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The Activities of Hiding Yuon (យួន)

13 July 1978

I would like to report to Angkar as follows:

My name is LACH Vary alias Nan. I am 33 years-old.

Pre-Arrest Position: Chief of Medical Practitioners at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

I was born in Voat Kor (វត្តគិ) Village, Voat Kor (វត្តគិ) Commune, Sangkae (សង្កែ) District, Battambang (បាត់ដំបង) Province, Sector 3, Northwest Zone.

In 1972, I was recruited to work for the CIA via *Bang Sat* (សាត), former Chief of Hospital Por 9 (ព័) who is now under arrest, and via *Bang An* (អាន), currently a member of the Commerce Committee in the Central Zone. following successive misbehavior.

In 1973, I connected to the CIA network through Ms. Ang (អង), who formerly was a member of Hospital Por 9 Committee and nowadays is a member of Kâ 10 (ក័១០) Office Committee. I was introduced to Ang by *Bang Sat*.

In 1975, after the Liberation, I contacted Ms. Sin (ស៊ីន), Committee Member of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and with Ms. Khên (ខេន), Deputy Chief of the Cultivation Office of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, via *Bang Sat*'s introductions, until I was arrested.

In December 1977, *Bang Sin* (ស៊ីន) called me to participate in a meeting at House 2. When I arrived, I saw that the participants were as follows:

1. *Bang Vên* (វ៉េន), former office staff of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; currently arrested.

2. Ms. Sè (សែ), former teacher. She is currently a Committee Member of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and an Office Chief.
3. Ms. Phos (ផុស), former teacher, nowadays a Market Chief of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
4. Ms. Choeun (ចៀន), former political struggler. She was imprisoned in 1969 and freed in 1970. Currently, she is a Chief of Bâ 1 (ប៉ា ១) Office of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

When we were all there, *Bang Sin* started the meeting. She talked about the plan saying, “I would like to tell all of you about the coup plan to topple the Communist Party of Kampuchea throughout the country which will be carried out in April 1978; however, to achieve our plan, I would like all of you to secretly organize forces and prepare houses without letting anyone know besides our faithful forces – because it can leak out if many people know of it. Concerning the food supplies, you can contact *Bang Phos* if there is not enough; and the reason why *Bang Pàng* (ប៉ង) hides the forces here is to cooperate with us.” After her introduction finished, the meeting was closed.

On 1 January 1978, *Bang Sin* asked me to take part in another meeting. The participants were as follows:

1. *Bang Ms. Sè*; 2. Comrade *Ms. Choeun*; 3. *Ms. Vèn*; 4. *Bang Phos*; 5. *Bang Sin*; and, 6. myself.

After we had gathered, *Bang Sin* opened the meeting in a rushed manner and she said, “The forces provided by *Bang Pàng* have arrived. There are 18, and they will arrive here tonight. We have to hide them at the place we prepared the other day, but importantly, it has to be kept secret. Regarding food and water, if you cannot provide enough, you can contact *Bang Phos* because she is in charge of the food section; however, if you can provide food, you do not need to contact her to avoid any information leaking out. Concerning who must take how many Vietnamese forces, I will tell you later.” After the meeting finished, she (*Bang Sin*) called us one by one to

talk with her individually. After having met with the other comrades, *Bang Sin* called me to meet with her at the back of the meeting and told me, “I give you four of these Vietnamese forces, and at 11 p.m. tonight, please come to meet me to the west of your house.” At 11 p.m., I went to the west of my house and saw *Bang Sin*. I asked her, “Have the Vietnamese forces arrived yet, *Bang*?” She answered, “They have arrived; we need to pick them up now.” *Bang Sin* also told me, “You have to call them all by numbers, and the numbers are 23, 36, 59 and 08.” I saw that these four Vietnamese forces wore black clothes. I took the four Yuon along the back way to my house. When we arrived at my house, we entered through the back gate and then, we reached the medical warehouse which was next door to the hiding place. When we were there, I told them that if I came here, I would open this iron door three times as a signal. After that, I brought them into the underground warehouse via a six-step ladder/stairway and *Bang Sin* told me their names and numbers as follows:

23- Hai (ហៃ), can speak a little Khmer.

