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- 1 PROCEEDINGS
- 2 (Court opens at 0905H)
- 3 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 4 Please be seated. The Court is now in session.
- 5 During today's session, we shall begin with the statement by Nuon
- 6 Chea, the statement he's going to make concerning the testimonies
- 7 of Mr. Kaing Guek Eav, alias Duch. Then we shall proceed to the
- 8 questioning of Nuon Chea by the Bench, should Nuon Chea wishes to
- 9 respond to questions.
- 10 The Chamber also plans to hear testimonies of the witness. The
- 11 Chamber has already informed to the party. This witness will be
- 12 heard immediately after, for example, Nuon Chea has reserved his
- 13 right not to respond to questions, if he wishes so.
- 14 The court officers are greffiers are now instructed to report
- 15 to the Bench on the presence of the parties to the proceedings.
- 16 THE GREFFIER:
- 17 Mr. President, Your Honours, the Co-Prosecutors are present.
- 18 [09.08.15]
- 19 Mr. Nuon Chea, Ieng Sary, and Khieu Samphan are present.
- 20 Counsel for Nuon Chea is present, counsel for Ieng Sary is
- 21 present -- but only his national counsel is present -- while
- 22 counsel for Khieu Samphan is present.
- 23 TCW-617, who is a witness, is now ready to be called. This
- 24 witness has no relations to any parties to the proceedings and
- 25 has taken an oath already.

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- 1 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 2 Thank you.
- 3 Security personnels are now instructed to bring Nuon Chea to the
- 4 dock.
- 5 (The accused Nuon Chea is taken to the dock)
- 6 MR. PAUW:
- 7 Mr. President, good morning. Good morning, Your Honours. Good
- 8 morning to all the parties. And good morning to the wider public.
- 9 I have a few short comments to make before we turn to the
- 10 questioning of Nuon Chea, if you would allow me two minutes to do
- 11 so.
- 12 [09.09.37]
- 13 We have received the email from the senior legal officer
- 14 informing us that we are not allowed to make submissions this
- 15 morning, and naturally we will respect that ruling and we will
- 16 not be making the submissions that we were planning to make.
- 17 Just for the record, we wish to state that these submissions
- 18 would have dealt with some important fair-trial concerns that
- 19 came to light during the questioning of Duch, and it is our
- 20 position that submissions like these -- relating to fair trial
- 21 concerns -- must be discussed in open court, in public, for the
- 22 wider audience to see and hear. And we feel that a public trial
- 23 means that Defence concerns as to the violation of our client's
- 24 fair trial rights should be discussed in public, and fair trial
- 25 observations should not be relegated to written submissions.

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- 1 I thank you. This was all, for us, before we turn to the
- 2 questioning of Nuon Chea. I thank you for your attention.
- 3 [09.11.05]
- 4 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 5 Mr. Nuon Chea, you may proceed.
- 6 You indicated, before the Chamber heard testimonies of Kaing Guek
- 7 Eav alias Duch, that you would wish to make some statement -- you
- 8 were not allowed to do that -- and that you were advised to take
- 9 the opportunity of the conclusion of Mr. Kaing Guek Eav alias
- 10 Duch's testimony; then you could make your statement.
- 11 The Chamber found it difficult to offer you the opportunity to
- 12 give the statement before we concluded the hearings before the
- 13 Khmer New Year. So, today, we are now offering you the
- 14 opportunity to make your own statement or observation, should you
- 15 wish to do, concerning the testimonies made by witness Kaing Guek
- 16 Eav, alias Duch.
- 17 You may now proceed.
- 18 MR. NUON CHEA:
- 19 Mr. President, Your Honours, and my respected fellow Cambodian
- 20 citizens, I will be very brief, but my comments will be genuine
- 21 and with a sense of justice.
- 22 [09.13.00]
- 23 I would like to inform the Cambodian people that I have never
- 24 had, any time -- ever been responsible for the operation of S-21.
- 25 What Duch has accused me has been untruthful and very unjust

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- 1 towards me. I have never ordered, I have never received any
- 2 documents from Duch, and I have never been the superior of Duch.
- 3 Duch is a person good at speaking. He has been a very experienced
- 4 person. He has engaged in several Court proceedings. He, at
- 5 times, confused. He could not even remember clearly the
- 6 annotations made on some documents. He have he has mistaken
- 7 annotations made by Pol Pot for my annotations.
- 8 May I, therefore, ask that the Bench the Court set aside all
- 9 the accusations made by Duch against me. If I had made such
- 10 annotations, I would like to ask that to respond to any questions
- 11 by any party for the time being. Thank you, Mr. President and
- 12 Your Honours.
- 13 [09.15.05]
- 14 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 15 Mr. Nuon Chea, are you now reserving your right to not to
- 16 respond to parties?
- 17 We understand that you are, but what about the response to the
- 18 questions by the Bench? Do you also wish to reserve this right
- 19 not to respond to them?
- 20 MR. NUON CHEA:
- 21 Mr. President, I do not think I understand your question
- 22 properly.
- 23 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 24 Just now, we have heard that you reserved your right not to
- 25 respond to questions made by parties in the proceedings.

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- 1 The Chamber wishes to also inform you that the Bench -- or the
- 2 Chamber -- is not a party to the proceedings. The Chamber, in
- 3 particular the Bench, is here to adjudicate your case.
- 4 And we heard that you only reserved your right not to respond to
- 5 parties' questions. What if the Bench puts questions to you? Are
- 6 you also reserving your right not to respond to such questions
- 7 from the Bench? We have already made clear that, after your
- 8 statement, the Chamber shall proceed to put questions to you
- 9 concerning the facts in the second segment of the trial of Case
- 10 File 002/1.
- 11 [09.16.55]
- 12 Could you indicate to the Chamber whether you are also reserving
- 13 your right not to respond to the Chambers as the Chamber as
- 14 well as the parties altogether?
- 15 MR. NUON CHEA:
- 16 Mr. President, may I have a moment with my counsels, please?
- 17 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 18 You may have that moment.
- 19 Security personnels may retire so that Nuon Chea can have some
- 20 moment with his counsels.
- 21 (Discussion between the accused Nuon Chea and his counsel)
- 22 MR. NUON CHEA:
- 23 (Microphone not activated)
- 24 [09.18.35]
- 25 MR. PRESIDENT:

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- 1 Could you insure that your mic is activated before you speak?
- 2 MR. NUON CHEA:
- 3 Mr. President, I would like to reserve my right to remain silent.
- 4 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 5 Is it clear, now, that you reserve your right not to respond to
- 6 even questions by the Bench? Is that so?
- 7 MR. NUON CHEA:
- 8 I think I may need to discuss this with my counsels first.
- 9 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 10 Did you have already did you have that discussion, or would you
- 11 wish to have another moment with your counsels?
- 12 Please listen to my question again. The Chamber has noted your
- 13 statement. You indicated that you would like to reserve your
- 14 right to remain silent or not to respond to questions by party.
- 15 The Chamber has noted this very well.
- 16 [09.19.43]
- 17 But the question is: If questions are to be put by the Bench --
- 18 the Judges of the Bench -- are you willing to respond to
- 19 questions by the Judges or not? Because today's proceedings are
- 20 dedicated initially by questions by the Bench, and you indicated
- 21 you exercise your right to remain silent; we just would like to
- 22 know whether your exercise of right to remain silent applies to
- 23 questions put by the Judges as well.
- 24 MR. NUON CHEA:
- 25 Mr. President, I would like to state again that I would like to

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- 1 reserve my right to remain silent.
- 2 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 3 Thank you. We have noted your position.
- 4 Co-Prosecutor, we note you're on your feet. You may now proceed.
- 5 MR. LYSAK:
- 6 Thank you, Mr. President, and good morning. We just want to make
- 7 our position on this issue, again, clear.
- 8 [09.20.58]
- 9 There's a pending motion that addresses this. This is even more
- 10 disturbing, as the Nuon Chea team was put on notice they were
- 11 put on notice that, if he made his statement this morning, that
- 12 he was to be subjected to questioning, and, knowing that, he
- 13 proceeded to make a statement and then to refuse to answer any
- 14 questions.
- 15 As set forth in our motion, it is simply not proper for an
- 16 accused to waive his right to remain silent, make a statement to
- 17 the Court -- that he is innocent, that he had nothing to do with
- 18 S-21, that his accuser is a liar -- and then to refuse to answer
- 19 questions. There are consequences to this, as we have submitted.
- 20 There can certainly be no weight to his exculpatory assertions.
- 21 And we would also--
- 22 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 23 Could Co-Prosecutor hold on? Nuon Chea appears to have a problem
- 24 hearing the rendition into Khmer.
- 25 Court officer, could you please ensure that his headsets battery

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- 1 has not yet ran out?
- 2 (Short pause)
- 3 [09.22.54]
- 4 Mr. Nuon Chea, could you please indicate to the Chamber whether
- 5 you have missed the whole statement made by Co-Prosecutor or you
- 6 heard partial of the statement?
- 7 MR. NUON CHEA:
- 8 Mr. President, I have not heard anything from the Co-Prosecutor.
- 9 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 10 Co-Prosecutor, could you please repeat the whole statement?
- 11 MR. LYSAK:
- 12 Yes. Thank you, Mr. President.
- 13 As I said, there's a motion pending on this, but it is clearly
- 14 not an acceptable practice for an accused to waive his right to
- 15 remain silent and make a statement to the Court -- in which he
- 16 affectively says, "I did not do it", "I had nothing to do with
- 17 S-21", "my accuser, Duch, is a liar" -- to make a for him to
- 18 make an assertion like that and then to refuse to answer any
- 19 questions to test his assertion.
- 20 [09.24.03]
- 21 As per our motion, there are consequences when an accused
- 22 attempts to engage in gamesmanship like this. There certainly can
- 23 be no weight afforded to his exculpatory assertions, and it is
- 24 also our position, as set forth in our motion, that negative
- 25 inferences can be drawn when an accused refuses to answer

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- 1 questions. So it is important that the Accused be on notice of
- 2 this.
- 3 And at this time, we would suggest we would like to revisit
- 4 this issue after the Trial Chamber rules on our motion, at which
- 5 time the Accused may wish to reconsider his position and answer
- 6 questions. And certainly we would like to make a record of the
- 7 types of questions that the Accused is unwilling to answer
- 8 relating to this matter. But I would I would submit the best
- 9 time for that is after the Trial Chamber has ruled.
- 10 But we want our position on this matter to be very clear. Thank
- 11 you, Mr. President.
- 12 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 13 Thank you, Co-Prosecutor.
- 14 [09.25.16]
- 15 Lead Co-Lawyer for the civil parties, you may now proceed.
- 16 MR. SON ARUN:
- 17 May I respond to the Co-Prosecutor?
- 18 MS. SIMONNEAU-FORT:
- 19 Yes, Mr. President, Your Honours. Good morning to you all. Allow
- 20 us, on behalf of the civil parties, to show how indignant we are
- 21 regarding this position. We are also indignant from a legal
- 22 standpoint.
- 23 Mr. Nuon Chea is of the view that, whenever he wishes, he may
- 24 make statements, come out of his silence, say a few words, and
- 25 then go back into his silence.

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- 1 Now, the first question that arises is: What is the possibility
- 2 he has to make statements? What is this right he has to make
- 3 statements whenever he so wishes? What is the legal status of
- 4 such statements? It is not provided for in the Internal Rules,
- 5 that he should behave in this manner.
- 6 [09.26.20]
- 7 And in particular, besides that, Mr. Nuon Chea is of the view
- 8 that he can avoid all confrontation, that he may make statements
- 9 whenever he so wishes, whereas confronting others, confronting
- 10 witness and the parties is the duty of all parties here, and it
- 11 is also part of a fair trial.
- 12 Due process is not only the right of the Defence; it is also the
- 13 right of the civil parties. It is a right recognized for
- 14 everyone. And if Mr. Nuon Chea continues to speak as he is doing,
- 15 only when he so wishes, without accepting to take questions, he
- 16 is not complying with this essential rule, which is the rule of
- 17 due process, Rule 21 of our Internal Rules.
- 18 Let me add this: Mr. Nuon Chea always takes refuge behind his
- 19 right to remain silent. I think one thing should be clear: the
- 20 right to silence, in civil law, is not only the right to silence
- 21 in common law jurisdictions, because in common law jurisdictions,
- 22 when an accused person speaks, he speaks under oath; and here, he
- 23 is not speaking under oath. And anything he says without taking
- 24 an oath, that does not have any weight.
- 25 [09.27.54]

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- 1 And the right to silence is not an absolute right which is over
- 2 and above the fair trial rights of all the parties. And he is
- 3 avoiding his obligations to take questions in due process.
- 4 So it is completely unacceptable for an accused person to make
- 5 statements without accepting to take questions and to be
- 6 contradicted.
- 7 And in future the Chamber should not grant such right to the
- 8 Accused whenever they wish to make statements without taking any
- 9 questions. I thank you.
- 10 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 11 Counsel for Nuon Chea, you may now proceed.
- 12 MR. SON ARUN:
- 13 Mr. President, Your Honours, I would like to respond inclusively
- 14 both to the Civil Party Lawyers and to the Co-Prosecutors.
- 15 [09.28.54]
- 16 Mr. Nuon Chea has made it clear that he would like to make a very
- 17 brief statement of about three to five minutes. He did so -- he
- 18 asked that at the beginning, before testimonies of Mr. Kaing Guek
- 19 Eav alias Duch was heard. The President said that Mr. Nuon Chea
- 20 could do so at a later date. We fully respect the call of the
- 21 Chamber and we never disrespect the Chamber, as what counsels --
- 22 my learned colleagues indicated.
- 23 And last week we also heard that Nuon Chea wished to do so and
- 24 that the Chamber only allowed him to make his statement today.
- 25 His statement is -- was brief. He prepared in writing, and it was

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- 1 shorter than a page long, and he only wished to respond to the
- 2 accusations made by Duch.
- 3 And he made it very clear that he would like to reserve his
- 4 rights not to respond to the parties and to the Chamber. He
- 5 indicated that, with regard to other questions, he would like to
- 6 consult with his counsels. It doesn't mean that will reserve his
- 7 right to remain silent all along; he only wishes to consult with
- 8 his counsels when time fits.
- 9 Thank you.
- 10 [09.30.45]
- 11 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 12 Mr. Co-Prosecutor, would you wish to raise new issue? If you
- 13 willing to go into the same issue, then you are not allowed to do
- 14 so or -- unless it is new.
- 15 MR. LYSAK:
- 16 No, Your Honour, I just wanted to remind the Trial Chamber and
- 17 our counsel that the Court issued a memorandum, last week, that
- 18 said that, if the Accused made a statement, that he was to be
- 19 subjected to questioning. That's all. Thank you.
- 20 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 21 Security guards are now instructed to take Mr. Nuon Chea back to
- 22 his seat behind his counsel.
- 23 (Technical problem)
- 24 Security guards are instructed to take Mr. Nuon Chea back to his
- 25 seat behind his counsel as the translation issue is being

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- 1 settled.
- 2 (The accused Nuon Chea leaves the dock)
- 3 [09.33.36]
- 4 The Chamber now proceed to hearing the testimony by the witness
- 5 scheduled to be heard today. Since the accused Nuon Chea
- 6 exercises his right to remain silent, the Chamber will summon
- 7 witness TCW-617 to this courtroom.
- 8 And the Chamber wishes to advise the parties in these proceedings
- 9 that, in the event when the Accused exercises his right to remain
- 10 silent, the Chamber will render a decision on the matter after
- 11 coming back from the break.
- 12 Court officer is now instructed to bring witness TCW-617 to the
- 13 courtroom.
- 14 (The witness is taken to the dock)
- 15 [09.35.56]
- 16 Court officer, please ensure that he has the headset ready so
- 17 that he can listen to the interpretation.
- 18 OUESTIONING BY MR. PRESIDENT:
- 19 Good morning, Mr. Witness. Can you hear us?
- 20 Q. What is your name?
- 21 MR. SAUT TOEUNG:
- 22 A. My name is Toeung.
- 23 Q. Please make sure that you answer when your microphone is
- 24 activated.
- What is your name?

