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- 1 Q. After such explanation of the revolution, how could you be
- 2 convinced to join the revolution? Did you join the revolution
- 3 voluntarily?
- 4 A. I was compelled to join the revolution. I was submitted to
- 5 their influence, that's why I had no choice but to join the
- 6 revolution.
- 7 Q. When you joined revolution at the beginning, do you remember
- 8 what kind of tasks you were given?
- 9 A. First, I was asked to contact people officially, sending mails
- 10 and dealing with economics. For example, when they meet, I would
- 11 also be asked to help with the meetings, and they asked me to
- 12 build houses.
- 13 [11.47.10]
- 14 We were afraid of Lon Nol's soldiers at that time, because if Lon
- 15 Nol's soldier knew that we worked for the revolution we would be
- 16 decapitated -- or beheaded, rather--
- 17 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 18 Counsel, could you please pause so that interpreter would be able
- 19 to fully grasp your message?
- 20 BY MS. MOCH SOVANNARY:
- 21 Q. -- I would like to proceed with another question: You said
- 22 people who led the revolution asked you to help carry mail. Were
- 23 you their messenger, at that time?
- 24 MR. KLAN FIT:
- 25 A. Yes, I was. I had to carry mails to places to contact cadres

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- 1 do farming.
- 2 Q. Can you tell the Court, in your capacity as the person in
- 3 charge of educating people on farming -- how did you do that?
- 4 A. There were people who assisted me with documents.
- 5 [14.38.24]
- 6 There were clerks and messengers, because they could read the
- 7 documents. I could not.
- 8 Q. For example, when orders were rendered from upper echelons,
- 9 and you were asked to implement the orders, how were the orders
- 10 be implemented?
- 11 A. As the deputy chief of the district, I had a lot of
- 12 difficulties.
- 13 In 1976, when I was appointed as the deputy chief, people were
- 14 gathered and -- to put in one place to do farming, and people in
- 15 villages had to be relocated, and we had to look for land ready
- 16 for farming, so that the land can accommodate the people who
- 17 would be relocated. A lot of people would evacuated to In
- 18 village, because the land was huge there. I was having a lot of
- 19 difficult as a deputy chief. I sometimes would wish to commit
- 20 suicide by hanging myself but -- because I was shouldering lots
- 21 of tasks.
- 22 I didn't like the idea that people be relocated, and as a deputy
- 23 chief of the district, I didn't feel that there would be a need
- 24 to relocate people, but I was intimidated -- I was threatened.
- Otherwise, we would be killed. So we had to really obey the

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- 1 Yuon were the enemies of the Cambodians, they were trapping our
- 2 land. But how could we call themselves enemy -- as the Yuon
- 3 enemies, because we had been living together, we had been in the
- 4 revolutions together, and I know that those uncles were the
- 5 bosses. They told me -- they introduced me to the party but how
- 6 could they accuse me that I joined the Vietnamese party. If I
- 7 joined the Vietnamese party then Nuon Chea and other people also
- 8 joins the Vietnamese party.
- 9 [15.44.38]
- 10 Q. Thank you.
- 11 I have heard two things in your answer, on the one hand you said
- 12 that you were told not to call the Vietnamese Yuon, but to call
- 13 them Vietnamese, but you also said that you were told that they
- 14 were enemies. Did you receive the two different messages during
- 15 the same period, or the message changed as time went on?
- 16 A. It was in 1976 or 1977. They fought in 1976 with the
- 17 Vietnamese and they were accused of crossing into our territory.
- 18 Q. You said that the bosses -- the uncles -- blamed the
- 19 Vietnamese for all that. Who were those people who are identified
- 20 as the main leaders of the Party?
- 21 A. Superiors include Ieng Sary and Pol Pot.
- 22 Q. Do you know Ieng Sary's revolutionary name? What name did he
- 23 bear at that time?
- 24 A. He was called Brother Van. When we were in the forest, he was
- 25 called Brother Van.

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- 1 Q. Did he have any other revolutionary names or he always bore
- 2 the same name?
- 3 A. It is the only name that I heard people were calling him and
- 4 later on he were called Om Ieng Sary, besides that it was Van.
- 5 [15.47.19]
- 6 Q. Let us go back to the time when you were chief of Ta Lao
- 7 commune. A while ago you talked about villages and groups but I
- 8 would like to know whether, during the time when you were commune
- 9 chief, there were already cooperatives at the level of the
- 10 commune?
- 11 A. When I was a village chief there were no cooperatives yet and
- 12 people were working with their hands.
- 13 Q. That was when you were village chief. You subsequently said
- 14 that you were promoted to the position of Ta Lao commune chief.
- 15 And when you were chief, were there any cooperatives in the
- 16 commune or not?
- 17 [15.48.31]
- 18 A. No, there were not any cooperatives yet, only when I was
- 19 appointed as the sub-district chief in 1976 there were
- 20 cooperatives.
- 21 Q. Right, thank you. When you were commune chief and later on
- 22 district chief did you receive any instructions with regard to
- 23 agricultural production?
- 24 A. We did not do any agricultural productions. It was in 1976,
- 25 back in June, we were called to the meeting, we were told to