59- Thanh (ថាញ់).

36- Son (ស៊ីន).

08- Minh (មីញ).

I saw each of these Vietnamese had only one pistol and grenades. After they went into the hiding place, I brought food for them every mealtime and continuously misbehaved with them – one or two of them a day. Sometimes I hid the food in a basket covered with empty packets of medicine; sometimes I hid it in plastic bags of medicine, pretending to go to collect the medicine. Regarding the food delivery, when I brought food for the baby deliverers, I took more than usual with the excuse that the patients ate a lot. Sometimes I brought fruits for them. Three days after the Vietnamese had been hidden there, *Bang Sin* visited the hiding place. On 19 February 1978, I was transferred to the Cultivation Unit. Then I went to *Bang Choeun*’s house and I told her, “I have been transferred by Angkar to the Cultivation Unit. I have not met *Bang Sin*, so please tell her to take back the Vietnamese I hid.”

I lost contact with the details concerning the hiding of these Vietnamese until I was arrested.

Done on 13 July 1978

Signature

LACH Vari Alias Nan

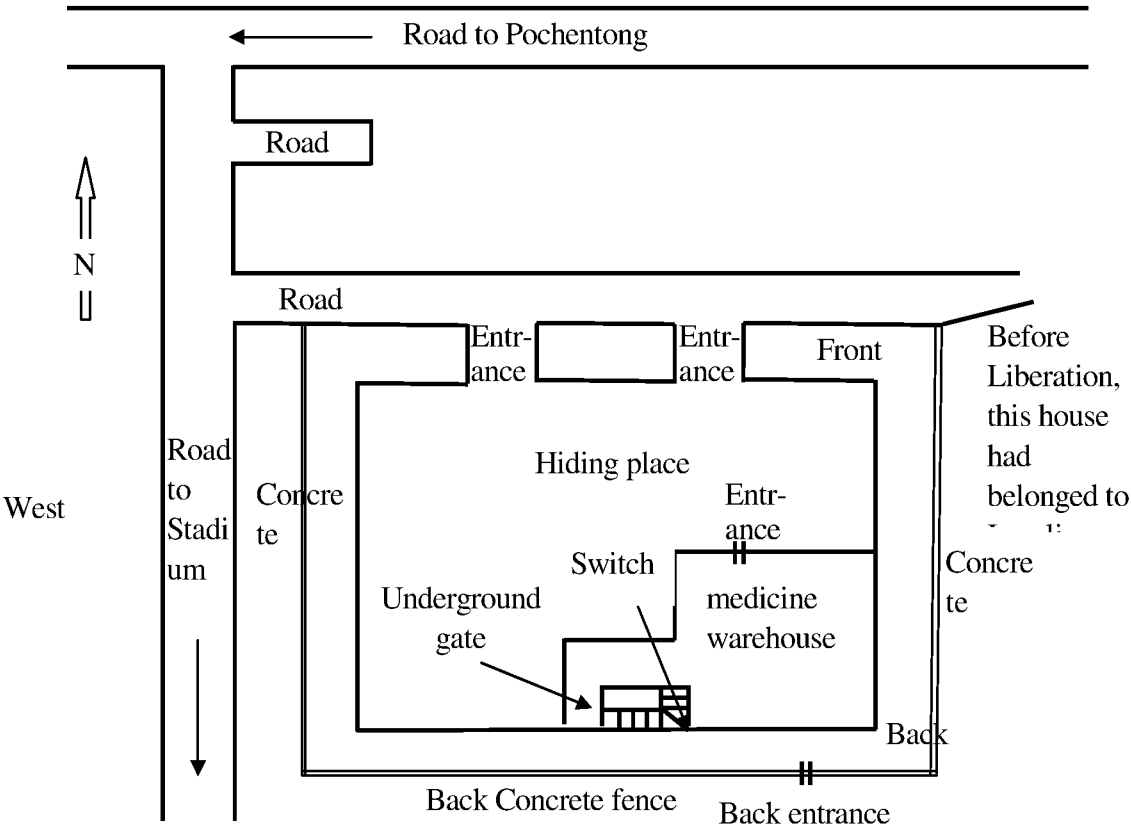
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Comrade Ms. Mot (ម៉ុត)

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Confession of LACH Vari (ឡាច វ៉ារី) alias Nan (ណាន)

Pre-Arrest Position: Chief of Medical Practitioners

at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

21 July 1978

I would like to report to Angkar about
The history of my anti-revolutionary activities
from the beginning until I was arrested:

My name is LACH Vari alias Nan, female, 33, Born in Voat Kor Village, Voat Kor Commune, Sangkae District, Battambang Province, Sector 3, Northwest Zone.