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- 1 A. My name is Saut Toeung.
- 2 Q. Do you have any alias?
- 3 A. (Microphone not activated)
- 4 Q. Please wait until you mic is on before you answer the
- 5 question.
- 6 [09.37.22]
- 7 You do not have to rush. Please be relaxed in answering the
- 8 question.
- 9 Do you have any alias?
- 10 A. No, I don't.
- 11 Q. How old are you now?
- 12 A. I am 62 years old.
- 13 Q. What is your occupation?
- 14 A. I am a farmer.
- 15 Q. What is your father's name?
- 16 A. My father's name is Ya.
- 17 Q. What is your mother's name?
- 18 A. Yim.
- 19 Q. How many children do you have?
- 20 A. Nine.
- 21 [09.38.37]
- 22 Q. Mr. Saut Toeung, according to the report by the greffier,
- 23 according to the best of your knowledge, you do not have any
- 24 relationship with the civil parties and the charged persons; is
- 25 that correct?

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- 1 A. That is correct.
- 2 Q. And the greffier also indicated that you have already taken an
- 3 oath; is that correct?
- 4 A. Yes, that is correct.
- 5 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 6 Before putting question to you, the Chamber wishes to inform you
- 7 your right and obligations as follow.
- 8 [09.39.39]
- 9 Mr. Saut Toeung, in your capacity as the witness in the
- 10 proceedings before our Chamber, we wish to advise you that you
- 11 may exercise your right not to self-incriminate yourself when
- 12 answering the question. It effectively means that, if any
- 13 statements you make may incriminate you by any ways, then you may
- 14 refuse to answer that question. However, as a witness, you also
- 15 have the obligation to respond to question put by the parties and
- 16 the Chamber, except when those questions may incriminate you, as
- 17 I have already advised you. And you shall tell the truth, and
- 18 nothing but the truth, based on your personal experience that you
- 19 have come across.
- 20 Do you understand these rights and obligations?
- 21 A. I do not thoroughly understand.
- 22 [09.41.17]
- 23 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 24 Again, whenever the question put to you may incriminate you, you
- 25 may refuse to answer to those questions; that is your right.

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- 1 However, you may exercise your right to respond to those
- 2 questions, but, again, you may reserve your rights not to respond
- 3 to any questions that may incriminate yourself. However, you are
- 4 supposed to tell the Chamber the truth, nothing but the truth,
- 5 from your experience that you have come across or observed by
- 6 yourself.
- 7 The Chamber also wishes to advise the Prosecution that, in the
- 8 process of hearing this witness, the Chamber would grant the
- 9 Prosecution the first order of putting the questions to this
- 10 witness.
- 11 So we now hand over the floor to the Prosecution to put the
- 12 question to the witness. You may proceed.
- 13 [09.42.50]
- 14 I note that the defence counsel for Nuon Chea is on his feet. You
- 15 may proceed.
- 16 MR. IANUZZI:
- 17 Good morning, Your Honour. Thank you. And good morning, everyone.
- 18 I have a brief submission with respect to what you've just said
- 19 -- that is, the caution that you've just given pursuant to Rule
- 20 28.
- 21 It's our position, and we submit that, for the sake of clarity
- 22 and fairness, this witness, this particular witness, should be
- 23 well apprised of the OCP's stated position on self-incrimination
- 24 -- that is, that "there always remains a possibility of a
- 25 prosecution, however unlikely". And that's a quote from the

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- 1 International Co Prosecutor on the 3rd of April 2012.
- 2 It's it's very much our position that this witness needs to
- 3 fully understand -- fully understand -- what you've just said,
- 4 and I think from his answers it's clear that maybe he doesn't.
- 5 Our position would be that, because he's been given certain
- 6 assurances by the OCIJ, he's been given certain assurances by the
- 7 OCP over the course of events, the Chamber really needs to go
- 8 into this and to clarify it with the witness and to make it
- 9 crystal clear -- crystal clear -- that the Prosecution's position
- 10 is: a possibility of a prosecution can never be foreclosed.
- 11 [09.44.10]
- 12 Now, under Rule 28 -- and I'm quoting now from Rule 28.3 -- it
- 13 says that, "where the Co-Investigating Judges or the Chambers
- 14 determine that a witness should be required to answer a question
- 15 or questions, they may assure such witness, in possible if
- 16 possible in advance excuse me that the evidence provided in
- 17 response to the questions [either] will be kept confidential --
- 18 from the public, not disclosed to the public, [or] -- and/or --
- 19 rather -- will not be used either directly or indirectly against
- 20 that person in any subsequent prosecution by the ECCC".
- 21 So this Court, the ECCC, is able -- is capable of providing
- 22 assurances that there will be no prosecutions here. It's our
- 23 position that it is not capable -- it is not competent to provide
- 24 assurances that this witness will not be prosecuted by the
- 25 National Court, and that, of course that, of course,

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- 1 corresponds to the OCP's position. I'll state it again for the
- 2 record: "there always remains a possibility of a prosecution,
- 3 however unlikely". So I think it's very important that this
- 4 witness understand this.
- 5 [09.45.14]
- 6 And, pursuant to Rule 28 -- 28.8 -- and I'm quoting again -
- 7 "where a party is aware that the testimony of any witness may
- 8 raise issues with respect to self-incrimination, or where the
- 9 witness him or herself raises the matter, he or she shall request
- 10 shall request -- an in camera hearing and advise the
- 11 Co-Investigating Judges or the Chambers of this".
- 12 So I'm making that advisement now, pursuant to Rule 28.8. I think
- 13 this witness-- Because he has expressed concerns in the past
- 14 about a prosecution, because the OCIJ has made certain
- 15 assurances, because the OCP have made certain assurances, I think
- 16 the Chamber needs to, to the extent that it's possible, make
- 17 certain assurances, and possibly we should perhaps move into that
- 18 closed session now so that we can undertake that procedure
- 19 pursuant to Rule 28.8. Thank you.
- 20 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 21 The International Co Prosecutor, you may proceed.
- 22 MR. LYSAK:
- 23 Mr. President, I'm very troubled that counsel chose to do this in
- 24 front of the witness, in open session; I think that was a
- 25 deliberate manoeuver.

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- 1 [09.46.37]
- 2 The request for a closed session should have come at the very
- 3 start, if we want to talk about these issues. And if we are going
- 4 to talk about this matter any further, it should be in closed
- 5 session.
- 6 He has taken a statement by one of my colleagues completely out
- 7 of context. There is absolutely no reason for this this witness
- 8 to have any concern about this matter.
- 9 And for counsel to bring this matter up in this fashion is highly
- 10 improper.
- 11 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 12 The Lead Co-Lawyer for the civil parties, you may proceed.
- 13 MR. PICH ANG:
- 14 Good morning, Mr. President. Good morning, Your Honours. And good
- 15 morning, everyone. The civil party lawyers are very surprised
- 16 when the defence counsel for Mr. Nuon Chea brought up this
- 17 particular issue, and particular with this particular witness.
- 18 As for other witnesses that the Chamber have heard so far, the
- 19 Defence had never made any such statement.
- 20 [09.48.00]
- 21 And it is important that the witness answer the truth, nothing
- 22 but the truth. And, according to the law applicable before this
- 23 Chamber, is that there are only two categories of individuals who
- 24 may be subject to prosecution; namely, those were most
- 25 responsible and the senior leaders of the Democratic Kampuchea,

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- 1 so only selected individuals who are subjected to prosecution
- 2 within the framework of the applicable law before this Chamber.
- 3 Therefore, with this particular witness, I am of the opinion that
- 4 there won't be any questions that may incriminate himself or --
- 5 and I believe that, in his capacity as a witness, he -- there is
- 6 no particular concerns for him before this Chamber.
- 7 So I think that the matter raised by the Defence is not proper.
- 8 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 9 The Defence Counsel, you may reply.
- 10 [09.49.15]
- 11 MR. IANUZZI:
- 12 Thank you, Your Honour.
- 13 First of all, I have revealed nothing -- nothing -- of a
- 14 confidential nature. I have not spoken of any of this witness'
- 15 testimony. I have done that deliberately, in fact. That would be
- 16 the purpose of moving into an in camera proceeding, to discuss
- 17 this fully and frankly, outside of the view of the public. So,
- 18 just to be clear, it was a deliberate statement that I made, and
- 19 it was deliberately limited to avoid stating any of the facts
- 20 relating to this witness.
- 21 Secondly, I would just note that a similar discussion was had in
- 22 the presence of Duch, and those quotations that I read out
- 23 earlier were given by the International Deputy Co Prosecutor.
- 24 Nobody raised any concern at that point that Duch heard those
- 25 statements. I think that's entirely appropriate.

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- 1 The third point would be that all the parties have an obligation
- 2 to raise this issue -- all the parties -- anybody, anyone in this
- 3 courtroom who "is aware -- and I'm quoting again from Rule 28.8
- 4 -- that the testimony of any witness may raise issues with
- 5 respect to self-incrimination". And that's very broad language.
- 6 [09.50.24]
- 7 So I think everyone in this room is aware that the testimony of
- 8 this witness may raise issues with respect to self-incrimination.
- 9 So perhaps the Prosecution should have raised it; perhaps the
- 10 civil parties should have raised it; perhaps the Chamber should
- 11 have raised it itself.
- 12 And finally, with respect to the last comment by the Co Lawyer
- 13 for the civil parties, as I said, I'm not speaking about further
- 14 prosecutions at the ECCC, I'm not talking about jurisdictional
- 15 elements of this tribunal; I'm talking about this tribunal's
- 16 ability to provide this witness or any witness with concrete
- 17 actual legitimate assurances that they will not be prosecuted by
- 18 the national court system. And as said -- as I've said, as the
- 19 International Co Prosecutor said -- there always remains that
- 20 possibility, however unlikely. Thank you.
- 21 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 22 The Chamber now hands over to the Prosecution to put questions to
- 23 the witness.
- 24 [09.51.31]
- 25 QUESTIONING BY MR. SENG BUNKHEANG:

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- 1 Thank you, Mr. President. And good morning, Witness. I'm going to
- 2 put some questions to you.
- 3 Q. My first question is: When did you join the revolution-
- 4 MR. IANUZZI:
- 5 Excuse me?
- 6 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 7 (No interpretation)
- 8 MR. IANUZZI:
- 9 Could I at least be could I at least be granted the courtesy of
- 10 being told that my application was denied? Is that what's
- 11 happened? The application was denied?
- 12 [09.52.16]
- 13 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 14 According to the language I heard in Khmer, there is no specific
- 15 proposal in your submission, so in my capacity as the President
- 16 of the Chamber, I do not really get the proposal you are
- 17 suggesting or making. You simply used the term "may" or something
- 18 to that effect. We cannot really get your proposal.
- 19 MR. IANUZZI:
- 20 I'm sorry, Your Honour, that's -- that's my fault, then, for not
- 21 being clear. Let me be very clear.
- 22 I'm making an application, pursuant to Rule 28.8, that we move
- 23 into closed session so that the issue of self-incrimination can-
- 24 (Judges deliberate)
- 25 [09.54.56]

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- 1 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 2 The request made by the defence counsel for Nuon Chea is not
- 3 granted -- the request to the Chamber that we move to the in
- 4 camera session.
- 5 Second, the Chamber wishes to remind parties that, whenever they
- 6 want to make a request to the Chamber that any testimony hearing
- 7 be conducted in an in camera proceeding, the moving party should
- 8 indicate that earlier enough, before the witness is brought
- 9 before the Chamber.
- 10 In addition, the moving party shall make that request as
- 11 precisely as possible to avoid any unclarity. Thank you.
- 12 MR. IANUZZI:
- 13 Thank you, Your Honour. I just would like to note our exception
- 14 to that ruling for the record. Thank you.
- 15 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 16 Now I hand over to the Prosecution to put the questions to the
- 17 witness.
- 18 [09.56.51]
- 19 BY MR. SENG BUNKHEANG:
- 20 Thank you, Mr. President.
- 21 Q. I -- Witness, I will repeat the question: When did you join
- 22 the revolution?
- 23 MR. SAUT TOEUNG:
- 24 A. In 1968.
- 25 Q. When you first joined the revolution, who inducted you?

