

Late “Confessions”

Ńn Lon *alias* Nat (I66)

Re: Centre, Zone, Sector and District Leading and Security Cadre

Re: Ta Mok

Re: Văn Rĭt

Răn, ex-Deputy Secretary, Chhouk District; Secretary, Sector 37; Secretary, Sector 33, new Southwest Zone

Seng, Division 502

Kaev Sareuan

Re: Chinese

Summarised by Steve Heder

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In late 1965, Von maintained a house for cadre’s bodyguards and couriers. Among them was Seng, who was later in Division 502. That year, Seng brought Koe from the Northwest for a meeting. In around May 1968, Seng brought Von, Si and Koe from the countryside for a conference held at the Xin Hua News Agency office in Phnom Penh. Among those also present were Ăn and the Overseas Chinese Resident links Hŏng, Sau and Khmăv, as well as Chinese journalists.¹

In late 1970, Von was urging Overseas Chinese Resident links to provide medicines to the liberated zones. The link Hŏng allegedly came and asked to be appointed the person in charge of Overseas Chinese Residents throughout the Southwest Zone, but they rejected him, supposedly expressing a preference to go to Viet Nam. This purportedly prompted Von to recall that since 1965 these links were being built up in order to turn them over to the Vietnamese.²

In December 1970, the Southwest Zone held a conference at which Chŏng “had contradictions” with Ta Mok. Allegedly, “three quarters” of those attending were “traitors,” including Chŏng, Von, Ăn, Si, Hăm, Kaev, Krĭn, Chey, Sae, Hŏk, Chhăy (later at K-33), and Nuon.³

In February 1972, the Southwest Zone Office (305) was relocated to District 55 in Sector 33, but was soon threatened with attack by Khmer Republic armed forces.⁴

¹ Ńn Lon *alias* Nat, Untitled Fragment of a Document in the File of Ńn Lon *alias* Nat, nd, p.6.

² Ńn Lon *alias* Nat, Untitled Fragment of a Document in the File of Ńn Lon *alias* Nat, nd, p.6.

³ Ńn Lon *alias* Nat, Untitled Fragment of a Document in the File of Ńn Lon *alias* Nat, nd, pp.6-7.

⁴ Ńn Lon *alias* Nat, Untitled Fragment of a Document in the File of Ńn Lon *alias* Nat, nd, p.7..

In April 1972, Chey allegedly indentified the following cadre as traitors: Rīt, Kūn, Nat, Kaev Sareuan (later in Division 801), Teanh, Ma, Saom (later at the General Staff), Ōn (Sector 33), Rân and Raen (of the Southwest), Mōn, Chākrei and Tat.⁵

In late 1972, Von ordered transport of ammunition to Ta Mok, and the Special Zone and Southwest Zone had a joint command post at Voat Kdei Lpov, where Prāk, Teanh, Rīt, Raen and Rân were present. This was at a time of heavy B-52 strikes, and in 1973, Nat allegedly said he had no forces left; just empty trenches, so peace negotiations would be necessary. Parents were coming to take their children out of military units in Sector 15, Sector 25 and Sector 33, and in Sector 15 there was a movement of parents petitioning with thumbprints to take their children back. Saom, Chey, Hâm, Săng, Met, Rīt and Teanh were allegedly all involved in promoting negotiations movement or were panicking.⁶

However, in early 1973, Von declared that the Party had said the fighting was to continue and that the door to entry into Party membership was being closed. Nevertheless, Hâm and Kaev San allegedly arranged for peace emissaries to visit Sector 15 and Sector 33. They were arrested, but released, supposedly with Von's connivance.⁷

In 1974, Von allegedly declared that people living along the rivers enjoyed and deserved a better standard of living than people in the paddy fields, and thereafter raised the material standards of the Special Zone Office, which supposedly had an adverse impact on cadre's "class stance."⁸

In August 1975, Sae allegedly declared that he wasn't making much of an effort to "refashion" adults, whereas "kids had more of a future." He also allegedly said that the peasants didn't know how to farm, only he knew what was right for them.⁹

In late 1975, there were train collisions, and Von ordered the arrest of the drivers, who were veteran workers with at least five years' driving experience. After consulting with Prang, Von allegedly ordered the drivers released, saying there was a shortage of those with driving skills. Von also allegedly covered up sabotage of the railline, saying derailments simply resulted from the tracks being old and from the use

⁵ In Lon *alias* Nat, Untitled Fragment of a Document in the File of In Lon *alias* Nat, nd, p.8.