In 1961, when I was 16 years old, I studied at NĒT Yang (នេតយ៉ាង) Junior High School in Battambang Province from Grade 3 (modern).

In mid-1961, all my family members emigrated to China.

In 1971, I returned to Cambodia. For a while after I worked for Hospital Por 9 (ព័ទ្ធ), I had a sexual relationship with *Bang* Sat, currently arrested and *Bang* An, former professor and who presently is the Deputy Chief of Commerce of the Central Zone. I frequently had sexual relations with both of them. Then, *Bang* Sat and *Bang* An persuaded me to join the CIA, and they told me that, “To successfully mobilize the forces, we have to sacrifice ourselves.” Later, *Bang* Sat and *Bang* An introduced me to join with some of their networks namely:

1. Ms. Kroeun (ក្រឿន), currently in charge of women in Stueng Trang (ស្ទឹងត្រង់) District, Kampong Cham (កំពង់ចាម) Province.
2. Ms. Ang (អាង), currently in charge of women in Kâ 10 (ក័១០) Office.
3. Khom (ខុម), combatant. Currently in charge of Ruessei Keo (រួស្មីកែវ) Technical School.
4. Ms. Mân (ម៉ន), currently in charge of Hospital Châ 15 (ច័១៥) in Kampong Cham.

5. Soeun (ស៊ីន), former Grade 6 Student and currently is a member of Bâ 20 (ប្រាំ) Office in Kampong Cham.
6. Hēn (ហ៊ិន), former a CIA network of Ang (អាង) and currently is the Chief of Trainees at Por 17 (ព័រ) Office.
7. Kăn (កាន់), former a CIA Network of Ang and currently is the Chief of Bâ 20 (ប្រាំ) Office.
8. Chhun (ឈ្មួន), former a CIA network of Kăn and currently is the Chief of Cultivation at Bâ 20 (ប្រាំ) Office.
9. Ruom (រួម), former a CIA Network of Kăn and currently is the Chief of the Welfare Medical Warehouse.

I still had connections with the old networks until 1975 after the country was completely liberated, and jointly built the networks as follows:

1. Ms. That (ថាត់),, former Grade 5 student. Currently she is a doctor at Châ 1 5 (ចាត់) Office in Kampong Cham. Her husband was from the north.
2. Ms. Hean (ហ៊ីន), former Grade 6 student of Vietnamese language. Currently she is a medical staff member of Châ 15 Office.
3. Ms. Vat (វ៉ាត់), former Grade 5 student. Her father was a clerk in the Kampong Chhnang District Office. Currently, she is a medical staff member of Châ 15 office.

4. Ms. Rong (រ៉ុង), former Grade 3 student. She was a passionate woman with men and now is Chief of the Cultivation Team at Kâ 7 (កំ៧) Office.
5. Ms. Rom (រ៉ូម), former Grade 6 student and currently a medical staff member of Châ 15 Hospital in Kampong Cham.
6. Ms. Oeun (អៀន), a power-hungry person and currently a medical staff member of Por 17 April (ព្រិល មេសា) Office.
7. Ms. Lim (លីម), former Grade 5 student and currently a medical staff member of Châ 15 Hospital.
8. Ms. Thuon (ធូន), former Grade 6 student and currently is the Team Leader at Châ 15 Hospital. Her husband was from Hanoi.
9. Ms. Thea (ធា), former Grade 4 student and currently is a doctor at Por 17 (ព្រិល).
10. Ms. Phuong (ផ្សុង), former Grade 5 student and currently is a staff member of Bâ 20 (ប៉២០) Cultivation Office in Kampong Cham Province. Her father was a clerk in the Kampong Cham Provincial Office.
11. Soeun (សៀន), former wife of a policeman and currently is a Group Leader at the Bâ 20 Office.
12. Ms. Nim (នីម), former dancer of Raom Vung (រ៉ាវង់) Village and currently is a medical staff member of Châ 15.