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- 1 A. Ing. Ing inducted me.
- 2 Q. Where did you reside at that time?
- 3 A. I cannot recall it. It may have been somewhere around Andoung
- 4 Meas district. I was very young at that time.
- 5 Q. Ing you mentioned just now, what was his role in the
- 6 revolution?
- 7 A. He was in the leadership level; but as to which specific level
- 8 he was, I am not sure.
- 9 [09.58.32]
- 10 Q. What was his particular role, for Ing?
- 11 A. He was a leader in the Northeast Zone.
- 12 Q. When you first joined the revolution in 1968, what was your
- 13 designation?
- 14 A. Back then I was transferred back and forth from different
- 15 offices.
- 16 Q. Was you a member of the Communist Party of Kampuchea or Youth
- 17 League of the of the Communist Party of Kampuchea?
- 18 A. No.
- 19 Q. So, during the Democratic Kampuchea, were you a member of the
- 20 Youth League or Communist Party of Kampuchea?
- 21 A. Back then, yes, I was a member of the Youth League.
- 22 Q. Do you recollect when the-- (recording malfunction)
- 23 [10.00.07]
- 24 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 25 Could you please hold on? The -- there is some technical glitch.

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- 1 We had problem with the rendition. I don't know what happened
- 2 after the Khmer New Year. Can anyone advise the Chamber on this?
- 3 National Co Prosecutor, you may now continue.
- 4 BY MR. SENG BUNKHEANG:
- 5 Thank you, Mr. President.
- 6 Q. Witness, do you recollect when exactly you joined the Youth
- 7 League?
- 8 MR. SAUT TOEUNG:
- 9 A. I don't remember. It was in 1972, perhaps.
- 10 Q. Who was the person who introduced you to the Youth League?
- 11 A. He was the person named Kou.
- 12 [10.01.41]
- 13 Q. When you were in the Youth League, had you ever attended any
- 14 study sessions or meetings concerning political lines and
- 15 policies?
- 16 A. No, I didn't.
- 17 Q. Have you ever received any Party documents?
- 18 A. No, I haven't. I received only a small diary, or notebook
- 19 concerning the education on ethical code of conduct.
- 20 Q. Have -- did you ever see the "Revolutionary Flags" magazines?
- 21 A. No, I didn't because I couldn't write or read back then.
- 22 Q. Could you please describe to the Court concerning your time
- 23 when you served the revolution in -- 1968 until -- rather, 1975?
- 24 Where were you? What did you do?
- 25 A. In 1968, I was in the children unit. Fifteen children were

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- 1 gathered in the mobile unit. We would be moved places. We never
- 2 stayed in one place for a long time.
- 3 Q. Were you ever drafted or signed up in the military to fight in
- 4 the battlefields?
- 5 A. No, I wasn't. I was so young.
- 6 [10.04.21]
- 7 Q. Before the 17th of April 1975, did you ever live in an office
- 8 named B 20?
- 9 A. No, I didn't.
- 10 Q. Do you know B 20?
- 11 A. No, I don't; I have heard of it.
- 12 Q. Could you tell us how you heard of B 20?
- 13 A. People from the transportation unit talked about B 20 because
- 14 they said that B 20 were tasked with transporting vegetables and
- 15 livestock.
- 16 Q. Do you know where B 20 is located?
- 17 A. No, I don't.
- 18 Q. Before the Co Investigating Judges, you made statement;
- 19 document E3/423 or D234/23. On question 137, you stated that you
- 20 were at B 20. Do you stand by your position?
- 21 A. I think B 20 is somewhere located on the road to Tuol Sangkae.
- 22 And since this happened a long time ago, I don't recollect very
- 23 well.
- 24 [10.06.51]
- 25 Q. You mentioned about "Kilo Lek Dop" -- or "Kilo No.10"; where

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- 1 is it?
- 2 A. It is in Kampong Cham.
- 3 Q. Do you remember the commune names or villages?
- 4 A. No, I don't. I'm not interested.
- 5 Q. Have you ever heard that people in the leadership of the Party
- 6 ever went to B 20?
- 7 A. No, I haven't.
- 8 Q. On the 17th of April 1975, where did you live?
- 9 A. After I left the children's unit, I moved to the place called
- 10 -- Kham My (sic).
- 11 Q. Kham My's location, you said. When did you go there? Did you
- 12 go there before 17th of April 1975, or after?
- 13 A. Perhaps in 1975.
- 14 Q. Before you moved to Mr. Kham My's location, where did you
- 15 live?
- 16 [10.09.03]
- 17 A. I had been the guard -- I had been the guard at the guard unit
- 18 all along.
- 19 Q. Can you tell us the name of that guard unit?
- 20 A. I don't quite recollect it. I guess it's Y-10 Unit.
- 21 Q. Was you in that unit when you moved to Phnom Penh?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. When you were in Phnom Penh, where did you stay?
- 24 A. I stayed at the place where people grew vegetables -- I don't
- 25 remember the name exactly. Later on, I moved to the K 1 premises.

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- 1 Q. You indicated that, before you moved to Phnom Penh, you had
- 2 been at the vegetable growing location; was it B 20, or
- 3 elsewhere?
- 4 A. It was B 20 location.
- 5 Q. At B 20, did you ever see any people from the leadership
- 6 coming to the area?
- 7 A. I have only seen ordinary people who were building the dam.
- 8 [10.11.03]
- 9 Q. Could you tell the Court concerning your roles at B 20?
- 10 A. I did nothing other than helping to transport vegetables and
- 11 some ammunitions. Sometimes, I had to help transport rice.
- 12 Q. Did you have any knowledge of the evacuation of the population
- 13 from Phnom Penh, back then?
- 14 A. I don't know. When I was in Phnom Penh, I noted that Phnom
- 15 Penh was empty already; there were no people on the streets.
- 16 Q. In the place where you had been staying before you moved to
- 17 Phnom Penh, did you notice that people were being evacuated to
- 18 the location?
- 19 A. I saw people were walking on the roads from Phnom Penh.
- 20 Q. Do you recollect how were those evacuees treated?
- 21 A. No, I don't. No.
- 22 [10.12.49]
- 23 Q. Did you receive any instructions on how to treat people who
- 24 evacuated from Phnom Penh in April 1975?
- 25 A. I was not told or instructed on this.

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- 1 Q. After the fall of Phnom Penh, after the Khmer Rouge took
- 2 control of Phnom Penh in 1975, where did you stay in Phnom Penh?
- 3 A. I don't remember exactly when I came to Phnom Penh, but I am
- 4 sure that it was after the liberation of the city.
- 5 Q. Could you tell the Court what Phnom Penh was like when you
- 6 moved in?
- 7 A. Phnom Penh was occupied by the military, no other people.
- 8 Q. So there were no people seen on the streets?
- 9 A. There was very few people seen on the street.
- 10 Q. Few people, what were they doing?
- 11 A. I don't know.
- 12 [10.15.06]
- 13 Q. From the date when you entered Phnom Penh in 1975, had you
- 14 remained in the city until the collapse of the regime in 1979?
- 15 A. I had been in several places. I had moved to different places.
- 16 Q. You said, when you came to Phnom Penh you worked at the Kham
- 17 My location. What this Kham My location is?
- 18 A. It is Y-10 Unit, the guard unit.
- 19 Q. Do you remember who brought you to Phnom Penh to work there?
- 20 A. There were two people: Brother Man and Kou.
- 21 Q. These people accompanied -- or were with you when you were in
- 22 Phnom Penh. Who accompanied you, other than these people, to
- 23 Phnom Penh?
- 24 A. No, only those two people were with me.
- 25 Q. When you were brought to Phnom Penh, you said you were tasked

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- 1 with the assignment at Y-10 Unit. What were you tasked with, or
- 2 what did you do?
- 3 [10.17.10]
- 4 A. I was guarding the location.
- 5 Q. Were you assigned to provide security or protection to the
- 6 cadres and other senior people?
- 7 A. I was tasked with protecting the Y-10 Unit.
- 8 Q. Had you ever been assigned to guard any senior leaders?
- 9 A. No, I didn't -- or I was not.
- 10 Q. Before the Co Investigating Judges, in document D234/23 or
- 11 E3/443, you indicated that you worked as the guard for Nuon Chea;
- 12 do you stand by your position?
- 13 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 14 Witness, could you please hold on?
- 15 Counsel for Nuon Chea, you may now proceed.
- 16 MR. IANUZZI:
- 17 Thank you, Your Honour. I was not in court for the Duch
- 18 examination but I have reviewed the transcripts, and it's my
- 19 understanding that these documents were put on the screen as they
- 20 were being used. Is that not the practice? And I believe the
- 21 witness is to be given a hardcopy, if I'm not mistaken. And as my
- 22 friend, who has just arrived, reminded me, he needs to tell us
- 23 the ERN numbers.
- 24 [10.20.17]
- 25 MR. PRESIDENT:

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- 1 Thank you, Counsel.
- 2 National Co Prosecutor, you are advised to follow our practice:
- 3 whenever a document is put to a witness, the ERN number and the
- 4 code number of the document shall be read out in three languages,
- 5 and that the hardcopy of the documents should be made available
- 6 to the witness before examination, and that witness should also
- 7 be asked whether he could read or not. If not, it would not be
- 8 useful to have the documents be put up on the screen, since he or
- 9 she cannot read it.
- 10 BY MR. SENG BUNKHEANG:
- 11 Thank you, Mr. President.
- 12 Q. Mr. Witness, do you read or write?
- 13 MR. SAUT TOEUNG:
- 14 A. I have bad eyesight; I'm afraid I cannot read the documents.
- 15 [10.21.52]
- 16 MR. SENG BUNKHEANG:
- 17 Mr. President, since the witness indicated that he cannot read, I
- 18 am not sure whether it is still useful to have the documents be
- 19 put up on the screen. Or should I just read out loud to him?
- 20 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 21 As indicated, if the witness cannot read, it is not useful to
- 22 have the documents presented to him in writing; it is indeed not
- 23 useful to allow a witness who does not read to read any document.
- 24 But it is still useful to read out the ERN numbers of the
- 25 relevant documents and, in particular, the identification of the

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- 1 document so that parties in the proceeding are well informed.
- 2 This has been our set precedent, and that this should be well
- 3 followed, unless there is any other decision otherwise to improve
- 4 this situation.
- 5 [10.23.08]
- 6 Counsel, you may proceed.
- 7 MR. IANUZZI:
- 8 Thank you for that, Your Honour. Do I understand that to mean
- 9 that the document will then be put up on the screen so that we
- 10 may all have access to it, as you've just said?
- 11 And I think the witness has indicated that he has "difficulty"
- 12 reading. Perhaps, if he had a hard copy in front of him, he could
- 13 read it. I do recall reading in one of his statements that he is
- 14 literate in Khmer. So, perhaps, if he had the hard copy in front
- 15 of him -- maybe, he said, it's a problem with his eyesight, so
- 16 maybe he's having difficulty seeing the screen -- I don't know.
- 17 Perhaps he could be asked.
- 18 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 19 National Co-Prosecutor, I think you should not really open this
- 20 Pandora's box; just follow the practice. Put the document up on
- 21 the screen, it's very simple as that.
- 22 [10.24.12]
- 23 Please show the identification of the document, the ERN numbers,
- 24 and have the documents be put up on the screen so that the
- 25 parties and the public can read them, or see them.

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- 1 BY MR. SENG BUNKHEANG:
- 2 Q. Document D3/443 (sic) or D234/23; this document contains the
- 3 questions and responses in numerical orders.
- 4 If we look at response on item 21, witness indicated that he
- 5 represented the guard unit for Mr. Nuon Chea.
- 6 MR. IANUZZI:
- 7 Excuse me, Your Honour?
- 8 [10.25.23]
- 9 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 10 You may now have the floor, but please be brief because you have
- 11 taken the floor very often, and we haven't moved much this
- 12 morning and we want to ensure that questions are put to the
- 13 witness. Otherwise, the proceedings are dedicated to objections
- 14 rather than putting questions.
- 15 MR. IANUZZI:
- 16 Thank you, Your Honour. I'll indeed be very brief. I think I
- 17 briefly need to return to the issue I raised this morning.
- 18 I think we're moving into an area where this witness may -- and I
- 19 say "may" -- incriminate himself; he needs to be apprised of his
- 20 rights.
- 21 And I'm quoting now from Rule 28.9, which I did not cite earlier
- 22 this morning, and that rule says:
- 23 "If an issue of self-incrimination arises in the course of the
- 24 proceedings, the Co-Investigating Judges or the Chambers in
- 25 this case, the Trial Chamber shall shall, shall, to emphasize

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- 1 -- unless the witness waives [his] right, suspend the taking of
- 2 the testimony and provide the witness with a lawyer."
- 3 [10.26.30]
- 4 So, further to what I said this morning, it's our position that
- 5 the witness has not been fully apprised of his rights and that,
- 6 at this stage, it seems that we may be moving -- may be moving --
- 7 into an area of self-incrimination.
- 8 So I would suggest that the witness be fully apprised of the
- 9 right, including his right to a lawyer, if he so chooses. And
- 10 that, again, is indeed, Your Honour, an application pursuant to
- 11 Rule 29.9. Thank you.
- 12 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 13 International Co-Prosecutor, you may now proceed.
- 14 MR. LYSAK:
- 15 Thank you, Mr. President. We highly object to this interference
- 16 that is going on by the defence counsel.
- 17 If they wish to raise these matters, the Court had just indicated
- 18 earlier it should be done in closed session.
- 19 [10.27.31]
- 20 This is a transparent effort to interfere with this witness'
- 21 testimony; it's outrageous.
- 22 And my suggestion is that we break and have a hearing -- or a
- 23 discussion of this matter outside the presence of the witness,
- 24 because this type of interference simply cannot continue.
- 25 MR. PRESIDENT:

