15 shoot movies near the pond.
- 16 [15.17.31]
- 17 Q. Let me -- I want to talk about, not about the movies first but
- 18 about the photographs that Pang helped you pick. Let me read to
- 19 you a statement, a written statement from you in the
- 20 investigation in Case 001. This is document E3/5756 -- E3/5756.
- 21 This is what you stated quote:
- 22 "I wish to clarify that for all the Vietnamese, both military and
- 23 civilian, I had been ordered:
- 24 "1) To interrogate them. These responses were taken for broadcast
- on the radio..." and it continues on.

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- 1 And then number two of what you had been ordered you said the
- 2 following: "2) To select four to 10 'Yuon' soldiers to be taken
- 3 and photographed; select those with very 'Yuon'-featured faces;
- 4 enlarge to 18 by 24 dimensions. S-21 made the photographs. Pang
- 5 helped select the photographs and sent them to upper echelon."
- 6 End of quote.
- 7 Who is it that gave you the instruction to select people who had
- 8 very "Yuon"-featured faces?
- 9 [15.19.09]
- 10 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 11 Witness, please hold on.
- 12 And Counsel Anta Guisse, you have the floor.
- 13 MS. GUISSE:
- 14 I am sorry to have to interrupt the Co-Prosecutor. I just wish to
- 15 have the reference.
- 16 BY MR. LYSAK:
- 17 It's a short one-page or two-page document so it -- and the
- 18 document number is, again, E3/5756.
- 19 Q. Mr. Witness, who gave you the instruction to select soldiers
- 20 with very "Yuon"-featured faces for the photographs?
- 21 A. It was Pang who conveyed the orders and I cannot recall
- 22 whether the order was given by Brother Nuon, but it was Pang who
- 23 actually conveyed the message.
- 24 And allow me to add that there was <> one person whose face
- 25 looked very much like "Yuon" but the name is Tach Tep (phonetic).

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- 1 So then we discarded that photo because of <the> name. The name
- 2 did not sound like a "Yuon" name<, it sounded> like a Kampuchea
- 3 Krom's name.
- 4 [15.20.50]
- 5 Q. What happened -- Mr. Witness, what happened to the Vietnamese
- 6 soldiers after their confessions had been obtained and they had
- 7 been photographed, these movies had been made; what happened to
- 8 them after that?
- 9 A. In principle, both civilians and soldiers had to be smashed.
- 10 Q. I want to ask you about another reference in the
- 11 interrogators' notebooks, so if you could take the yellow binder,
- 12 the yellow binder that's in front of you and if you can find the
- 13 place where I've marked with the letter "B".
- 14 MR. LYSAK:
- 15 Your Honours, this is in the Pon-Tuy S-21 interrogators'
- 16 notebook. It is document E3/834; Khmer ERN, 00077476; English,
- 17 00184498.
- 18 [15.22.27]
- 19 BY MR. LYSAK:
- 20 Q. And on this page -- if you need some help to find the page,
- 21 let us know. It has a yellow Post-it on it with the letter "B"
- and the Khmer ERN is 00077476 in document E3/834.
- 23 This is what I wanted to ask you about. There is a note from the
- 24 interrogators from 18 June 1978, and if we have this, we can show
- 25 it on the screen also. The note reads -- quote: "The problem of