At the end of 1975, *Bang Sat* introduced me to the following networks of his to be involved in some activities:

1. Khēn (ខេន), former market wanderer, currently Deputy Chief of Cultivation of Takhmau (តាខ្មៅ) Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
2. Ms. Sin (ស៊ីន), former Grade 2 student, currently a member of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
3. Ms. Phan (ផាន), a CIA Network of Sin (ស៊ីន), currently the Sub-Leader of Technical Guests at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
4. Ms. Nei (ណី), former Chief of Treatment Section at Hospital Por 1 (ព័្វ); currently arrested.
5. Ms. Sei (ស៊ី), former Chief of Hospital Por17 (ព័្វ៧); is currently arrested.
6. Ms. Voet (វ៉ៃត), a CIA network of Sin, currently Team Leader of Technical Guests at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
7. Ms. Sou (ស៊ូ), Chief of the Ministry of Social Affairs; currently arrested.
8. Pau (ប៉ូ), combatant. Formerly he was Deputy Chief of Guest House 2 of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
9. Ms. Sa (សា), former Chief of Phâ 1 (ផ័្វ១) Office; currently arrested.
10. Ms. Pāk (ប៉ាក់), former Chief of Phâ 4 (ផ័្វ៤) Office; currently arrested.
11. Ms. Phea (ផ័្វា), former a CIA Network of Sou (ស៊ូ), currently a member of Por 1 Office Committee at the Ministry of Social Affairs.

12. Ms. Sè, former teacher, currently a Committee Member of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. She is partly the Office Chief of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
13. Ms. Vèn, former office staff of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (arrested).
14. Ms. Choeun, former struggler. She was imprisoned in 1968, and freed in 1970; currently is the Chief of Bâ 1 Office at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
15. Ms. Phos, former teacher; currently Chief of the State Market of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
16. Ms. Veun (វ៉ែន), former Grade 6 student, currently is the Chief of the Sales Unit of the State Market. Her father was a soldier.
The forces I had built from 1975 to 1977 included:
 1. Ms. Rēnh (រ៉េញ), former private at Kampong Cham Military Base. Currently, she is a combatant of Chrang Chamreh (ច្រាំងចំរេង) Fish Collection Office at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
 2. Ms. Noeun (នឿន), former commando in Phnom Penh (ភ្នំពេញ). She had joined the Revolution from 1969 to 1970. Currently, she is a Combatant of Bâ 1 Office at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
 3. Ms. Vi (វី), former cloth vendor with her grandmother at Daeum Kor (ដើមគរ) Market, Phnom Penh. Currently, she is a combatant in the House Preparation Group of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
 4. Roeun (រឿន), former soldier in Kampong Thom. He had joined the Revolution from 1968 to 1970; currently, he is a combatant in the TaKhmau Cultivation Office of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
 5. Nèt (ណែត), former gambler in Kampong Thom. Currently, he is a combatant in the TaKhmau Cultivation Office of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

6. Ms. Yēng (យ៉ង់), former Rice Investor in Prey Veng (ព្រៃវែង). Currently, she is a combatant in the Bâ 1 Office at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
7. Ms. Pha (ផា), former tailor in Kampong Cham town; currently she is the Chief of the Tailor Group of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
8. Ms. Yin (យីន), former cloth vendor in Vieng (វៀង) Market; currently she is a doctor in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
9. Ms. Rin (រីន), former military corporal in Kampong Cham town. Currently, she is a combatant in the Chrang Chamreh Cultivation Office of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
10. Ms. Rèm (រ៉េម), former commando in Battambang town. She is currently a combatant in the House Preparation Group of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
11. Kèv (កែវ), formerly a soldier in Cheung Khmau (ដើមខ្មៅ) from 1969 to 1970. Currently, he is a combatant in a Steung Ti (ស្ទឹងទី) rice field.