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- 1 Lead Co-Lawyer for the civil parties, you may now proceed.
- 2 MS. SIMONNEAU-FORT:
- 3 Thank you, Mr. President. I find this intervention at this stage
- 4 unfair, because to give the impression to the witness that he
- 5 risks being charged is unfair.
- 6 It is false that we should go into a closed session because the
- 7 witness runs a risk of incriminating himself. To say this before
- 8 everyone present here is not fair.
- 9 I suggest that the Chamber should resolve this issue once and for
- 10 all by stating to the witness that, according to Rule 28.3, that
- 11 the witness will not be prosecuted before the ECCC and that he
- 12 enjoys such guarantees. This would put the matter to rest.
- 13 [10.29.18]
- 14 I find the statement by the Defence very unfair and improper.
- 15 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 16 Counsel for Mr. Ieng Sary, you may now proceed.
- 17 MR. KARNAVAS:
- 18 Good morning, Mr. President. Good morning, Your Honours. And good
- 19 morning to everyone in and around the courtroom. My apologies for
- 20 arriving late this morning.
- 21 Last week, when Duch was testifying, the Prosecution -- Bill
- 22 Smith was here, but the gentleman that stood up today was also
- 23 present when they indicated in public that Duch enjoyed the right
- 24 not to incriminate himself. They didn't ask to go into private
- 25 session; they didn't -- they initiated that intervention, and in

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- 1 fact they said: However remote prosecution may be, the person
- 2 enjoys the--
- 3 [10.30.17]
- 4 What we hear from the civil party is absolutely incorrect because
- 5 the rest of the story is that the gentleman could be prosecuted
- 6 in other courts in Cambodia; maybe not before the ECCC, but
- 7 nonetheless runs the risk.
- 8 Now, if it was good enough for Duch, why isn't it good enough for
- 9 this gentleman? And if we're going to have a transparent
- 10 proceeding, why not do it transparently?
- 11 I think the better practice is, in advance, for the parties, if
- 12 they wish, to state to the Trial Chamber that the -- that the
- 13 witness may be incriminating himself or herself and for the Trial
- 14 Chamber to, from the very set -- from the get go, give the
- 15 warning to the witness. That way, the witness knows well in
- 16 advance; if they wish to -- to seek legal advice, fine; if not,
- 17 you know, let the questions begin. But that's the better
- 18 practice.
- 19 MR. IANUZZI:
- 20 Thank you, Your Honour. If I may reply very briefly, of course I
- 21 support the comments by my colleague, which reflect what I said
- 22 earlier this morning.
- 23 I would also say that I reject the assertions by the Prosecution,
- 24 for the record, that I'm behaving in any inappropriate manner.
- 25 [10.31.35]

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- 1 However, I fully agree with the Prosecution that we should now
- 2 move into closed session so that we can discuss this properly,
- 3 openly, amongst ourselves, and clearly. Thank you.
- 4 MR. LYSAK:
- 5 Mr. President, I wasn't suggesting we go into closed session; I
- 6 was suggesting that we have this discussion outside the presence
- 7 of the witness.
- 8 And I do not understand why defence counsel think it is their job
- 9 to serve as counsel for the witness.
- 10 When Duch was testifying, he was asserting, himself, his rights
- 11 in relation to questions regarding M-13.
- 12 This witness has not asserted his rights. It is the Defence that
- 13 is attempting to intimidate by raising these issues. That is our
- 14 concern. And it is our concern that this is not an appropriate
- 15 issue to be talking in front of the witness. So that's -- that is
- 16 our position on this.
- 17 [10.32.37]
- 18 MR. IANUZZI:
- 19 Your Honour, I have one new point. I'm not attempting to
- 20 intimidate anyone; I'm just following the rules -- these are your
- 21 rules, these are rules of this Court "where a party is aware",
- 22 that party "shall" do what I've done. So that's my clear position
- 23 on this point.
- 24 And I would appreciate -- I would appreciate not being accused of
- 25 inappropriate behaviour time and time again, when I'm simply just

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- 1 following the rules.
- 2 I'm not trying to intimidate anyone; let me make that very clear.
- 3 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 4 Is there any representative from any parties who wish to make any
- 5 further observation on this, you may have the floor.
- 6 (Judges deliberate)
- 7 [10.34.54]
- 8 Since there's no further observation on different parties, the
- 9 Chamber will have the adjournment for half an hour, and the next
- 10 session will be resumed by 11 o'clock.
- 11 Counsel for Ieng Sary, you may now proceed.
- 12 MR. ANG UDOM:
- 13 Mr. President and Your Honours, due to my client's health
- 14 concern, we -- my client has requested that he be excused from
- 15 this courtroom and be allowed to observe the proceeding from his
- 16 holding cell for the rest of the day.
- 17 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 18 The Chamber has noted the request by Ieng Sary through his
- 19 counsels. Ieng Sary has requested that he be excused from this
- 20 courtroom and be allowed to observe the proceeding from his
- 21 holding cell. The Chamber, therefore, grants such request. Ieng
- 22 Sary is now allowed to observe the proceeding from his holding
- 23 cell.
- 24 And counsels for Ieng Sary is advised to produce the waiver
- 25 signed or given thumbprint by Mr. Ieng Sary.

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- 1 [10.36.41]
- 2 An AV booth is now advised to ensure that the video-link is well
- 3 connected to the holding cell so that the Accused can observe the
- 4 proceeding.
- 5 And security personnels are now instructed to bring Ieng Sary to
- 6 his holding cell so that he can observe the proceeding from his
- 7 holding cell.
- 8 And court officers is now instructed to help witness during the
- 9 break so that he can be taken to his waiting room and have him
- 10 returned to the courtroom by 11 o'clock.
- 11 The Court adjourn for 25 minutes, rather.
- 12 (Court recesses from 1037H to 1110H)
- 13 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 14 Please be seated. The Court is now back in session.
- 15 As scheduled, the Chamber is going to hear the testimonies of the
- 16 witness Saut Toeung. However, due to some technical problem in
- 17 the proceedings, the Chamber has decided to defer hearing this
- 18 witness. His testimonies will be heard in the afternoon session
- 19 instead.
- 20 And before we proceed, the Chamber would like to make an oral
- 21 decision on the right to remain silent.
- 22 [11.12.32]
- 23 The Trial Chamber notes the motions involving Ieng Sary and Khieu
- 24 Samphan's right to remain silent documents E164 and E174. It
- 25 further notes that Nuon Chea, after having made statements

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- 1 allegedly relevant to the first segment of the trial, has also
- 2 indicated that he might exercise his right to remain silent.
- 3 Pursuant to Article 35 new (g) of the ECCC Law, "an accused shall
- 4 not be compelled to testify against himself or to confess quilt".
- 5 Therefore, an accused cannot be compelled to answer questions put
- 6 to him.
- 7 However, in assessing the guilt or innocence of the Accused in
- 8 its verdict, the Chamber shall consider all of the evidence that
- 9 has been put before it and subject to examination, including the
- 10 testimony of the Accused and manner in which he testifies. In
- 11 this regard, and where the Accused elects to alternate between
- 12 silence and giving testimony, this may be noted by the Chamber
- 13 when assessing his credibility.
- 14 The relevant international jurisprudence indicates that adverse
- 15 inference from selective decisions to remain silent may be drawn.
- 16 In any case, the Chamber shall not base a finding of quilt
- 17 exclusively on an adverse inference from drawn from silence.
- 18 This is the decision on the right to remain silent by the accused
- 19 persons.
- 20 [11.15.09]
- 21 Next, the Chamber will proceed in-camera session. We are not
- 22 hearing the testimonies of the witness, as the as the Chamber
- 23 has indicated; we are now coming to the closing session
- 24 concerning Internal Rule 28, subrules 8 and 9. The Chamber would
- 25 like to have all the issues properly resolved before we can

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- 1 proceed to hearing the testimony of the witness, so the following
- 2 session will be in camera, and the in-camera session will last
- 3 until lunch break.
- 4 The public and parties are now advised to be informed.
- 5 Court officer is instructed to draw and close the curtain.
- 6 And AV booth officers are instructed to ensure that the audio is
- 7 disconnected from -- to the public gallery -- to the public.
- 8 And the public is advised to be dismissed from the public
- 9 gallery, since the Chamber is now having the in-camera session.
- 10 Security personnels are now instructed to escort -- or to just
- 11 usher the public to -- outside of the public gallery.
- 12 (Court adjourns into closed session at 1118H)
- 13 (Court resumes in open session at 1336H)
- 14 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 15 Please be seated. The Court is now back in session.
- 16 We shall now proceed with the hearing of the testimony of Mr.
- 17 Saut Toeung.
- 18 Co-Prosecutors will be putting questions to him.
- 19 Good afternoon, Mr. Saut Toeung. You are now having counsel with
- 20 you. So you can listen to the questions being put to you by
- 21 parties and respond to the questions concerning the facts as
- 22 alleged in this portion of the trial, and tell -- you can tell
- 23 the Court on the events you witnessed, experienced, seen, for
- 24 example. And, according to the request by the Chamber, WESU has
- 25 now provided the Court with the counsel to assist you.

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- 1 Mr. Counsel, what is your name please?
- 2 MR. LIM BUNHENG:
- 3 I am Lim Bunheng, Mr. President and Your Honours.
- 4 [13.39.03]
- 5 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 6 Can you give us your code name?
- 7 MR. LIM BUNHENG:
- 8 1 -- rather, 689.
- 9 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 10 Thank you.
- 11 During these proceedings, you are representing the witness for
- 12 the purpose of trying to assist the witness if he may incriminate
- 13 himself in his responses to the questions. You are not
- 14 representing him in his capacity as an accused, but as a witness.
- 15 So you is on standby, or be ready to assist witness regarding
- 16 questions you feel that are self-incriminating or any assertions
- 17 or statements that you think are self-incriminating against this
- 18 witness.
- 19 Mr. Counsel, do you understand this?
- 20 [13.40.27]
- 21 MR. LIM BUNHENG:
- 22 Yes, I do, Mr. President.
- 23 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 24 Thank you.
- 25 We would like now to hand over to the Co-Prosecutor to proceed

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- 1 with their questions. They may proceed.
- 2 MR. SENG BUNKHEANG:
- 3 Thank you, Mr. President. Next, I would like, with your
- 4 permission, document E3/423 be put up on the screen. We already
- 5 talked about it this morning.
- 6 [13.41.08]
- 7 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 8 You may proceed.
- 9 BY MR. SENG BUNKHEANG:
- 10 Q. Mr. Witness, I would like to proceed with some further
- 11 questions. Before we left for break, I was mentioning regarding
- 12 document E3/43 (sic). This document is relevant to the statements
- 13 you made before the Co-Investigating Judges. Under item number 19
- 14 of your responses, you said -- I would like to quote your entire
- 15 statement:
- 16 "I would like to talk about three points concerning the fact
- 17 regarding your accompany Mr. Nuon Chea to China, and that you
- 18 worked as a bodyguard for Mr. Nuon Chea, and that your title as
- 19 the messenger. And you made this statement just to clear all
- 20 doubts. May we ask whether that statement was done genuinely?
- 21 "Response: Yes, it was."
- 22 [13.42.47]
- 23 On the same document, under responses -- items 48 and 47, you
- 24 said: "I was the bodyguard of Nuon Chea. I gave security
- 25 protection to him days and night."

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- 1 In item number 48, you said you were the bodyguard of Mr. Nuon
- 2 Chea in 1975 until you went to Peking in 1977; is that the
- 3 correct assertion?
- 4 MR. SAUT TOEUNG:
- 5 A. Yes, it is.
- 6 Q. I -- were you also a messenger for Nuon Chea?
- 7 A. I used to take his letters to Ta Duch at Tuol Sleng.
- 8 Q. As a bodyguard and messenger of Nuon Chea, how long had you
- 9 been working for him?
- 10 A. I had been working for him for about three years.
- 11 Q. How many people were assigned to the Y-10 to work for Nuon
- 12 Chea?
- 13 [13.44.50]
- 14 A. I don't remember the exact number, but on any occasion there
- 15 could have been about 10 people who would be loaded on the
- 16 trucks.
- 17 Q. How many people were the regular bodyguards for Mr. Nuon Chea?
- 18 A. I don't remember how many because there were quite a few
- 19 numbers of them and the number of people could vary accordingly.
- 20 Q. Do you remember who could -- who were the leaders of the
- 21 group?
- 22 A. I don't remember. I remember the person named Kheu (phonetic),
- 23 but I don't remember the other leaders of the other groups; it
- 24 was a long time ago, I don't recollect it very well. Kham My was
- 25 also the head of the group.

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- 1 Q. Were you ever a group leader?
- 2 A. No, I wasn't.
- 3 Q. Were your group armed?
- 4 A. Yes, we were.
- 5 [13.47.00]
- 6 Q. What kind of weapons were you equipped with?
- 7 A. AK, CKC, as an example.
- 8 Q. Do you recall whether Nuon Chea carried any gun when he went
- 9 somewhere?
- 10 A. No, he didn't carry any gun. His bodyguards could carry guns.
- 11 Q. Were other members of Y-10 assigned to work as bodyguards for
- 12 other people, including Khieu Samphan?
- 13 A. No, I don't know.
- 14 Q. Can you tell us where Y-10 was located in Phnom Penh?
- 15 A. It was adjacent to K-1, the U.S. Embassy.
- 16 Q. I would like to go back to another question; I seek for
- 17 clarification: Were you engaged in a fighting with any opposing
- 18 groups?
- 19 [13.48.46]
- 20 A. I remember that I went to the border and I did not engage in
- 21 any fighting.
- 22 Q. Do you remember exactly when you went to the border, when you
- 23 took food to the army?
- 24 A. It was in 1979, '80 or '81.
- 25 Q. I'm talking about the year before 1975.