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- 1 the 'Yuon' hidden in Kampuchea, they are hiding everywhere." End
- 2 of quote.
- 3 And then a few pages later -- for you, I've marked also put a
- 4 Post-it marked with the letter "C", at Khmer, 0077485; English,
- 5 00184504; there are the following notes from 18 July 1978 quote
- 6 -- and if we can show this on the screen:
- 7 "1. Why are we looking for the 'Yuon'?
- 8 "We have captured some 'Yuon' in the Northwest.
- 9 "In Tramoung district, we have captured 'Yuon'.
- 10 "We must set the view clearly that the 'Yuon' will do whatever
- 11 they must to take Kampuchea. So in the middle, there must be
- 12 'Yuon' there too."
- 13 [15.24.24]
- 14 And point number 2 in the notes:
- 15 "2. Have we found the 'Yuon' or not? Maximum victory equals
- 16 finding the 'Yuon'. Minimum victory equals finding additional
- 17 traitor connections who are 'Yuon' agents." End of quote.
- 18 My question, Mr. Witness, do you remember providing instructions
- 19 in 1978 to interrogators on the problem of "Yuon" who had
- 20 remained and were hidden in Kampuchea and the necessity of
- 21 finding those people? Do you remember providing those
- 22 instructions to your interrogators?
- 23 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 24 A. Regarding the operation at the time as well as the excerpt
- 25 that you read, it is consistent. Of course, "Yuon" soldiers who

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- 1 were hiding in Kampuchea at the time were being searched.
- 2 And I'd like to add one thing. This is not Comrade Tuy's
- document. Tuy did not have any remaining documents at S-21. I
- 4 only <saw> the two pages and not the rest of this document. And,
- 5 of course, I agree with you in the searching for "Yuon" soldiers.
- 6 [15.26.40]
- 7 Q. Whose notebook is this if it's not Tuy? Is it Pon's?
- 8 A. As for Comrade Pon, he wrote a document and it was considered
- 9 important and, actually, the Co-Prosecutors kept it <up> to the
- 10 last proceedings during my trial. And then the prosecutors showed
- 11 me the document and asked me to identify it and I immediately
- 12 recognized the handwriting and I said that was Pon, Pon's
- 13 document.
- 14 And as I said regarding this document, I only recognize the
- 15 <first> two pages here in this document, and that it belonged to
- 16 Comrade <Oeun>. As for the rest, I do not recognize them. And I
- 17 actually already <talked> about the purpose of interrogating
- 18 "Yuon" soldiers and that was our objective.
- 19 O. Are you sure this is a reference to "Yuon" soldiers, Mr.
- 20 Witness? There's a reference here to having captured "Yuon" in
- 21 the Northwest. Do you remember any Vietnamese soldiers being
- 22 captured in the Northwest, a part of Democratic Kampuchea?
- 23 A. Regarding the arrests of "Yuon" in the Northwest Zone <during
- 24 Democratic Kampuchea>, I cannot recall that and maybe there was
- 25 none. What I could say is that they were maybe arrested along the

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- 1 Kampuchea-Vietnamese border.
- 2 [15.28.44]
- 3 Q. Were you also instructed, in addition to looking for
- 4 Vietnamese soldiers, to look if there were any Vietnamese
- 5 nationals or people who had remained behind in Cambodia when most
- 6 of the people had left back in 1973 or '75? Were you instructed
- 7 to look for those people also?
- 8 A. I actually wrote quite a long statement on this matter
- 9 regarding the "Yuon" presence in Kampuchea and that their
- 10 presence ended in 1974.
- 11 <At that time, > Le Duan requested Pol Pot to have them returned
- 12 to "Yuon" in order to engage in the vote and Pol Pot was happy
- 13 with that, so all of them were chased away and, in fact, in some
- 14 instances they fired shots into the air in order to chase them to
- 15 return to their country. So <that was the reason I wrote that>
- 16 the risk of "Yuon's" presence in Kampuchea ended in 1974 and from
- 17 that day onward, I did not see any "Yuon".
- 18 [15.30.18]
- 19 And I recall that there was a "Yuon" person who was a mother of
- 20 my friend. He was Vietnamese but he joined the Party with me and
- 21 he actually went to the forests before me. His name was Yo Yang
- 22 Ngea (phonetic) and in Khmer, his name was Ho Ngea (phonetic). He
- 23 was a year younger than me. I met his mother briefly at Preaek
- 24 Kdam after 1975. <He> was the only "Yuon" that I saw after 1974.
- 25 So I could say that there was no longer any "Yuon" after 1974