In December 1977, *Bang Sin* called me to join a meeting at House 2. There were six participants including myself, namely:

1. *Bang Sè*, former teacher. She is currently an Office Chief at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
2. *Bang Phos*, former teacher. She is currently Chief of the State Market of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
3. *Bang Choeun*, former struggler. Currently, she is Chief of Châ 1 Office at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
4. *Bang Vèn*, former teacher. She is currently arrested.
5. *Bang Sin*, former Grade 2 student. She is currently a member of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Chief of House 2.

When we were all present, *Bang Sin* talked about the coup plan to overthrow the Communist Party Kampuchea which would be carried out in April 1978. She said, "To achieve our plan, I would like all of you to quietly organize forces and prepare the houses secretly without letting anyone know about it besides our trusted forces, because it can be leaked out if many people know of it. Concerning food, you can contact *Bang Phos* if it is not enough. Regarding the forces to be hidden, *Bang Pàng* wants them to cooperate with us in attacking the Communist Party of Kampuchea." *Bang Sin* asked *Bang Sai*, "How have the weapons been organized?" and *Bang Sai* answered, "I have prepared them already." *Bang Sai* asked me, "What about you, *Bang Nan*, how have you prepared the medicines?" I answered, "I have prepared some medicines, but not enough." *Bang Sin* then said, "It is alright, we can contact *Bang Sa* (សា) and *Bang Pàk* for more medicines." Then, we closed the meeting and separated.

When I arrived at my workplace, I decided to choose the medical warehouse because it was a quiet place.

On 1 January 1978, *Bang Sin* called me to join a meeting at House 3. The participants included:

1. *Bang Sin*, Chief of Members of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
2. *Bang Sai*, a chief of an office section.
3. *Bang Choeun*, Chief of the Bâ 1 Office at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
4. *Bang Vèn*, in an office section of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (arrested).
5. *Bang Phos*, Chief of the State Market of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

After all the participants had arrived, *Bang Sin* urgently started the meeting. She said, "The force *Bang Pàng* provided to us will arrive tonight. There are 18 Vietnamese. We have to hide them at the place we organized the other day. The most important thing is to keep it secret; and concerning the food problem, you can contact *Bang Phos* if any of you cannot solve it. But if you can solve it, it is not necessary to contact her. Regarding allocating the Vietnamese, I will tell you later." After the meeting finished, she saw us one by one. After she had seen the other comrades, *Bang Sin* called me to the back of the meeting and told me, "I will give you four of these

Vietnamese at 11 p.m. tonight, when I would like you to meet me to the west of your house.”

At 11 p.m. I went there, and I saw *Bang Sin*. I asked her, “Have the forces arrived yet, *Bang*?” She replied, “They have. You can pick them up now.” *Bang Sin* told me, “All Vietnamese should be called by numbers. The numbers are 23, 36, 56 and 08.” I saw that the four Vietnamese wore black clothes. I took all of them along the back way to my house. When we arrived there, we entered through the back gate of my house fence and after, we arrived at the medical warehouse which was next door to the hiding place.

When we were there, I told them that if I came, I would open the steel door three times as a signal. Then, I took them into the underground warehouse via a step ladder. *Bang Sin* told me the names of the four Vietnamese forces as follows:

23. Hai, speaking Khmer a little.

56. Thanh.

36. Son.

08. Minh.

I saw the forces had only one pistol each and grenades. After hiding them, I also brought food for them and had sexual relations with them – one or two of them a day. Concerning bringing food for them, sometimes I hid it in the medicine basket covered under empty packets of medicine, and sometimes I kept it in the medicine plastic bags, pretending to go to collect medicines. Regarding the food delivery, when I brought food for the baby deliverers, I took more than usual with the excuse that the patients ate a lot. Sometimes I also brought fruit for them.

Three days after the Vietnamese had been hidden, *Bang Sin* visited the hiding place.