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- 1 A. That was in 1973 or 1974.
- 2 Q. Do you know what happened to the Lon Nol soldiers who were
- 3 arrested by the Khmer Rouge soldiers?
- 4 A. I don't know.
- 5 Q. Where was your unit located -- in which section, in which
- 6 zone?
- 7 A. In Kampong Cham province.
- 8 Q. Could you please tell us the zone name?
- 9 [13.50.42]
- 10 A. I don't know.
- 11 Q. Do you still recollect who the commander of the division you
- 12 worked for was?
- 13 A. There were only Pang -- only Pang, there was only Pang, the
- 14 commander.
- 15 Q. Do you know the full name of Pang?
- 16 A. No, I only knew this person by that name, Pang.
- 17 Q. Thank you.
- 18 I would like to go back to Y-10 Unit again. When you worked at
- 19 Y-10 Unit in Phnom Penh, what was your food ration like? And
- 20 where did you eat?
- 21 A. We ate in the military base -- or barrack, and we ate
- 22 collectively in the -- that place.
- 23 Q. Do you remember how many people were in Y-10?
- 24 A. I think there were about 30 people, but I don't remember the
- 25 exact number.

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- 1 [13.52.49]
- 2 Q. Do you remember who the leader of Y-10 was?
- 3 A. Kham My was the chairperson. The deputy chairperson was
- 4 another person whose name I don't know, and I don't want to
- 5 speculate.
- 6 Q. Do you know the person named Samy?
- 7 A. Yes, I do.
- 8 Q. What was his role?
- 9 A. I don't remember.
- 10 Q. Concerning the report on work activity from Y-10 to upper
- 11 echelon and from upper echelon to Y-10, where did you receive
- 12 these orders concerning these tasks?
- 13 A. I don't know. Normally, orders could have been rendered from
- 14 the top.
- 15 Q. Do you know what K-1 or K-3 are?
- 16 A. K-1 and K-3 were the Angkar's bases, or offices.
- 17 Q. Where was K-1 located?
- 18 [13.54.47]
- 19 A. At the Chaktomuk Theatre location, on the riverfront.
- 20 Q. Could you tell the Court how K-1 was protected? Were it -- was
- 21 it surrounded by fence or wall?
- 22 A. I don't know.
- 23 Q. What about K-3? Where was it?
- 24 A. I guess it was close to K-1 or, rather, Psar Thmei.
- 25 Q. Could you please tell the Court how security was like at K-3?

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- 1 A. At K-3, people were tasked with protecting the premises day
- 2 and night.
- 3 Q. Did you ever see any leaders coming to K-3 or K-1?
- 4 A. I don't remember, but there could have been the secretaries of
- 5 sectors who could be visiting the places.
- 6 [13.56.28]
- 7 Q. Could you also tell us the names of the individuals you saw
- 8 coming in and out of the offices?
- 9 A. These people include Koy Thuon, Ta Kheu (phonetic), and other
- 10 people; I don't know their names.
- 11 Q. What about the other leaders of the Party? Do you remember
- 12 having seen them going there?
- 13 A. I don't remember.
- 14 Q. Have you ever seen -- or did you ever see Pol Pot, Nuon Chea,
- 15 Ieng Sary, Khieu Samphan going there?
- 16 A. I used to see them.
- 17 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 18 (No interpretation)
- 19 MR. KARNAVAS:
- 20 Thank you, Mr. President. It's a little bit late, because of the
- 21 answer.
- 22 [13.57.35]
- 23 First, he asked him one question; he got a -- he got a negative.
- 24 Then he gives him a multiple choice, coaching the witness to the
- 25 names; it's improper; it's leading.

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- 1 And so I don't -- I suggest that, once he gets an answer and if
- 2 he doesn't like the answer, he moves on, as opposed to leading
- 3 the witnesses.
- 4 He asked about leaders. He said: "I don't know." Then he gives a
- 5 multiple choice.
- 6 If the Prosecution is going to be objecting to the Defence
- 7 leading, then we're going to be objecting to these sort of
- 8 tactics. We did so before; we will do so again. Thank you.
- 9 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 10 Thank you, Counsel.
- 11 National Co-Prosecutor is now advised to rephrase the questions
- 12 so that they are proper, and that they are free of objections,
- 13 and that they are not banned by the law.
- 14 [13.58.48]
- 15 Witness is now instructed to pause a little while before he
- 16 responses to questions. Please wait until the red light on the
- 17 mic is on. Otherwise, your statement could have been lost.
- 18 MR. SENG BUNKHEANG:
- 19 Mr. President, allow me to respond that the witness may not
- 20 remember the statement he has made before the Co-Investigating
- 21 Judges -- and I refer to the document E3/103; ERN number in Khmer
- 22 00204014; English, 00204020; French, 00490624 -- in which he said
- 23 he was not the bodyguard of these people, but the unit was tasked
- 24 with giving protection to individuals including Vorn Vet, Khieu
- 25 Samphan alias Hem, Ieng Sary alias Van, and he said that he also

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- 1 saw Koy Thuon coming to K-1 and K-3.
- 2 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 3 Counsel for Ieng Sary, you may now proceed.
- 4 MR. KARNAVAS:
- 5 Thank you, Mr. President. Just this morning, I cautioned about
- 6 the prosecutor doing exactly what they just did, coaching the
- 7 witness.
- 8 [14.00.55]
- 9 Now, if they want to refresh the witness' memory or if they wish
- 10 to impeach the witness, they have the document; there's a proper
- 11 technique of doing so. Either they do it correctly, or they allow
- 12 somebody else to do it who knows how to do it, but this is an
- 13 improper way of doing things. He has -- he asked a question; he
- 14 got an answer.
- 15 Now, if there's something different in one of the statements,
- 16 they can go to the statement, have the witness look at the
- 17 statement or read it to the -- to the witness, and allow the
- 18 witness to provide an explanation as to why he said one thing
- 19 today and something else on another occasion, keeping in mind, as
- 20 was noted by the prosecutor, that on previous occasions the
- 21 gentleman has given contradictory statements. It's a matter of
- 22 technique.
- 23 I don't mean to be harsh, but if we're going to do things, well,
- 24 let's do it right. Otherwise, I will continue to object.
- 25 [14.01.54]

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- 1 This was the tactic that was used last week by the Prosecution;
- 2 this is the tactic that I will continue to use. If we're going to
- 3 do things right, let's do it right.
- 4 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 5 Thank you. The Chamber has already reminded the Prosecution that
- 6 they should be more cautious in framing the question to be put to
- 7 the witness.
- 8 MR. SENG BUNKHEANG:
- 9 Mr. President, with your leave, I would like to ask that this
- 10 document be presented to the witness so that he can see it.
- 11 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 12 Yes, you may proceed. Can the document be display on the screen
- 13 as well?
- 14 MR. SENG BUNKHEANG:
- 15 Yes, it can be projected.
- 16 [14.02.58]
- 17 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 18 Court officer, please ensure that the document is display on the
- 19 screen.
- 20 BY MR. SENG BUNKHEANG:
- 21 Q. Witness, document E3/103; ERN in Khmer, 00204014; and relevant
- 22 page, ERN page in English, 00204020; French 00490624. On page 2,
- 23 in the Khmer document, you told the Office of Co-Investigating
- 24 Judges that: "...Pol Pot, Nuon Chea, Son Sen alias Khieu, Khieu
- 25 Samphan alias Hem, Ieng Sary alias Van, and Vorn Vet. All these

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- 1 persons went in and out of K-1 and K-3". And he also saw Koy
- 2 Thuon going in and out of K-1 and K-3 location; do you still
- 3 stand by this statement?
- 4 MR. SAUT TOEUNG:
- 5 A. Yes, I do.
- 6 Q. Do you recall who, among the leaders, stay in K-1 and who else
- 7 stay in K-3?
- 8 [14.04.58]
- 9 A. At K-1, Nuon Chea stay over there, but they actually swap
- 10 places; Nuon Chea and Pol Pot frequently went in and out of these
- 11 places.
- 12 O. How about K-3?
- 13 A. K-3 was more like a working place where people came in and out
- 14 as well.
- 15 Q. Do you know an office K-7?
- 16 A. Yes, I do.
- 17 Q. Did you work at K-7?
- 18 A. No, I didn't. That was the place for receiving equipment.
- 19 O. Where was it located?
- 20 A. It was located somewhere on the riverfront. It was a
- 21 two-storey building.
- 22 Q. Can you tell the Court the function of Office K-7?
- 23 A. Well, K-7 received people sent from the countryside, and those
- 24 individuals would be turned into additional forces.
- 25 [14.06.50]

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- 1 Q. So how long did they stay in this office before they were
- 2 transferred to other offices?
- 3 A. It varies; sometimes, they stayed there for one or two nights,
- 4 or some of them may stay up to one month before they were
- 5 transfer out.
- 6 Q. Can you tell the Court whether or not you had seen any zone
- 7 leader or sector leaders who came to Phnom Penh to attend a
- 8 meeting with other senior leaders in the city?
- 9 A. Yes, I had. I had seen the sector leaders from the provinces
- 10 in Phnom Penh.
- 11 Q. Can you elaborate?
- 12 A. I'm sorry; I cannot recall it well because I forget most of
- 13 them.
- 14 Q. What did they do when they arrive in Phnom Penh?
- 15 A. They may have come for a meeting, but I do not know the nature
- 16 of the meeting.
- 17 Q. Did you guard the meeting compound?
- 18 A. Yes, I did. The last meeting, I quarded that meeting.
- 19 Q. Do you recall how often the meeting was convened?
- 20 [14.08.36]
- 21 A. It was convened once a month.
- 22 Q. Where was the meeting held?
- 23 A. I do not really recall the exact location of the meeting, but
- 24 I guarded outside the compound.
- 25 Q. Do you recall which leaders in Phnom Penh attended those

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- 1 meetings?
- 2 A. I do not recall them.
- 3 Q. Do you know the nature of the meeting? What was it about?
- 4 A. No, I didn't. My duty was to guard outside the compound of the
- 5 meeting venue.
- 6 Q. Thank you.
- 7 Concerning your unit, Y-10, did you, yourself, obtain any
- 8 self-criticism or so?
- 9 A. Yes, I used to attend the re-education or self-criticism
- 10 session once a month.
- 11 [14.10.06]
- 12 Q. Where was this self-criticism session held?
- 13 A. Well, it -- the places varied from time to time; sometimes it
- 14 took place outdoors, sometimes it was taking place indoor.
- 15 Q. Who led those meetings?
- 16 A. Kheu (phonetic) and Kham My were the two leaders who normally
- 17 led the self-criticism sessions.
- 18 Q. How about those who attended those sessions, do you still
- 19 recall those who attended those meetings?
- 20 A. Samy. Samy attended those sessions, and sometimes Pang also
- 21 attended.
- 22 Q. How many people attended those self-criticism sessions?
- 23 A. Well, it varied again; sometimes, 10 people, 5 people, or even
- 24 more than that at certain times.
- 25 Q. What was the main purpose of having this self-criticism

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- 1 session?
- 2 [14.11.43]
- 3 A. The main objective was to strengthen the spirit of fighting
- 4 oppressive classes, and national patriotism.
- 5 Q. Besides attending this sort of meetings, did you ever attend
- 6 any political training?
- 7 A. I do not understand what a political training was all about,
- 8 but it was a general training I attended. They -- they taught us
- 9 how to behave in the groups, but I did not know whether or not it
- 10 was political training. Then I attended the self-criticism.
- 11 Q. What was the self-criticism session like?
- 12 A. Well, the self-criticism session was meant to re-educate us
- 13 and re-fashion us, try to educate us to behave properly.
- 14 Q. Beside those self-criticism session, did you ever attend any
- 15 political trainings?
- 16 A. No, I never went to attend any trainings other than the
- 17 trainings took place in my unit.
- 18 [14.13.25]
- 19 Q. Do you recall any cadres from your unit who were arrested and
- 20 sent away?
- 21 A. Yes, some of them were taken away, but I did not know who they
- 22 were and where they were taken to.
- 23 MR. SENG BUNKHEANG:
- 24 Mr. President, I do not have any further question, but I would
- 25 like to hand over to my colleagues.

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- 1 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 2 Yes. International Co-Prosecutor, you may proceed.
- 3 QUESTIONING BY MR. LYSAK:
- 4 Thank you, Mr. President. Good afternoon, Mr. Witness.
- 5 Q. I want to start by going back -- I had a few follow-up
- 6 questions on some testimony that you've given to my colleague
- 7 earlier.
- 8 [14.14.42]
- 9 When you were asked what you did when you first joined the
- 10 revolution, you indicated that you were -- excuse me --
- 11 transferred back and forth from different offices. Can you tell
- 12 me what were -- the offices were that you remember that you were
- 13 transferred back and forth from after you joined the revolution?
- 14 MR. SAUT TOEUNG:
- 15 A. Could you please repeat your question? Because I do not quite
- 16 get the -- the question.
- 17 Q. Yes, I'd be happy to. You said earlier today that, after you
- 18 joined the revolution, you were transferred back and forth
- 19 between different offices. What were those offices?
- 20 A. Office is the -- actually, the resident office, but I do not
- 21 really know its function, but it is the resident office. But they
- 22 are not main offices at all, because main offices are located in
- 23 Phnom Penh, but those offices were very small and not that
- 24 important.
- 25 [14.16.22]

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- 1 Q. Another follow-up question. My colleague asked you about
- 2 whether you received documents from the Party, and in English the
- 3 question was translated as "Revolutionary Flag" documents. I want
- 4 to make sure that I understand the answer correctly.
- 5 Did you, as a member of the Youth League -- did you ever receive
- a publication that was called "Revolutionary Youth"?
- 7 A. Yes, I did receive certain issues, but I was very young and I
- 8 I could not read and write very well, so I did not understand
- 9 much.
- 10 Q. Okay. I'm not going to ask you any questions about the
- 11 contents of these, but I would like you to look at a couple of
- 12 copies of "Revolutionary Youth" that we have, just for you to
- 13 identify whether or not they look like the "Revolutionary Youth"
- 14 that you received back -- back in those days.
- 15 And, Mr. President, the two documents that I would like to
- 16 provide to the witness are E3/146, which is also in the case file
- 17 as D175/6.2, and also E3/729. And I'll also provide the old
- 18 number for that, which is IS 11.3.
- 19 Just for clarity, Mr. President, the reason: some of these are
- 20 part of the new E3 numbers that were just recently assigned and
- 21 because some of them are not yet available in ZyLAB under the E3
- 22 number. I will continue, for -- for some of these documents, to
- 23 provide both the E3 number and the previous case file number.
- 24 [14.18.43]
- 25 But I would like to show the witness the cover page from those