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- 1 and, in particular, after 17 April 1975. There were Vietnamese
- 2 soldiers who came to station near the border and who wanted to
- 3 take part of the <country>. As for the "Youn" civilians, they
- 4 were no longer present in Kampuchea by end of '74.
- 5 [15.31.30]
- 6 Q. You said something a little different in one of your OCIJ
- 7 statements I'd like to ask you about, Mr. Witness.
- 8 In your OCIJ interview E3/1580 -- E3/1580; Khmer, ERN 00177580;
- 9 English, 00177587; French, 00177594 through 595; this is what you
- 10 said -- testified in that statement -- quote:
- 11 "After 17 April 1975, most of the Vietnamese who remained in
- 12 Cambodia were eliminated. There were very few left, however, I
- 13 remember seeing S-21 lists carrying the names of Vietnamese who
- 14 were still living in Cambodia. Civilians and the military were
- 15 treated in the same way. They were interrogated and sent to
- 16 execution." End of quote
- 17 Does that refresh your memory, Mr. Witness? While most of the
- 18 Vietnamese had left the country, was it not the case that there
- 19 were some who had stayed behind and, if so, is it correct that
- 20 those who stayed behind were executed?
- 21 A. I cannot recall it. Such incident did not happen. Frankly
- 22 speaking, I do not recall it.
- 23 [15.33.40]
- 24 Q. We may come back if I have time and look at some specific
- 25 Vietnamese prisoners who -- at S-21.

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- 1 I want to turn now to some questions about your function in
- 2 reviewing the confessions from your interrogators. Specifically,
- 3 when you received confessions that had been drafted by your
- 4 interrogators, before you sent them on to your superior, did you
- 5 review the accuracy of information, the accuracy of the names of
- 6 people that were identified in the confessions?
- 7 And what I want to know is, was one of your functions to try to
- 8 make sure that the people that were named in these confessions
- 9 were actual were real people and that -- with the actual
- 10 positions stated in the document?
- 11 A. Thank you. If we talk about people's names who were
- 12 implicated by prisoners, <the> interrogator <unit> would examine
- 13 all those people's names by themselves. < In fact, > the superiors
- 14 did not <> know <> people's names <in all the> units. <It was the
- 15 interrogation unit who was in charge of checking names.>
- 16 <And> I would review the content of the confessions,
- 17 <particularly>, the confessions <that interested> Son Sen<, and I
- 18 would make short annotations on them>. <> I highlighted clearly
- 19 the content in Kung Kien's confession. This person used to go to
- 20 Sector 25 with me. I made short annotations on his confession.
- 21 [15.36.15]
- 22 And <the> confession of Meas Touch was <> highlighted <a lot> by
- 23 me. Touch was once working at the Laotian Embassy.
- 24 And <I very minimally highlighted> most of the confessions.
- 25 And <for the> confession <of> Long <Muy> alias Chuon, <I noted

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- 1 down that he was the network of Kok Minh Tang (phonetic) >. < And
- 2 Bong Khieu wrote a letter to Pol Pot regarding Long Muy alias
- 3 Chuon. It could be important, but I did not read it yet. > And Pol
- 4 Pot <replied back instructing Bong Khieu to solve this matter
- 5 with the East Zone>.
- 6 In summary, I did not make a notation whether certain prisoners
- 7 spoke or confessed <the truth>. I only made <it> short <>. And <>
- 8 the interrogators would be responsible for the content of the
- 9 confession, and I would only make annotations on some confessions
- 10 <in order to get the attention of> my superiors.
- 11 [15.37.46]
- 12 Q. My question to you is: what did you do if you received --
- 13 when you received a confession from one of your interrogators and
- 14 it named a person as, let's say, the head of the West Zone who
- 15 was not actually the head of the West Zone? But what did you do?
- 16 Did you ask the interrogator to make corrections or did you just
- 17 send that document on to your superiors?
- 18 A. Thank you. This issue was widely known at S-21. For example,
- 19 there was a case of one prisoner who implicated Brother Phim, the
- 20 Secretary of the East.
- 21 I was first asked whether <the prisoner> should be further
- 22 interrogated, so I had to seek the permission of my superior.
- 23 Usually, <any> confession <that implicated Phim was> annotated by
- 24 me with the <letter> "S" or "sor" in a circle or in a box.
- 25 And in the case of Oeun, he made the annotation that if the enemy