⁶ In Lon *alias* Nat, Untitled Fragment of a Document in the File of In Lon *alias* Nat, nd, pp.1-4.

⁷ In Lon *alias* Nat, Untitled Fragment of a Document in the File of In Lon *alias* Nat, nd, p.8.

⁸ In Lon *alias* Nat, Untitled Fragment of a Document in the File of In Lon *alias* Nat, nd, pp.8-9

⁹ In Lon *alias* Nat, Untitled Fragment of a Document in the File of In Lon *alias* Nat, nd, p.5.

of inexperienced workers for maintenance, supposedly declaring the only way to avoid accidents would be to release all the engineers who had been arrested.¹⁰

¹⁰ În *Lon alias Nat*, Untitled Fragment of a Document in the File of În *Lon alias Nat*, nd, p.9.

Persons Already Arrested as of December 1978

Maen Chũn *alias* Hoeng, Secretary, Sector 5, Northwest Zone
 Chhẽum Sâm-aok *alias* Pâng, Chairman, S-71
 Phôk Chhay *alias* Touch, Recording Secretary, Organisation's Office
 Kae Kẽum Huot *alias* Sốt, Secretary, Sector 7, Northwest Zone
 Tãn Tri *alias* Chheuan, Office Chairman, Commerce Ministry
 Seng Bũn Thân
 Yi Chheuan, Office Chairman, Commerce Ministry
 Seng Bũn Thân
 Yi Yõn, Director of Kampung Speu Lycée; separated 1968; evacuated to Sector 24, East Zone
 Sarẽum *alias* San, teacher at Ang Ta Saom, Deputy, Military Committee, Northwest Zone
 Õn, sent by Von to the countryside in 1968; Secretary, Sector 33, Southwest Zone
 Chinese Hõng, Overseas Chinese Resident; sent by Von to the countryside in 1968; Chairman, Internal Commerce
 Huor, Overseas Chinese Resident; sent by Von to the countryside in 1968; Chairman, Weapons Repair Office, General Staff
 Sau, Overseas Chinese Resident. Director of the Chinese Hospital
 Mi Hõng, Overseas Chinese Resident, spouse of Sau
 Khmãv, Deputy, Industry
 Sĩn Kĩm Ay *alias* Põn, Chairman, State Salt Fields
 Pẽch Chhân *alias* Saom, General Staff Assistant
 Savat, Municipal Defence Unit
 Sareuan, ex-monk at Voat Kamsan; Secretary, Loek Daek District, Sector 25, Southwest Zone
 Sết, District Com, Sector 15
 Mãv, at the Southwest Zone Office 305
 Meun, ex-Chairman of the Sector 25 Radio Team; then Chairman of the Prek Pnov Fuel Depot
 Rĩn, ex-Special Zone printing press; after liberation at State Printing Press
 Saom, Deputy, Kampung Saom Port
 Srei Daung *alias* Khae, S-8 (Public Works Ministry)
 Hãm, Secretary, Sector 15
 Si, Secretary, West Zone
 Ûm Chheuan *alias* Mãi
 Koe, Northwest Zone¹¹

"Traitorous Forces" Possibly Still in Post as of December 1978

Khiev Kõmar, treasurer in 1965; evacuated to Kien Svay, Sector 25, Southwest Zone
 Thũch Rĩn *alias* Krĩn, ex-Office Chairman, Southwest Zone; Chairman, Kampung Saom Port
 Khũn Srũn *alias* Pheuan, younger brother of Professor Khũn Tri; now at the Steel Tempering Chemical Raw Materials Research Office,

¹¹ Ìn Lon *alias* Nat, Untitled Fragment of a Document in the File of Ìn Lon *alias* Nat, nd, passim.

Rân, ex-Deputy Secretary, Chhouk District; Secretary, Sector 37; Secretary, Sector 33, new Southwest Zone

Raen, ex-Member, Company, Southwest Zone Division 2

Săng *alias* 09, Deputy, Railways Ministry Committee

Lây, Railways

Prang

Von

Ân

Seng, Division 502

Nat

Kaev Sareuan

Rît

Hők

Teanh

Dăm, Railways¹²

¹² In Lon *alias* Nat, Untitled Fragment of a Document in the File of In Lon *alias* Nat, nd, pp.15-16.