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- 1 two documents to ask whether he recognizes them as issues of
- 2 "Revolutionary Youth".
- 3 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 4 Witness, please hold; and the Prosecution, please hold on; there
- 5 is an objection by the defence counsel for Ieng Sary.
- 6 You may proceed.
- 7 MR. KARNAVAS:
- 8 Thank you, Mr. President. I think the exercise is -- is quite
- 9 suggestive.
- 10 First, perhaps, they could ask the witness, since he said that he
- 11 came across these issues, to describe what the issue would look
- 12 like, how big -- what sort of format it was, and what have you.
- 13 But to simply show him something and say: Is this what it looks
- 14 like-- How do we know that he is really telling us the truth, in
- 15 light of the various statements that he has given and the
- 16 contradictions that are within the statements themselves?
- 17 [14.19.55]
- 18 So, before showing him any documents -- and I take it the purpose
- 19 for showing him a document is to authenticate, which I think that
- 20 is not a problem in this case, anyway; the witness has said he
- 21 hasn't read them because he could not read very well at the time.
- 22 But if he has indeed seen them, then he should describe what they
- 23 look like, if he has an independent memory of that. First, we go
- 24 that route. If he doesn't, then, if they wish to show him
- 25 something to refresh his memory, then they can approach it that

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- 1 way as well. But, first, let's hear what the witness has to say
- 2 from his independent memory, if, indeed, he did see those
- 3 documents.
- 4 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 5 Yes, International Co-Prosecutor, you may respond.
- 6 MR. LYSAK:
- 7 Mr. President, Mr. Karnavas is -- can ask the questions that he
- 8 wishes.
- 9 [14.20.57]
- 10 The witness has indicated that he received "Revolutionary Youth";
- 11 I'm certainly entitled to provide him with documents and ask him
- 12 whether -- whether he can identify them as "Revolutionary Youth".
- 13 If Mr. Karnavas really thinks this is a critical point that he
- 14 wants to cross-examine the witness on, he can do so later.
- 15 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 16 Mr. Karnavas, you may reply. You may proceed.
- 17 MR. KARNAVAS:
- 18 Mr. President, if you show a document that has the label on it
- 19 and then say: Well, is this the document that you recall,
- 20 obviously it's suggestive. And for the Prosecution to say, then I
- 21 can cure it or challenge it on cross-examination defeats the
- 22 purpose.
- 23 [14.21.43]
- 24 First lay a foundation. He said that he has seen them. Okay,
- 25 describe it. What did it look like? Was it in a book form? Was it

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- 1 in a pamphlet form? Was it a magazine? Was it small? Was it
- 2 large? Was it thick? Was it thin? Describe it. What colour? What
- 3 was on the cover page? If he doesn't have a recollection of that,
- 4 then we can proceed.
- 5 But to show him the cover page and say: Is this it, where, on the
- 6 title of it, it shows what the document is all about, it is so
- 7 highly suggestive, it's not even evidence. That's my objection.
- 8 (Judges deliberate)
- 9 [14.23.16]
- 10 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 11 Objection by the defence counsel for Ieng Sary is not sustained.
- 12 The International Co-Prosecutor may present the document to the
- 13 witness and ensure that the document is displayed on the screen.
- 14 BY MR. LYSAK:
- 15 Thank you, Mr. President. So we'll first give the witness E3/146.
- 16 And if we could display the cover page of that on the screen?
- 17 Q. Mr. Witness, if you could take a look at the document, in
- 18 particular the cover page, and tell me whether that looks like
- 19 the publication that you mentioned that you received during the
- 20 period you were a member of the Youth League?
- 21 MR. SAUT TOEUNG:
- 22 A. Yes. The paper the paper -- the colour of the paper was
- 23 rather pale yellow in colour.
- 24 [14.25.18]
- 25 Q. Were the flags on the cover in colour? And, if so, what colour

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- 1 were they?
- 2 A. The flags were in red, with -- with a rice leaf.
- 3 MR. LYSAK:
- 4 Mr. President, I'd like to hand a second document, now, to the
- 5 witness, which is E3/729, also in the case file as IS 11.3.
- 6 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 7 Yes, you may proceed.
- 8 Court officer, please take the document from the prosecutor and
- 9 present it to the witness. And you may also project this document
- 10 on the computer screens.
- 11 BY MR. LYSAK:
- 12 Q. And my question is the same for the second document: Does this
- 13 appear -- appear to be the "Revolutionary Youth" publication that
- 14 you indicated you received during the period you were a member of
- 15 the Youth League?
- 16 [14.26.54]
- 17 MR. SAUT TOEUNG:
- 18 A. I'm sorry; I do not catch your question. Could you please
- 19 repeat your question?
- 20 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 21 Mr. Prosecutor, please repeat your question because the witness
- 22 appears not to understand the question.
- 23 BY MR. LYSAK:
- 24 Q. My question is: Does this document also appear to be -- do you
- 25 recognize this as a copy of the "Revolutionary Youth" publication

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- 1 that you received as a member of the Youth League?
- 2 MR. SAUT TOEUNG:
- 3 A. You -- what -- are you talking about the "Revolutionary Youth"
- 4 magazines in those days? I am -- I'm afraid I do not understand
- 5 the question. I dare not answer the questions because I do not
- 6 understand the question. Do you want me to refer to the
- 7 "Revolutionary Youth" magazines in those old days? Please repeat
- 8 the question because I would like to have the specific time
- 9 indication.
- 10 [14.28.26]
- 11 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 12 Please, Mr. Prosecutor, repeat your question and please indicate
- 13 the time of the publication as well because the witness is -- the
- 14 witness is insisting that he wants to know the date of the
- 15 document as well. So, if you can indicate this, it would be very
- 16 helpful for the witness so that it can refreshes his memory, and
- 17 his response to that question would be conducive to getting the
- 18 information. Thank you.
- 19 MR. LYSAK:
- 20 Thank you, Mr. President.
- 21 Q. The second document we gave you is titled as the October 1975
- 22 "Revolutionary Youth".
- 23 My question is: Was -- was 1975 part of the time period when you
- 24 received the "Revolutionary Youth" publication?
- 25 MR. SAUT TOEUNG:

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- 1 A. I am struggling to understand this question. It's the same.
- 2 [14.30.00]
- 3 Q. Let me ask you a very simple question: What -- what time
- 4 period was it? What years did you receive the "Revolutionary
- 5 Youth" publication?
- 6 A. I received it in 1974. Actually, this magazine was first
- 7 published in 1974.
- 8 Q. Did you continue to receive "Revolutionary Youth" in 1975, or
- 9 was it only 1974 when you received them?
- 10 A. I started to receive them in 1975 and 1976.
- 11 Q. So you've already identified one of the documents as appearing
- 12 to be a "Revolutionary Youth". Is the second document I gave you,
- 13 from October 1975 -- does the cover page look like the cover page
- of "Revolutionary Youth" that you received in 1975?
- 15 A. I don't remember exactly, but there -- there were two colours,
- 16 red and yellow.
- 17 Q. Do you remember the number of flags that used to be on the
- 18 magazines that you received back in 1974 and 1975?
- 19 A. No, I don't.
- 20 [14.32.27]
- 21 Q. And you've said that you -- you were not able to read these
- 22 publications yourself. Did anyone provide instruction to you
- 23 about the meaning of these documents?
- 24 A. We were instructed, or briefed by the leader of our group,
- 25 including Pang, who was reading them for us, and we were not

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- 1 legible -- we couldn't read anything back then.
- 2 Q. And what was Pang's position?
- 3 A. Pang was in charge overly at K-1 Office.
- 4 Q. Where did these meetings take place, where Pang instructed you
- 5 about "Revolutionary Youth"?
- 6 A. At K-7 and Y-10.
- 7 Q. Thank you.
- 8 I also want to ask you a few more questions about your work as a
- 9 soldier and the period prior to April 1975.
- 10 [14.34.35]
- 11 And I would like to refer you to a prior statement of yours in
- 12 E3/423, and it is question A51. And, Mr. President, if we could
- 13 put that on the screen? I think the witness already has a copy of
- 14 that statement.
- 15 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 16 You may proceed.
- 17 Court assistant is now instructed to put up the document on the
- 18 screen.
- 19 BY MR. LYSAK:
- 20 Q. Mr. Saut Toeung, in this statement that you gave to the
- 21 Co-Investigating Judges, you indicated that you were trained as a
- 22 bodyquard -- quote: "...when I became a soldier fighting against
- 23 Lon Nol's soldiers."
- 24 What did you -- what did you mean when you said you were "a
- 25 soldier fighting against Lon Nol's soldiers"? Did you engage in

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- 1 any combat against them, or were you just trained to fight
- 2 against the Lon Nol army?
- 3 MR. SAUT TOEUNG:
- 4 A. I did not receive any military training. Those soldiers could
- 5 have been trained, but I was -- I didn't receive such training; I
- 6 was only tasked with providing protection to people concerned.
- 7 [14.36.42]
- 8 Q. If you could look at the very next question and answer in this
- 9 document, which is A52, the question was -- quote: "During the
- 10 training to be soldier, who was the trainer?"
- 11 Your answer -- quote: "The trainer was named Phen, who was from
- 12 Hanoi."
- 13 Could you describe for the -- for the Chamber what -- what
- 14 training what training it was that you received from Phen?
- 15 A. I did not join the training session, but Phen was giving
- 16 military training sessions to soldiers on how to be engaged in
- 17 combat.
- 18 Q. When was it that you were present for these training sessions?
- 19 A. No, I didn't attend any of the sessions.
- 20 Q. When did theses training sessions take place?
- 21 A. They would normally take place in the dry season, so far as I
- 22 recollect.
- 23 [14.38.41]
- 24 MR. LYSAK:
- 25 Mr. President, if this is a convenient place to take our break, I

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- 1 can stop at this point and resume after the break.
- 2 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 3 We were about to move a little bit further. However, since you
- 4 already notified us that it would be appropriate time for the
- 5 adjournment, then it is indeed appropriate time for the
- 6 adjournment. We will adjourn briefly.
- 7 And that witness is now -- court officer and security guards are
- 8 instructed to take the witness to his room.
- 9 And the Court adjourns until 3 o'clock.
- 10 (Court recesses from 1439H to 1500H)
- 11 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 12 Please be seated. The Court is back in session.
- 13 I note the Lead Co-Lawyer for the Civil Party is on her feet. You
- 14 may proceed.
- 15 MS. SIMONNEAU-FORT:
- 16 Thank you, Mr. President. I have just read mail by -- Ms. Susan
- 17 Lamb sent to us, and she says that, regarding civil parties and
- 18 the Co-Prosecutors, we have a day and a half to examine this
- 19 witness and that we have to share that day and a half.
- 20 So, since we are two different parties, I don't think we should
- 21 have to share time.
- 22 [15.02.12]
- 23 And I think that it would be proper if we were informed
- 24 sufficiently in advance in the future and before the beginning of
- 25 the examination, because it is very difficult for us, civil

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- 1 parties, to adapt ourselves without realizing -- or knowing how
- 2 much time the Co-Prosecutors have. And we run the risk of
- 3 depriving us -- depriving ourselves of the little time left. We
- 4 have already spent three hours and we still do not know how much
- 5 time we need.
- 6 I, therefore, respectfully submit to the Chamber that we should
- 7 be informed well in advance of the time we will have, and we will
- 8 indicate how much time we need. Thank you.
- 9 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 10 I now hand over to the International Co-Prosecutor to continue
- 11 his line of questioning.
- 12 BY MR. LYSAK:
- 13 Thank you, Mr. President.
- 14 Q. Mr. Saut Toeung, I'd like to ask you now some questions about
- 15 your role as Nuon Chea's messenger and bodyguard.
- 16 [15.03.45]
- 17 Can you provide a general description to the Court of the work
- 18 you did as Nuon Chea's messenger and bodyguard?
- 19 MR. SAUT TOEUNG:
- 20 A. My guard duty was to provide security guards surrounding the
- 21 compounds where Mr. Nuon Chea worked.
- 22 Q. Did you accompany Nuon Chea on trips to the provinces?
- 23 A. Yes, I did.
- Q. How often did Nuon Chea travel to the provinces?
- 25 A. It's rather frequent; once every two or three months.

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- 1 Q. And did he continue to travel to the provinces the entire
- 2 period you worked for him?
- 3 A. No, it was only once in a while.
- 4 [15.05.42]
- 5 Q. Did he travel throughout the whole country and visit all
- 6 provinces?
- 7 A. He visited Battambang, Kampong Chhnang, Kampong Speu, the East
- 8 Zone.
- 9 Q. And how many people went on these trips to the provinces? How
- 10 many other people were there in addition to you and Nuon Chea?
- 11 A. Sometimes there were 10 people, and sometimes there were more
- 12 than that.
- 13 Q. Were you a driver, 1 or was there a different person who was
- 14 the driver for these trips?
- 15 A. There was a different driver.
- 16 Q. Did you travel in the same car as Nuon Chea?
- 17 A. No, I drove on the bodyguard's convoy, or car.
- 18 Q. Who -- was there anyone in the car with Nuon Chea, other than
- 19 his driver?
- 20 A. No, he was in the car alone, together with his driver.
- 21 [15.07.43]
- 22 Q. Who was the driver who worked for Nuon Chea when you went on
- 23 these trips to the provinces?
- 24 A. Back then, Yang was his driver, Sot was also his driver, Thung
- 25 was also his driver; so three of them were the drivers.