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- 1 implicated <important> people, the <> Brother of the West should
- 2 be asked about that issue and brother of the West was Hor. So it
- 3 depended on the permission given to all of us whether or not
- 4 prisoners should be further interrogated.
- 5 [15.40.22]
- 6 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 7 Thank you. It is now time for break. My apology, I'm confused
- 8 with the time. You may continue your questioning.
- 9 MR. LYSAK:
- 10 Thank you, Mr. President.
- 11 BY MR. LYSAK:
- 12 Q. Let me turn to a new subject with the last 20 minutes we have
- 13 here today. I want to ask you a few questions about Mr. Khieu
- 14 Samphan and I want to make clear, I want you to provide this
- 15 answer based on the knowledge you had during the time of the
- 16 Democratic Kampuchea regime when you were the Chairman of S-21.
- 17 What positions did Khieu Samphan have in the Party and the regime
- 18 between April 1975 and January 1979?
- 19 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 20 A. The public announcement over the radio was that Khieu Samphan
- 21 was the State Presidium of the Democratic Kampuchea or DK, but in
- 22 reality he was the chief of a committee surrounding the Centre.
- 23 [15.42.39]
- 24 Q. I want to read to you -- this is a statement you gave in May
- 25 1999 before the time you were being prosecuted by this Court and

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- 1 had access to any case file, and in May 1999 -- this is in
- 2 document E3/347 -- E3/347; Khmer, ERN 00160890; English,
- 3 00184998; French, ERN 00160922; this is what you told the
- 4 interviewer back then in 1999 -- quote:
- 5 "Khieu Samphan, he was a full rights member of the Central
- 6 Committee of the Communist Party of Kampuchea. In an
- 7 administrative role, he was both head of state and Chairman of
- 8 the Central Committee Office." End of quote.
- 9 So as of 1999, you knew, as you just testified now, that Khieu
- 10 Samphan was the Chairman of the Central Committee Office.
- 11 How did you know that? How did you know that Khieu Samphan had
- 12 that position?
- 13 [15.44.20]
- 14 A. That is the interpretation or translation of CPK's policy and
- 15 the translation is not 100 per cent accurate. The Secretary of
- 16 the Party <Centre> was Pol Pot. Within the Party, <Hem> was known
- 17 as the head or chairman of committees, various committees
- 18 surrounding the <Party> Centre. This is what I said in the
- 19 previous proceedings. <> That was known by the public in general.
- 20 Regarding some issues, I told the Court about various issues that
- 21 is -- that are true, but sometimes I did not recall those facts
- 22 at the time.
- 23 In <April 1977>, Chou Chet alias Si was arrested and sent to
- 24 S-21. At the time, I <suspected> that Ta Mok <was taking> revenge
- 25 <on> Si or I started to ask Pang about that issue. <Pang said

