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- 1 PROCEEDINGS
- 2 (Court opens at 0859H)
- 3 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 4 Please be seated. The Court is now in session.
- 5 Today, the Chamber continues to hear testimony of witness Kaing
- 6 Guek Eav alias Duch.
- 7 Ms. Chea Sivhoang, please report the attendance of the parties
- 8 and other individuals to today's proceedings.
- 9 THE GREFFIER:
- 10 Mr. President, for today's proceedings, all parties to this case
- 11 are present.
- 12 Mr. Nuon Chea is present in the holding cell downstairs. He has
- 13 waived his right to be present in the courtroom. The waiver has
- 14 been delivered to the greffier.
- 15 The witness who is to continue his testimony today, that is, Mr.
- 16 Kaing Guek Eav, alias Duch, is present in the courtroom.
- 17 Thank you.
- 18 [09.00.54]
- 19 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 20 Thank you, Ms. Chea Sivhoang. The Chamber now decides on the
- 21 request by Nuon Chea.
- 22 The Chamber has received a waiver from Nuon Chea, dated 22nd June
- 23 2016, which states, that due to his health, that is, headache,
- 24 back pain, he cannot sit or concentrate for long. And in order to
- 25 effectively participate in future hearings, he requests to waive

- 1 his right to be present at the 22nd June 2016 hearing.
- 2 Having seen the medical report of Nuon Chea by the duty doctor
- 3 for the accused at the ECCC, dated 22nd June 2016, which notes
- 4 that Nuon Chea has chronic back pain when he sits for long and
- 5 recommends that the Chamber grant him his request so that he can
- 6 follow the proceedings remotely from the holding cell downstairs,
- 7 based on the above information and pursuant to Rule 81.5 of the
- 8 ECCC Internal Rules, the Chamber grants Nuon Chea his request to
- 9 follow today's proceedings remotely from the holding cell
- 10 downstairs via an audio-visual means.
- 11 The Chamber instructs the AV Unit personnel to link the
- 12 proceedings to the room downstairs so that Nuon Chea can follow.
- 13 That applies for the whole day.
- 14 And the Chamber now hands the floor to the Defence Counsel for
- 15 Khieu Samphan to put questions to witness Kaing Guek Eav, alias
- 16 Duch.
- 17 [09.02.34]
- 18 OUESTIONING BY MS. GUISSE:
- 19 Thank you, Mr. President. Good morning to all of you. Good
- 20 morning, Mr. Kaing Guek Eav. My name is Anta Guisse, and I am the
- 21 International Co-Counsel for Mr. Khieu Samphan, and it is in this
- 22 capacity that I'm going to put a few <additional> questions to
- 23 you.
- 24 I know that you speak perfect French, however, I'm going to ask
- 25 you to pause <bri>priefly> between my questions and your answers so

- 1 that your answers may be properly translated. And again, for
- 2 purposes of interpretation, I'm going to ask you, please, to
- 3 speak relatively slowly so that I am sure that I don't miss out
- 4 on anything.
- 5 [09.03.25]
- 6 And I also, as an introduction, would like to tell you that I
- 7 noted that you conducted quite a bit of research on the DK period
- 8 since your detention, and on the base of the elements that you
- 9 received during your trial, but I would like to focus on is on
- 10 what you knew during the DK period. So I'd like you to keep that
- in mind when you answer my questions. And my last recommendation,
- 12 if one of my questions is not clear please do not hesitate to ask
- 13 me to put it to you again.
- 14 Q. My first question is the following. During the DK period, were
- 15 you a member of the Standing Committee?
- 16 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 17 A. Mr. President, I was far and I was much lower <than> the
- 18 Standing Committee.
- 19 Q. Were you invited to a meeting of the Standing Committee during
- 20 the DK period?
- 21 A. No, nobody ever invited me to attend the Standing Committee
- 22 meeting.
- 23 Q. During the DK period, were you a member of the Central
- 24 Committee?
- 25 A. No, I <had> not become a member of the Central Committee yet.