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- 1 Q. And did you go with Nuon Chea every time he travelled to the
- 2 provinces, or were there times when he travelled without you?
- 3 A. No, I was not with him on every trip; we had other peoples who
- 4 took the rotate assignment.
- 5 Q. Can you tell us, what did Nuon Chea do when he went on these
- 6 trips to the provinces?
- 7 A. He went to the province to preside over the meeting or to
- 8 provide training to other cadres.
- 9 [15.09.21]
- 10 Q. What type of meetings did he preside over?
- 11 A. They were training course for the heads of cooperatives, for
- 12 example on how to cultivate rice.
- 13 Q. Did Nuon Chea meet with leaders from the regions when he
- 14 travelled to the provinces?
- 15 A. Yes, he did.
- 16 Q. Who were the leaders from the regions that you remember Nuon
- 17 Chea meeting with on these trips?
- 18 A. To my recollection, they were So Phim, Ta Nhim, Ta Pal, Ta
- 19 Touch, and others, Kheu (phonetic), Ta Mok -- he frequently met
- 20 Ta Mok.
- 21 Q. When he went to the provinces, did Nuon Chea ever visit dams
- 22 or other worksites?
- 23 A. Yes, he visited very frequently.
- 24 [15.11.29]
- 25 Q. And do you remember any of the areas where Nuon Chea went to

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- 1 visit a dam or canal sites?
- 2 A. To my recollection, he visited the 1st January Dam and other
- 3 dams in Koh Kong and Pursat provinces, and a few other places of
- 4 which I cannot recall.
- 5 Q. The 1st January Dam that you just referred to, where was that
- 6 located?
- 7 A. It was maybe in Kampong Chhnang, I do not remember it well.
- 8 Q. Do you remember whether Nuon Chea visited a dam that was on
- 9 the Chinit River, near the border of Kampong Thom and Kampong
- 10 Cham?
- 11 A. Yes, he visited that dam as well.
- 12 Q. Do you remember how many times he visited that dam?
- 13 A. I do not remember well, but he may have visited it twice or
- 14 so.
- 15 [15.13.18]
- 16 Q. What did Nuon Chea do when he went to visit dams -- those
- 17 dams?
- 18 A. He visited the status of the dam's construction as well as the
- 19 rice cultivation and the performance of the cooperatives.
- 20 Q. Did he meet with the leaders who were responsible for the
- 21 construction of the dams in those regions?
- 22 A. Yes, he met with them.
- 23 Q. When-- Excuse me. When you travelled with Nuon Chea to the
- 24 provinces, did he ever go to any pagodas?
- 25 A. No, he never visited a pagoda because there was no monks,

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- 1 nobody's monks in those pagodas.
- 2 Q. Did he ever go to any pagodas while he was in Phnom Penh?
- 3 A. No, he never visited pagodas, even in Phnom Penh, because
- 4 there was no monk in the pagoda. What is the point of going
- 5 there?
- 6 [15.14.59]
- 7 Q. Did you ever hear Nuon Chea talk about Buddhism?
- 8 A. No, I had never heard.
- 9 Q. During the time you worked for him, did you ever see him
- 10 participate in any Buddhist ceremonies?
- 11 A. No, I didn't see any.
- 12 Q. I want to go back, now, and ask you about some of the leaders
- 13 from the provinces that Nuon Chea met with.
- 14 Did Nuon Chea travel to Takeo -- or did you travel with Nuon Chea
- 15 to Takeo province?
- 16 A. Yes, I did. I went there with him once.
- 17 Q. And who would Nuon Chea meet with when he went to Takeo?
- 18 A. He met with Ta Mok.
- 19 [15.16.22]
- 20 Q. Where was it that Nuon Chea would meet with Ta Mok? Was it in
- 21 Takeo provincial town or was it in some other location?
- 22 A. He would meet with him at his house.
- 23 Q. Do you remember where Ta Mok's house was located?
- 24 A. I do not recollect, but his house was further up the
- 25 provincial town, and probably it was on the left hand side of the

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- 1 town.
- 2 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 3 Witness, you are instructed to pause a bit before you respond to
- 4 the question. You should wait until your mic is on. When you see
- 5 the light is on, then you start -- should start answering the
- 6 question. Otherwise, your voice will not get through the system.
- 7 Prosecutor, you may continue.
- 8 BY MR. LYSAK:
- 9 Thank you, Mr. President.
- 10 [15.17.45]
- 11 Q. The -- when Nuon Chea went to meet with Ta Mok, was it just
- 12 the two of them who met, or were there other persons who also
- 13 attended those meetings?
- 14 MR. SAUT TOEUNG:
- 15 A. I did not know because I was always quarding outside.
- 16 Q. Did Nuon Chea ever talk to you about Ta Mok?
- 17 A. No, never did he talk to me about Ta Mok.
- 18 Q. Did you ever see Ta Mok come to Phnom Penh for meetings with
- 19 Nuon Chea or other leaders of the Party in Phnom Penh?
- 20 [15.18.42]
- 21 A. Yes, I saw him coming to meet with Ta Mok and particularly to
- 22 attend training course.
- 23 Q. How often did you see Ta Mok in Phnom Penh?
- 24 A. Once every one or two months. It was rather frequent.
- 25 Q. And where in Phnom Penh did you see Ta Mok when he came to

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- 1 visit?
- 2 A. He would come to K-1.
- 3 Q. You also mentioned that Nuon Chea went on trips to the East
- 4 Zone. Who did he meet with when he went to the East Zone?
- 5 A. He met with Ta So Phim.
- 6 Q. How often did Nuon Chea travel to the East Zone?
- 7 A. It was not that frequent, maybe once every two or three
- 8 months.
- 9 Q. Where would he meet with So Phim when he went to the East
- 10 Zone?
- 11 A. At So Phim's house.
- 12 [15.20.53]
- 13 Q. And do you remember where So Phim's house was located?
- 14 A. I do not remember.
- 15 Q. When Nuon Chea went for these meetings with Ta Mok and So
- 16 Phim, how long would he meet with them? How long did the meetings
- 17 last?
- 18 A. The meeting would last for one or two days.
- 19 Q. When he went to these meetings, did you see whether he brought
- 20 any documents with him?
- 21 A. I don't know about this. I don't know what was discussed in
- 22 the meeting.
- 23 Q. Did you ever see Nuon Chea leave any of those meetings with
- 24 documents that he brought back to Phnom Penh?
- 25 A. I do not know; he may have had his bag, but I don't know.

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- 1 [15.22.33]
- 2 Q. Do you remember whether Nuon Chea made any trips to the East
- 3 Zone in 1978?
- 4 A. I don't know; I forget.
- 5 Q. Do you remember whether there was a period of time when he
- 6 stopped travelling to the East Zone to meet with So Phim?
- 7 A. I cannot recollect.
- 8 Q. You also mentioned that Nuon Chea would travel to Battambang.
- 9 Who would he meet with when he travelled to Battambang?
- 10 A. He met with Ta Nhim, who was the chairman of the zone.
- 11 Q. And how often did Nuon Chea go to Battambang province?
- 12 A. It was not frequent, probably once every three or four months.
- 13 Q. Where is it that Nuon Chea would meet with Ta Nhim?
- 14 A. Back then, they met somewhere in a pagoda, but I cannot
- 15 recollect the name of that pagoda.
- 16 [15.24.46]
- 17 Q. Where was this pagoda located?
- 18 A. It was along the road leading to Angkor -- no, it was along
- 19 the road leading to Seam Reap province.
- 20 Q. Was it near Battambang provincial town?
- 21 A. Yes, it was near the provincial town.
- 22 Q. And what was this pagoda used for? Were there any monks there?
- 23 A. No, it were -- that pagoda was vacant, was--
- 24 Q. Could you tell what the pagoda was being used for?
- 25 A. That was an abandoned pagoda.

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- 1 Q. Do you remember the name of the pagoda?
- 2 A. No, I cannot recollect the name of that pagoda.
- 3 Q. Did Nuon Chea ever go to Banteay Meanchey province?
- 4 [15.26.34]
- 5 A. No, he didn't go to that province.
- 6 Q. And did you ever see Ta Nhim come to Phnom Penh for meetings
- 7 with Nuon Chea or other Party leaders of Phnom Penh?
- 8 $\,$ A. Yes, they would -- he would come to Phnom Penh on a regular
- 9 basis. Normally, it was during the Pchum Ben time.
- 10 Q. And when he would regularly come to Phnom Penh during Pchum
- 11 Ben time, how long would he be in Phnom Penh for?
- 12 A. It varied; sometimes he stayed in Phnom Penh for 10 days, and
- 13 sometimes it -- he stayed for 15 days.
- 14 Q. And where is it in Phnom Penh that you would see Ta Nhim when
- 15 he came to visit?
- 16 A. He would go to K-1.
- 17 Q. Would he stay at K-1 for the entire 10 or 15 days that he
- 18 visited?
- 19 A. Yes, he would stay there until he returned.
- 20 [15.28.34]
- 21 Q. And how about So Phim? Did you see him come to Phnom Penh for
- 22 meetings with Nuon Chea and the other Party leaders?
- 23 A. Yes, it was their routine. They would -- he would come to K-1
- 24 to attend meetings there.
- 25 Q. How often did So Phim come to K-1 for meetings?

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- 1 A. I cannot recollect it well, but it may have been once every
- 2 two or three months.
- 3 Q. One of the other areas that you mentioned Nuon Chea would
- 4 visit was Kampong Chhnang. Who would he meet with when he went to
- 5 Kampong Chhnang?
- 6 A. He would only go to the rice field where people farmed rice.
- 7 Q. Did you ever go with Nuon Chea to the airport construction
- 8 site in Kampong Chhnang?
- 9 A. No, I didn't.
- 10 Q. And did you go on trips with Nuon Chea to Kampong Speu?
- 11 [15.30.37]
- 12 A. Yes, I did.
- 13 Q. Who would he meet with when he went to Kampong Speu?
- 14 A. He would meet Ta Pal.
- 15 O. Who was Ta Pal?
- 16 A. Ta Pal was the secretary of a sector.
- 17 Q. Did you ever see Nuon Chea meet with a person named Chou Chet
- 18 when he went to Kampong Speu?
- 19 A. No.
- 20 Q. Where in Kampong Speu would Nuon Chea meet with Ta Pal?
- 21 A. They met at the Chamkar Mon mansion.
- 22 Q. Could you explain for us where the Chamkar Mon mansion was
- 23 located?
- 24 A. It could have been in Kampong Speu province, adjacent to the
- 25 main road.

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- 1 Q. May I ask you to clarify? Did you mean Chbar Mon?
- 2 [15.33.03]
- 3 A. I think that was Chamkar Mon, because Chbar Mon is in Phnom
- 4 Penh instead.
- 5 Q. When Nuon Chea would go to Kampong Speu or other zones, do you
- 6 remember whether he ever attended zone congresses or zone
- 7 conferences where other cadres from the region were present?
- 8 A. I don't think I have a fresh recollection of this because I
- 9 was on duty at the exterior side of the place.
- 10 Q. And when Nuon Chea -- on his trips to Kampong Speu, do you
- 11 ever remember him going to meetings that were held at a coconut
- 12 plantation?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. How often did he go to -- how many times did he go to meetings
- 15 at that coconut plantation?
- 16 [15.34.45]
- 17 A. Though I don't remember the exact frequency of his visit to
- 18 the place, but I think it could have been two to three times a
- 19 year.
- 20 Q. And where was that coconut plantation located? Can you tell us
- 21 the location of it?
- 22 A. I don't remember, but the coconut trees were planted
- 23 surrounding the mansion.
- 24 Q. Was this the same mansion where he met with Ta Pal?
- 25 A. That mansion was a part of the war spoil -- or assets obtained

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- 1 from the former Lol Nol soldiers.
- 2 Q. And are you able to tell us who -- who all participated in the
- 3 meetings that were held at the coconut plantation?
- 4 A. I don't remember them all because there were some low level
- 5 cadres who also attended the meetings there.
- 6 Q. Do you remember whether Nuon Chea would give speeches at those
- 7 meetings?
- 8 A. No, I don't know about this.
- 9 [15.37.24]
- 10 Q. Did Nuon Chea -- did you ever go with Nuon Chea to Kampong
- 11 Tralach Leu district and Kampong Chhnang?
- 12 A. No, I didn't. I never know this district.
- 13 Q. Did you ever go to Peam commune with him?
- 14 A. No, I didn't.
- 15 Q. Did Ta Pal also come to Phnom Penh for meetings with Nuon Chea
- 16 and other Party leaders?
- 17 A. Yes, he did.
- 18 Q. How often did you see Ta Pal come to Phnom Penh?
- 19 A. I don't remember quite well; but I remember having seen him in
- 20 Phnom Penh two to three times.
- 21 [15.39.02]
- 22 Q. I've asked you already about some trips to dam sites; but did
- 23 you go on trips with Nuon Chea to Kampong Cham, where he met with
- 24 leaders from that region?
- 25 A. No, I didn't.

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- 1 Q. What about Kratie province? Did you ever go to Nuon Chea go
- 2 with Nuon Chea to Kratie province?
- 3 A. Not either.
- 4 Q. Did you ever go with him to Mondulkiri or Rattanakiri?
- 5 A. He never went there.
- 6 Q. What about Siem Reap province? Did he ever go there?
- 7 A. No, he didn't. Perhaps he could have gone there on his own,
- 8 without my knowledge.
- 9 Q. During the period you worked for Nuon Chea did you ever hear
- 10 him talk about the Vietnamese?
- 11 A. No. But I once heard he was talking about the Vietnamese
- 12 invasion at the East Zone.
- 13 [15.41.23]
- 14 Q. Where was it that you heard him talking about the Vietnamese
- 15 invasion?
- 16 A. This information could be heard all across the country through
- 17 radio broadcast.
- 18 Q. I just want to make sure I understand. Are you saying you
- 19 heard Nuon Chea talk about the Vietnamese invasion on a radio
- 20 broadcast? Is that right?
- 21 A. Yes, I did.
- 22 Q. And do you remember what year that was?
- 23 A. It was in '75, '76, and '77.
- 24 Q. Did you hear Nuon Chea on the radio on other occasions, or
- 25 just that one time?