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- 1 that Vorn was a difficult person to work with. > In meetings, <he
- 2 would just be> quiet <with an angry face>. <At that time, Vorn
- 3 was at the office, but > Pol asked Hem to attend a meeting. <That
- 4 was the day that Si was arrested, > and I do not really understand
- 5 why Si was arrested.
- 6 [15.46.41]
- 7 And number 2, during the investigation stage, at the time the
- 8 National Co-Prosecutor, Yet Chakriya, questioned me as follows.
- 9 Khieu Samphan was not <a> member of the Standing Committee of the
- 10 Centre. Why, Khieu Samphan was present <in 17 out of the 19>
- 11 meetings of the Standing Committees. I responded that I do not
- 12 know.
- 13 And another issue about Son Sen. Son Sen went to battlefield and
- 14 the laissez-passer <for S-21> was issued by Brother Hem and <> he
- 15 used the name Khang at the time. I gave answers on different
- 16 occasions about the laissez-passer <that> the laissez-passer
- 17 remains today and whenever I went out, I asked Thy to <keep the
- 18 laissez-passer for me and when I was called by the upper echelon
- 19 to go somewhere, I asked Thy to go get the laissez-passer for
- 20 me>. And after further consideration, I realized that Hem was a
- 21 member of <the Politburo> of the Party Centre.
- 22 [15.48.08]
- 23 And later on during the investigation stage, <I said that> in
- 24 every country <under> the communist regime, there was a political
- 25 bureau of the Party Centre<, but CPK did not seem to have any

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- 1 list of documents concerning political bureau>. At the time,
- 2 Marcel Lemonde and Judge You Bunleng <were> silent and did not
- 3 <answer> me <about that>. And perhaps at the time the list of the
- 4 document concerning political bureau existed but I was not shown
- 5 with that document <by the OCIJ>.
- 6 During the investigation stages, <> questions were put to me but
- 7 <> I was not able to respond at the time but, later on, I could
- 8 think of all the issues based on the documents that I have seen.
- 9 Q. Thank you. I understand that some of these organizations or
- 10 committees, different people use different terms for them, so I
- 11 want for us to be absolutely clear about what we're talking about
- 12 here.
- 13 You started your testimony about Khieu Samphan by indicating that
- 14 he was the chief of a committee of the Centre of some nature. I
- 15 read you an interview from 1999 where -- and this is an English
- 16 translation. The way it was translated in English here was
- 17 "Chairman of the Central Committee Office". You just referred to
- 18 "Political Bureau of the Centre".
- 19 What is the terminology? What was the exact terminology of the
- 20 office or committee that Khieu Samphan was the chairman of?
- 21 [15.50.18]
- 22 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 23 (No interpretation)
- 24 MS. GUISSE:
- 25 Maybe for reasons of transparency with regard to the witness who

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- 1 often, or several times, has questioned this interview with Nate
- 2 Thayer, <in addition to the dates> we should maybe explain the
- 3 circumstances of this <first> interview because <if we have to
- 4 confront him with the exact terms of this interview, we have to
- 5 remind him what he said about this document. It's > not really an
- 6 objection <per se>, but <it's> important to <highlight for> the
- 7 witness that this is, indeed, the interview with Nate Thayer.
- 8 [15.51.06]
- 9 MR. LYSAK:
- 10 That's actually incorrect. This is not the interview by Nate
- 11 Thayer. I believe it was done by the United Nations Human Rights
- 12 Commissioner at the time. So that's simply incorrect. In any
- 13 event, the witness has said the same thing since 1999.
- 14 BY MR. LYSAK:
- 15 Q. Please tell me the -- what was the entity -- what is the exact
- 16 name that you would like to use of the entity that Khieu Samphan
- 17 was chairman of, that Sua Vasi alias Doeun used to be chairman
- 18 of?
- 19 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 20 A. I would like to tell the Court frankly that Sua Vasi alias
- 21 Doeun was not <a> trusted <> member <of the Party Centre>. Sua
- 22 Vasi alias Doeun was separated from Koy Thuon at the time. Sua
- 23 Vasi alias Doeun was <a> head <of an office> of the Centre, in
- 24 charge of technical aspects; that he was the chairman of an
- 25 office within the Centre.