On 12 January 1978, *Bang Sin* asked me to contact *Bang Sa* (សា), Chief of the Herbal Medicine Production Office at Phâ1 (ផ្ទៃ) and *Bang Pàk*, Chief of the Medicine Production Office of Phâ 4 (ផ្ទៃ). This was to get some information on the medicines which she had previously requested to be used during the coup to

overthrow the Communist Party of Kampuchea (which was to be implemented in April 1978). At first, I went to meet *Bang Sa*. I asked her, “*Bang*, what about the medicines that *Bang Sin* had requested?” She replied, “I have prepared them already and they are waiting to be transported by *Bang Sin*.” Then I asked her, “And *Bang Sin* requested me to ask you about your forces, how is it now?” *Bang Sa* replied, “My forces have already been prepared; however, the remaining forces can be further broadened to achieve the coup plan to topple the Communist Party. We have to vigorously cooperate further.” Then, we separated.

On the same date in January 1978, I contacted *Bang Pàk* and asked her, “*Bang Sin* requested me to ask *Bang* about the medicines she had requested from *Bang* before; how is it?” She replied, “I have prepared them already as per her request. Tell her to come and collect them.” I asked her, “What kinds of medicines?” She replied, “There are both injections and pills. There are all kinds of medicines.” Then I asked her, “*Bang Sin* wanted to ask *Bang* about your forces; how is it?” *Bang Pàk* replied, “My forces are being tracked by the Party; and some forces have been discovered. However, we can withstand this.” After that, we said goodbye to each other. When I came back from meeting with *Bang Sa* and *Bang Pàk*, I reported to *Bang Sin*, “Concerning the situation in the Phâ 1 and Phâ 4 Offices, some of our core forces have been removed having been actively tailed by the Party and have now been replaced by new leading cadres; therefore, it is difficult for us to carry out our plan. So we have to mobilize the remaining forces together with the outside ones. Regarding the medicines that *Bang* had requested, they have been prepared already. Do not be found out when you go to collect them.” *Bang Sin* went to collect the medicines, and delivered them to me to hide. I hid them under the cookers, the place for firewood near the cool room for keeping Angkar’s medicines. The house where I hid the medicines is located to the west nearby the hospital, and in the second apartment. There were four cases of medicines. I placed and covered them by an old metal cabinet placed to the front. The people who were involved in hiding these medicines were *Bang Sin* and two other combatants, namely:

1. Comrade Poeu (ព្រី), former soldier in Kampong Thom. Currently, he is a combatant at House 2 of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

2. Comrade Phn (ផ្អែ), former soldier in Kampong Cham town. Currently, he is also a combatant at House 2 of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

In the same month of February, *Bang Sai* (សៃ) called me to go to her place with comrade Choeun. At first, she instructed us about the secrecy needed in hiding the Vietnamese, which had to be confidential and that we had to be absolutely on alert every time we came in and out. Then she said, “*Bang Sin* asked me to deliver some weapons to you, *Bang Nan*, and Comrade Choeun. I will bring them for you tonight in front of the Children House at 10.30 p.m.” At 10.30 p.m., I went to the front of the Children House; I saw *Bang Sai* and comrade Choeun. They took me to collect the weapons at a clump of banana trees. Both of them were guarding outside, while I was collecting the weapons to hide under the ladder down to the underground medical warehouse, which had belonged to the former Israeli Ambassador before the Liberation. The medical warehouse entrance was to the east. Walking to the back of the house, we could see a rectangular-shaped place plastered with colored tiles to the east. There were no walls to the south and to the north, while the west was adjacent to the house wall. Climbing up to that place next to the south, toward the west about three meters, we could see a steel door facing the sun and covered with tiles around 1–2 meters in length and around 0.8 meters width next to the wall. Opening that door to the left-hand side, we could see a ladder going downwards to the east. Going down to the fourth step of the ladder, there was a light switch at the right-hand side; and then turning left to the other two steps, we would reach the medical warehouse. This underground room was equipped with brick-laid shelves attached to the wall for stocking things. The shelves were around one meter high. To the east next to the ladder, there was a cabinet door. By opening that door and putting our hand toward the west, we could reach a dark place where I hid three A.K.s and two Revade together with 10 grenades. Going down from the ladder to the medical warehouse which faced to the north, there was a brick-laid shelf attached to the wall with a human-body-sized hole to the north. That hole was the entrance into where the Vietnamese were hidden. In February 1978, I was transferred to the Cultivation Section. Then, I went to comrade Choeun’s house and told her, “I have been transferred by Angkar to the Cultivation Section. I have not met *Bang Sin*, so please tell *Bang Sin* to get back the Vietnamese forces that I hid, and ask *Bang Sin* to assign