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- 1 A. I only heard this information through the radio broadcast.
- 2 Q. Where is it that you would hear radio broadcasts during the
- 3 Democratic Kampuchea period? Did you have to go to a certain
- 4 location in order to hear radio broadcasts?
- 5 [15.43.42]
- 6 MR. IANUZZI:
- 7 Objection, Your Honour
- 8 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 9 Witness, could you please hold on for a moment?
- 10 Counsel for Nuon Chea, you may now proceed.
- 11 MR. IANUZZI:
- 12 Your Honour, I heard the witness say that he only heard that one
- 13 time -- the radio broadcast that one time, and counsel is now
- 14 suggesting that he heard radio broadcasts over a period of time
- 15 or over a course of time.
- 16 Perhaps the question could be rephrased.
- 17 [15.44.15]
- 18 MR. LYSAK:
- 19 Mr. President, I wasn't talking about radio broadcasts of Nuon
- 20 Chea; he's already talked about that. I'm asking him a general
- 21 question about where one would hear radio broadcasts during the
- 22 Democratic Kampuchea regime.
- 23 MR. IANUZZI:
- 24 Well, in that case, it's fine.
- 25 MR. PRESIDENT:

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- 1 Witness may now respond to the question by the prosecutor.
- 2 (Short pause)
- 3 [15.45.00]
- 4 Co Prosecutor, you may repeat the question, as witness appears to
- 5 have forgotten what he was asked.
- 6 BY MR. LYSAK:
- 7 Q. Yes. My question is: Where -- where is it that you would
- 8 listen to radio broadcasts during the Democratic Kampuchea
- 9 regime?
- 10 MR. SAUT TOEUNG:
- 11 A. We could listen to these radio broadcasts through radio by our
- 12 colleagues who had a radio; and we listened to the broadcasts all
- 13 together.
- 14 Q. Were there any locations where there were speakers so that
- 15 people could come and listen to radio broadcasts?
- 16 A. No, there weren't.
- 17 Q. Did you ever travel with Nuon Chea outside Cambodia?
- 18 [15.46.45]
- 19 A. Yes, I did. We travelled to China.
- 20 Q. How many times did you travel outside the country with Nuon
- 21 Chea? Was it just that one trip, or were there more than one
- 22 trip?
- 23 A. (No interpretation)
- 24 THE INTERPRETER (KHMER TO ENGLISH):
- 25 The interpreter could not really hear the final statement by the

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- 1 witness.
- 2 BY MR. LYSAK:
- 3 Q. Let me re ask the question, Mr. President: Did you go with
- 4 Nuon Chea on just one trip, or were there more than one trip
- 5 outside of Cambodia?
- 6 MR. SAUT TOEUNG:
- 7 A. I went there on one occasion only.
- 8 [15.47.59]
- 9 Q. And was that trip only to China, or did you also go to any
- 10 other countries on that same trip?
- 11 A. We travelled all the way to Korea.
- 12 Q. And when you say "Korea", are you referring to North Korea or
- 13 South Korea?
- 14 A. North Korea.
- 15 Q. How long was this trip that you took with Nuon Chea to China
- 16 and North Korea?
- 17 A. It was a one week trip.
- 18 Q. Was it one week total or was it one week in each country?
- 19 A. One week for each country.
- 20 Q. How many other bodyguards came with you on this trip to China
- 21 and North Korea?
- 22 A. There was three bodyquards, including me, myself, and I don't
- 23 remember the names of the other one; I remember Sot, but not the
- 24 other person.
- 25 Q. How did you travel from Cambodia to China and North Korea?

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- 1 [15.50.16]
- 2 A. We went by Boeing aircraft.
- 3 Q. Who did the airplane belong to? Was it an airplane of the
- 4 Democratic Kampuchea regime?
- 5 A. It belonged to China.
- 6 Q. Was this trip the first time you had travelled outside of
- 7 Cambodia?
- 8 A. Yes, it was. I never went there before.
- 9 Q. Was it the first time you had flown on an airplane?
- 10 A. Yes, it was.
- 11 Q. Do you remember how many people were part of the delegation
- 12 that went on this trip? Was it an -- was the airplane full of
- 13 people?
- 14 A. The airplane was full of people. There were other passengers,
- 15 including foreign nationals whom I don't remember the names.
- 16 [15.52.22]
- 17 Q. Do you recall the names of any of the other people who
- 18 represented Democratic Kampuchea on this trip?
- 19 A. There were two people, a man and a woman, who were the
- 20 secretary of sectors, who went there with us.
- 21 Q. Do you remember what part of the country these sector
- 22 secretaries were from?
- 23 A. No, I cannot recall.
- 24 Q. When you left for this trip, did you depart from the
- 25 Pochentong Airport?

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- 1 A. Yes, I did.
- 2 Q. Do you remember whether there was a group of leaders who came
- 3 to the airport to send off the delegation that was going to
- 4 China?
- 5 A. I don't remember having seen any of them.
- 6 [15.54.24]
- 7 MR. LYSAK:
- 8 Mr. President, to help refresh the recollection of the witness,
- 9 at this time, I would like to show him a document, which is
- 10 E3/76, previously in the case file as D262.45. And the portion of
- 11 this document that I would like to ask the witness about is at
- 12 Khmer ERN 00701871 through 701872, English ERN 00170340, and
- 13 French ERN 00701861. And it is a September 2nd, 1978, Phnom Penh
- 14 Domestic Service report that is entitled "Nuon Chea-led
- 15 Delegation Departs for PRC 2 September".
- 16 If I can give a hardcopy of the documents to the witness? And can
- 17 we show that on the screen also?
- 18 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 19 You may proceed.
- 20 Court officer is now instructed to take the document from the
- 21 prosecutor and hand it over to the witness.
- 22 [15.56.50]
- 23 BY MR. LYSAK:
- 24 Q. Mr. Saut Toeung, are you able to read the first page of that
- 25 document, or would you like me to read it into the record for

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- 1 you?
- 2 MR. SAUT TOEUNG:
- 3 A. It is better you read it for me, please.
- 4 Q. The text of this report from the 2nd of September 1978 states
- 5 as follows quote:
- 6 "On 2 September at 1300 a Kampuchean People's Representative
- 7 Assembly delegation led by Comrade Nuon Chea, deputy secretary of
- 8 the KCP Central Committee and chairman of the Kampuchean People's
- 9 Representative Assembly Standing Committee, left Phnom Penh by
- 10 air for an official friendship visit to the PRC at the invitation
- of the PRC's National People's Congress.
- 12 [15.58.02]
- 13 "Comrade Chairman of the State Presidium Khieu Samphan; Comrade
- 14 Deputy Prime Minister for Foreign Affairs Ieng Sary; Comrade
- 15 Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs Vorn Vet; Comrade
- 16 Public Health Minister Thiounn Thioeunn; Comrade Minister for
- 17 Social Affairs Ieng Thirith; Comrade Minister for Propaganda,
- 18 Education and Culture Yun Yat; and many other cadres from various
- 19 ministries and departments were on hand to send off and to extend
- 20 best wishes to Comrade Chairman Nuon Chea and his delegation for
- 21 a successful visit."
- 22 Q. My first question for you is: Does this refresh your
- 23 recollection as to the timing of your trip with Nuon Chea to
- 24 China? Did you leave for that trip on the 2nd of September 1978?
- 25 A. Yes, I did.

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- 1 Q. And do you recall the list of people that I read being present
- 2 at the airport to send off the delegation?
- 3 [15.59.41]
- 4 A. No, I do not recollect these names.
- 5 Q. During the period that you worked for Nuon Chea, how often did
- 6 you see Ieng Sary or Khieu Samphan?
- 7 A. They would come every now and then.
- 8 Q. Where is it that they would come where you would see them?
- 9 A. K 1.
- 10 Q. Now, let me ask you a few more questions about your trip to
- 11 China and North Korea.
- 12 Where was the first -- do you remember the first location that
- 13 you visited after you departed Cambodia on the 2nd of September
- 14 1978?
- 15 A. I remember landing in Beijing; and a short while later, he was
- 16 visiting the rural areas.
- 17 Q. When you landed at the airport in Beijing, were you met --
- 18 were you met by a group of Chinese leaders?
- 19 A. Yes, we were.
- 20 [16.02.08]
- 21 Q. And in addition to visiting the countryside, what else did
- 22 Nuon Chea do during his visit to Beijing, or Peking?
- 23 A. He went to the steel factory, and the factory producing pipes,
- 24 and the factory producing juice, fruit juice.
- Q. Did you visit the tomb of Mao Zedong?

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- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. Did the leaders of China host banquets for Nuon Chea while you
- 3 were there?
- 4 A. Yes, they did.
- 5 Q. Were you present at those banquets?
- 6 A. Yes, I was.
- 7 [16.03.41]
- 8 Q. And do you recall any of the locations where these banquets
- 9 were held in your trip -- during your trip to China?
- 10 A. I don't remember those locations.
- 11 Q. Do you recall a welcome banquet that was hosted at the Great
- 12 Hall of the People the day after you arrived in Beijing?
- 13 MR. IANUZZI:
- 14 Your Honour, I'm sorry to interject, but I just wonder--
- 15 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 16 Witness, could you hold on?
- 17 Counsel for Nuon Chea, you may now proceed.
- 18 [16.04.27]
- 19 MR. IANUZZI:
- 20 As I was saying, I'm sorry to interject, but I wonder if we're
- 21 straying outside the area of communication structures of DK,
- 22 going into Chinese banquets, visits to Mao Zedong's tomb, etc.,
- 23 etc. Perhaps we could come back to the area of focus for this
- 24 week's questioning.
- 25 MR. LYSAK:

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- 1 Mr. President, if I may respond, the Nuon Chea defence team, so
- 2 far, has not been the type who would agree to facts.
- 3 I am eliciting some of the details of this trip, details that may
- 4 also be confirmed by reviewing some of the media reports so that,
- 5 should the Nuon Chea team seek to challenge the testimony of this
- 6 witness, it is very clear that the information he is providing is
- 7 correct. So that is the reason I am asking some of the questions.
- 8 [16.05.30]
- 9 In addition, the activities of Nuon Chea and who he met with
- 10 during his trip to China also reflect his role and
- 11 responsibilities, which is part of the case.
- 12 MR. IANUZZI:
- 13 I don't dispute that -- the last point. However, it's not
- 14 relevant to the segment of this trial, which is communication
- 15 structure.
- 16 In any event, I don't think it's necessary to go through every
- 17 single thing that this witness may or may not have given prior
- 18 testimony on simply to establish that he's being consistent. We
- 19 do need to stay within the limits of relevance -- I think we do
- 20 need to stay within the limits of relevance to a certain extent.
- 21 I just wonder how much longer this is going to go on.
- 22 MR. LYSAK:
- 23 If I may say one more thing, I think counsel is under a mistaken
- 24 impression that this is -- this questioning is limited to the
- 25 communication structure.

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- 1 [16.06.31]
- 2 When we are questioning witnesses, we are entitled to question
- 3 them on the entire scope of Case 002/01, which includes the roles
- 4 of the Accused. And one of the roles of the Accused here is Nuon
- 5 Chea's role as a representative of Democratic Kampuchea and on an
- 6 official trip to China.
- 7 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 8 Objection by the defence counsel for Nuon Chea on the last
- 9 question is sustained, so the witness is directed not to respond
- 10 to the last question posed by the Prosecution.
- 11 The time is now appropriate for the day adjournment, but before
- 12 the adjournment, the Chamber wishes to get the impression from
- 13 the Prosecution as to how much time do you need to put questions
- 14 to this particular witness, so that the Chamber has the basis to
- 15 decide as to what time to be allocated to the civil party
- 16 lawyers. And we will decide on that time allocation based on that
- 17 indication.
- 18 [16.07.59]
- 19 MR. LYSAK:
- 20 Thank you, Mr. President. Assuming that -- because there was very
- 21 little questioning of the witness this morning -- I think we
- 22 counted probably that there was only a total of 15 minutes -- I
- 23 think we will be able to work within the time limits that have
- 24 been established. I expect that I will be able to finish by noon,
- 25 tomorrow, which would be -- mean that the Prosecution would use

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- 1 just a little bit more than one day. And so, assuming that our
- 2 day and a half doesn't include the entire morning today, where
- 3 very little time was used questioning the witness, I think we
- 4 will be able to finish within the time that's been that's been
- 5 assigned. But I would expect I would I would be finished
- 6 certainly by lunch, tomorrow.
- 7 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 8 How about the Lead Co-Lawyer for the civil parties? How much time
- 9 do you envisage that you would need to put questions to this
- 10 witness?
- 11 [16.09.37]
- 12 MS. SIMONNEAU-FORT:
- 13 We believe we will need a minimum of two hours, or perhaps three.
- 14 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 15 How about the defence teams, starting from the defence team for
- 16 Nuon Chea?
- 17 MR. IANUZZI:
- 18 Thank you, Your Honour. We imagine we'd need about half a day
- 19 between Major Son Arun and myself.
- 20 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 21 How about the defence team for Ieng Sary?
- 22 MR. ANG UDOM:
- 23 Mr. President, we will need around one hour or a little over one
- 24 hour.
- 25 [16.10.32]

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- 1 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 2 Thank you, very much for your indication.
- 3 So the last team -- last defence team for Khieu Samphan, could
- 4 you please indicate the times you may need?
- 5 MR. KONG SAM ONN:
- 6 Mr. President, thank you. We need around one hour or less than
- 7 one hour.
- 8 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 9 Thank you very much, all parties, for your indication of the
- 10 times that you need to put questions to the witness.
- 11 The time is now appropriate to adjourn for the day, and the
- 12 Chamber will adjourn.
- 13 And the examination of this witness will continue tomorrow and,
- 14 if necessary, we will extend it to Friday in order to conclude
- 15 the hearing of this witness.
- 16 [16.11.26]
- 17 Mr. Saut Toeung, please be informed that the Chamber invites you
- 18 to come again tomorrow morning.
- 19 And at the same time, the duty counsel is also invited to attend
- 20 the hearing tomorrow, during the hearing of the testimony of this
- 21 witness.
- 22 Court officer is instructed to assist this witness to work with
- 23 the WESU in order to facilitate his transport and accommodation
- 24 and make sure that this witness is brought before us before 9
- 25 o'clock in the morning, tomorrow.

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And security guards are instructed to bring the Accused to the detention centre and bring them back to this courtroom before 9. The Court is adjourned. (Court adjourns at 1614H)