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- 1 [15.52.48]
- 2 Later on, after the investigations, Sua Vasi alias Doeun was
- 3 arrested. The arrest happened after Koy Thuon's arrest.
- 4 Yesterday, I made mention <of> the date of Koy Thuon's arrest,
- 5 but the date was <confusing>. Koy Thuon was arrested on 25
- 6 January 1977, not '76, and on 1st of February, people from the
- 7 <North>, many of them had been sent in. So again, after <the>
- 8 confession of Koy Thuon, Sua Vasi alias Doeun was also arrested.
- 9 The position that <Sua Vasi alias Doeun> had was for a temporary
- 10 period, and Khieu Samphan was the chairman of various committees
- 11 surrounding the Centre as shown in various <pieces of> evidence.
- 12 He was in charge of <External Commerce at the> Ministry of
- 13 Commerce <of Bong Rith>. He was in charge of ministries'
- 14 warehouses, and to my recollection, <> this is unofficial. He
- 15 <was> in charge of the logistics, delivering the water pump, and
- 16 also other products from abroad to other offices.
- 17 [15.54.50]
- 18 Sua Vasi alias Doeun had the nominal position only, <he was only
- 19 supposed to read documents. As for Khieu Samphan, he had> the
- 20 power <in his hands>, so the two individuals held different
- 21 positions.
- 22 Q. And did you know about the positions held by these two men,
- 23 Sua Vasi alias Doeun and Khieu Samphan? Did you know about this
- 24 position that you talk about relating to the Centre office during
- 25 the time you were Chairman of S-21; did you know about that then?

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- 1 A. Frankly speaking, <> later on, I did not see Sua Vasi alias
- 2 Doeun. When I was with Koy Thuon, I met Doeun on October 1967
- 3 when Doeun was called by Koy Thuon to work with him.
- 4 Later on, when I was transferred to Phnom Penh, I never met
- 5 Doeun. <> I <only> knew that Doeun was in charge of <office
- 6 work>. He kept all the communication and <it was the office work
- 7 of the Centre>.
- 8 When Pol Pot held a meeting, Sua Vasi may have been invited to
- 9 the meeting as well to submit the reports.
- 10 [15.56.45]
- 11 Q. Now, I want to again I know that it's difficult 30/40 years
- 12 later. How did you know during the regime that Doeun, Sua Vasi
- 13 alias Doeun, had this position where he was responsible for
- 14 logistics and communications? Did you hear about that from other
- 15 cadres? Did you have any dealings with him? How did you learn
- 16 that he had that position?
- 17 A. Let me clarify the point. Number 1, the Ministry of State
- 18 Commerce was a big ministry. That ministry was <under the
- 19 supervision of > Son Sen's in-law. Bong Rith and I had friendly
- 20 relationship and I used to go into the ministry. That is why I
- 21 learned about that.
- 22 The report of Rith <that was> sent to <Khieu Samphan> was seen by
- 23 me and that <report> was also shown to Pang <by Rith when Pang
- 24 asked me to take him to see Rith at night. > One side of the
- 25 document <was already used>, so he used <> <used> paper to note

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- 1 some information. So, again, Rith used <> <used> paper to <make
- 2 a> report and send to Brother Hem.
- 3 [15.58.52]
- 4 As for state's warehouse, on 6 January at around <10.00>, Lin
- 5 called me to work with a brother and, at the time, I thought it
- 6 was Brother Nuon but, in fact, <it> was Hem. <There were several
- 7 people there.>
- 8 There was an empty chair and Comrade Lin pushed me on my shoulder
- 9 so that I went to take a seat on that empty chair. <I had never
- 10 worked with Bong Hem before that. When I entered the room, Bong
- 11 Hem did not even speak to me. > And Hem said that, "Comrades,
- 12 please do not feel scared about the <invasion> of Vietnamese. San
- 13 and Roeun were responsible for the invasion of the Vietnamese.
- 14 You all, comrades, should be concentrating on your work." At the
- 15 time, Roeun pushed the chair to me so that I could take the seat,
- 16 so Roeun was working with Brother Hem at the state's warehouse.
- 17 During the proceedings that I attended <on> the previous
- 18 occasions, I was asked how could I assume that Roeun was working
- 19 with Hem when I just saw him there. I said <normally, in the CPK,
- 20 when the superiors had a meeting, it was usually a meeting with
- 21 their subordinates. That was the case of Roeun>.
- 22 Q. We'll come back -- and I want to ask you about this meeting
- 23 you had with Khieu Samphan tomorrow.
- 24 Before we break, you mentioned Pang, and so I want to ask you
- 25 about what was Pang's position in the Centre office and can you