a network to contact me. Regarding the requested weapons, will you, Comrade Choeun, please tell *Bang Sè* that I will no longer be able to go, and that I hid the weapons in the medical warehouse under the ladder. Just do what I tell you, she will understand. Regarding the medicines that *Bang Sin* had hidden with me, please tell her to fetch them.” Comrade Choeun said, “Wherever you, Comrade *Bang Nan*, go, you have to continue our activities. Please never be worried, *Bang Nan*. *Bang Sin* will be assigning a force to contact you in the future.” Later on, *Bang Sin* assigned comrade Voeun, former policewoman in Kampong Thom, who was the CIA Network of *Bang Sin*, and currently is a driver in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, to bring me a letter of *Bang Sin* at the rice field. The letter content was that *Bang Sin* instructed me to contact *Bang Yon* (ឃុំន), former prostitute, whose father was a rice merchant in

Kampong Cham, and currently the Deputy Chief of Company in Slaeng (ស្លែង)

Pagoda; and also to contact Comrade Roeun (រ៉ែន), a former private in Kampong

Cham, and currently the Group Leader of Slaeng Pagoda. *Bang Yon* and Comrade Roeun had been my old networks since the beginning. *Bang Sin* emphasized that this letter had to be taken to *Bang Yon* and Comrade Roeun; and she told me that I had to be under the leadership of *Bang Yon*. I had lost connection with them until I was arrested. Then, I took the letter to *Bang Yon* and she said, “It is good that you, *Bang Nan*, come here as we have to mobilize our forces and continue our activities so as to be ready for the coup in April. This is our plot. For now, we shall continue broadening our core forces, and you, *Bang Nan*, must stay in contact with Comrade Roeun.” I said goodbye to her, and then I met Comrade Roeun. After saying hello to her, we talked and I gave her the letter. She said, “Have you, *Bang Nan*, met with *Bang Yon* already? What did *Bang Yon* say?” I replied, “*Bang Yon* told me to come to meet you, Comrade Roeun, and to get to know each other first.” Later on, *Bang Yon* called Comrade Roeun and me to join a meeting at her house. When I arrived at the meeting place, I saw five people there, namely:

1. *Bang Yon*, former prostitute and a daughter of a rice merchant in Kampong Cham. Currently, she is Deputy Chief of the 2nd Company of the Cultivation Office at Slaeng Pagoda.

2. Comrade Roeun, former private in Kampong Cham and currently Team Leader of the 3rd Platoon and the 3rd Company of the Cultivation Office at Slaeng Pagoda.
3. Comrade Phēn (ផែន), former soldier in Kampong Cham town and currently Deputy Chief of the 2nd Platoon and the 1st Company of the Cultivation Office at Slaeng Pagoda.
4. Comrade Yean (យ៉ាន), former policewoman in Takeo Province and currently Group Leader of the 2nd Platoon and the 1st Company of the Cultivation Office at Slaeng Pagoda.
5. Yim (យ៉ឹម), former private in Kampong Cham and currently Group Leader of the 2nd Platoon and the 3rd Company of the Cultivation Office at Slaeng Pagoda.