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- 1 explain the difference between the position that Pang had and the
- 2 position that Khieu Samphan and Sua Vasi alias Doeun had?
- 3 [16.01.25]
- 4 A. Initially, I thought Pang was the chairman of an office of
- 5 the Centre. Brother Nuon said that Pang could replace me on some
- 6 tasks whenever <he was> assigned to do <so>. So Pang could do
- 7 some of the tasks that I did <if he was assigned to do so>, and I
- 8 was instructed to make reports on what I did to Pang as well. So
- 9 <I thought that> Pang was the chairman of <a> office of the
- 10 Centre.
- 11 However, later on, I saw a contemporaneous document <at S-21> and
- 12 I found that Pang was the chairman of S-71. Pang was the
- 13 assistant <of> the Centre committee. He was the first person and
- 14 he was higher than Cheng An. <>
- 15 [16.02.42]
- 16 Q. One last question before we break. Did you ever -- did Pang
- 17 ever talk to you about Khieu Samphan, and do you remember, if so,
- 18 what Pang said about Khieu Samphan?
- 19 A. What I can recall is that Pang told me about the arrest of
- 20 Brother Si. Khieu Samphan was called by Pol Pot to attend a
- 21 meeting and Vorn Vet was not invited to that meeting. Pang had
- 22 conversations with me on different occasions. He went to the
- 23 workshop of the artists or <sculptors> and he talked to me
- 24 <about> various issues, <so prisoners as well as guards could</p>
- 25 recognize Pang, and Pang usually <said> bad things about Brother

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- 1 Khieu.
- 2 As far as you recall <regarding the air force>, there was an
- 3 individual name Tol. Perhaps I made that statement to Thomas, the
- 4 investigator. There was an individual named Tol, the Lon Nol
- 6 or Serei Wat alias Tol.
- 7 Pech Lim Kuong was also a pilot and <the two pilots> landed the
- 8 aeroplane at Kratie and later on joined the DK.
- 9 During the training, Tol took off and fled to Thailand. A
- 10 helicopter was used to chase the aeroplane of Tol, <but it could
- 11 not catch up with Tol>. At the time, I was told
 told
 Pang> that
- 12 everyone <including Comrade Met and Bong Khieu> praised Tol, but
- 13 now Tol <had> fled.
- 14 [16.05.37]
- 15 So <this is> concerning the conversation between <Pang and me>,
- 16 usually <Pang> <discussed> various issue <with me>. And
- 17 concerning the conversation between Brother Hem and <me>, there
- 18 was <only> one conversation that I could recall until now.
- 19 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 20 Thank you. It is now time for the adjournment.
- 21 The hearing will resume tomorrow, on Tuesday, 14 June 2016 at 9
- 22 a.m. And tomorrow, the Chamber will continue hearing the
- 23 testimony of Duch.
- 24 Thank you, Mr. Witness. The hearing of your testimony as a
- 25 witness has not come to an end yet. You are therefore invited to

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1	come here again tomorrow at 9 a.m.
2	Security personnel, please bring the Accused and also the witness
3	to the cells of the ECCC and invite and bring the Accused back
4	into the courtroom before 9 a.m.
5	For the witness, please invite him into the courtroom at 9 a.m.
6	The Court is now adjourned.
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