After we had gathered, *Bang* Yon said, “According to *Bang* Hēng’s (ហែង) comments, the weapons which had been hidden by Comrade Phēng, are to be divided into parts. On 30 March 1978, we are going to divide them into four parts. The first part is to be delivered to Comrade Yean, the second part is to be delivered to Comrade Roeun, another part is to be given to Comrade Yim, while the rest will be provided to Comrade Phēn. You, Comrade Phēn, have to take care of them well. We will conduct preparations when we receive the plan from *Bang* Hēng; and you, *Bang* Nan, have to hide the medicines until you are ordered to take them out when necessary.” *Bang* Yon added, “Comrade Phēn, you have to complete the preparation tonight. Thus, we will talk later about where they are to be taken. For now, we absolutely have to keep this secret in order to achieve the plan.” Then, *Bang* Yon told me leave first to look for a place to hide the medicines, while the others had to stay and continue preparing the weapons. So, I started looking for a place to hide the medicines. I went into Slaeng Pagoda alongside National Road 3. In the south of Slaeng Pagoda temple grounds, there were three stupas, whose doors were facing east, and to the east of the temple ladder, with fallen sandalwood trees in the front of them. There was knee-high debris of rice straw inside and in front of the stupas. When I entered the middle stupa there

was nothing but rice straw and jar debris. The stupa was around two meters long and around 0.4 meters width. On the next night, I asked Comrade Roeun to fetch a case of medicines from *Bang Yon*'s house at 11 p.m.. Comrade Roeun carried the case of medicines on her head while I guarded the way. When we arrived at the middle stupa, I buried the case of medicines inside the rice straw, replacing the straw in its original shape. The next morning, I went to *Bang Yon*'s house, and reported to her, "I hid the medicines in the stupa to the north of the temple of Slaeng Pagoda." *Bang Yon* asked me if the hiding place was safe. I replied, "It is guaranteed safe because my house is by the temple. It is easy to guard." Then, I said goodbye to her. At the beginning of April, *Bang Yon* invited me to a meeting at *Bang Hēng*'s house. When I arrived, I saw Comrade Phēn, Comrade Yean, Comrade Roeun, Comrade Yim and *Bang Yon*.

After a while, *Bang Hēng*, a former teacher in Kampong Khleang (កំពង់ឃ្លាង) District

of Siem Reap Province and currently Chief of the Cultivation Office at Slaeng Pagoda, climbed up to the house. *Bang Hēng* asked *Bang Yon*, "Are all of us here?" *Bang Yon* replied that we were. Then, *Bang Hēng* said, "Since we all are here, we can start working." She stated, "The situation is ripening now and the time is coming. Throughout the country, all units have already prepared like we have done; and for the external situation, the Vietnamese are also viciously attacking. In this April, they will increase their attacking to decisively overthrow the Communist Party of Kampuchea. Therefore, we have to equip our subordinate forces with the weapons. If there are not enough weapons, Comrade Phēn has to supply more weapons. Regarding to whom the weapons will be provided, we will discuss later. If the time comes, I will fire three times as a signal; then our armed forces shall gather at my house after hearing the signal. The Vietnamese forces will also come out and each of our units shall accompany them to my house. All of you have to wait for my order then; never be disordered, or it will be risky. Comrade Nan, you have to prepare the medicines in case we need them, and there is no need to come to my house; just prepare them at the place where they are." At this point, she turned to *Bang Yon* and told her, "Comrade Yon, do not forget to give the weapons to Comrade Nan." She continued, "But the most important thing is to keep everything secret during this time. If it is leaked out, we will be defeated; therefore, we have to absolutely keep things secret. We have to be even more attentive when we come in and out of the Vietnamese hiding place. However, Comrade Yon also has to care about the food for the Vietnamese forces."

At this point, *Bang Hēng* clarified, “Do you hear what I say?” We all replied, “Yes, we do.” *Bang Hēng* said, “If you do not have any comment, we can leave now.” Later on, *Bang Yon* called me to go to her house. When I arrived, she told me, “At 11 p.m. tonight *Bang*, come to collect the weapons at my house.” I asked her, “Can I take the weapons to hide with the medicines?” She answered, “Yes, it will be better. When we need them, we can take out both the weapons and the medicines at the same time; we will then not need to run to and fro.” At 11 p.m., I went to *Bang Yon*’s house and she took me to a place under a Ampil Toek (អំពិលទឹក) tree behind her house. She said, “There are two A.K.s and four grenades.” I took these weapons to hide with the medicines in the stupa to the south of the temple in Slaeng Pagoda. I kept in touch with this network until I was arrested by Angkar.

Done on 21 July 1978

Confessor, LACH Vari Alias Nan

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