- 1 Q. And during the DK period, were you ever invited to a meeting
- 2 of the Central Committee?
- 3 A. No, I was not.
- 4 Q. During the DK period again, were you a member of a Zone
- 5 Committee or of a Sector Committee, or were you in charge of a
- 6 Zone or of a Sector Committee?
- 7 [09.06.20]
- 8 A. No, I was not.
- 9 O. Between '75 and '79, is it true that the gist of your activity
- 10 was to act as a deputy chief and then as the chief of S-21?
- 11 A. Yes, that is correct.
- 12 Q. Now I would like to focus, therefore, on your work at S-21.
- 13 And you said on 20 June to my colleague, Victor Koppe, that --
- 14 you say that S-21 left the PJ to go to the Ponhea Yat high school
- 15 <at some point> after the arrest of Yim Sambath and before the
- 16 arrest of Chan Chakrey.
- 17 So did I understand your testimony properly, that is to say,
- 18 between 4 April and 19 May 1976?
- 19 [09.08.01]
- 20 A. Based on my recollection, Hor interrogated Yim Sambath at PJ
- 21 prison. As for Chan Chakrey, he was interrogated at the Ponhea
- 22 Yat school. It was at a house to the south of the school campus.
- 23 Q. Now I'd like to focus on the move to the Ponhea Yat high
- 24 school. And I understood from your testimony that you were the
- 25 person who chose that site. Did I understand you properly?

- 1 A. Yes, that is correct.
- 2 Q. Can you explain to the Chamber why you chose that specific
- 3 location?
- 4 A. The interrogation facility of S-21 was initially at the
- 5 location behind the Ponhea Yat school. It was next to Street 163.
- 6 <Then it was transferred to PJ.> And after that, the facility was
- 7 still in use <at the location>. However, I observed that it was
- 8 rather difficult to defend that location, and for that, then we<,
- 9 Hor and I, > made a request to use the Ponhea Yat school <as a
- 10 detention place>.
- 11 And the houses to the south of the Ponhea Yat school campus
- 12 <were> used for the purpose of interrogation.
- 13 And I made that request <to Son Sen> to use the Ponhea Yat
- 14 school, and he approved that, so prisoners were then moved. And
- 15 the interrogation was carried out outside, off campus.
- 16 [09.10.37]
- 17 Q. So if I understood the reason for you choosing that location,
- 18 it was because of security reasons. Is that correct?
- 19 A. Yes, that is correct.
- 20 Q. Several witnesses who worked at S-21 came to testify before
- 21 this Chamber, and they described the S-21 site. And indeed, there
- 22 is the high school itself, which you just spoke about, but they
- 23 also spoke about a fence, a <corrugated metal> fence, that
- 24 surrounded the location as a kind of security perimeter.
- 25 So does that correspond to your recollections? And my question

- 1 is, are you the one who requested to build such a security
- 2 perimeter with this <corrugated metal> fence?
- 3 [09.11.51]
- 4 A. That is the initiation by Comrade Hor. And allow me to clarify
- 5 that, in the past, some division commanders actually used
- 6 <corrugated metal> fences to <enclose> their barracks. Later on,
- 7 general staff instructed those divisions to remove the
- 8 <corrugated metal> fences.
- 9 As for S-21, I told my superior not to remove it, <he agreed,>
- 10 and I <told> Hor to use <corrugated metal> fence to surround
- 11 S-21. And that was approved by Son Sen.
- 12 Q. At the hearing of 26 April 2016, <witness> Lach Mean, a little
- 13 after 1.49.58 in the afternoon, described the placing of this
- 14 fence in the following way. He said that:
- 15 "There was another <corrugated metal> fence that separated the
- 16 main building from the interrogation places. Fifty metres from
- 17 the prison compound, there was a <corrugated metal> fence, and we
- 18 could move about freely within the prison compound. The
- 19 interrogators who were posted outside of the fence would
- 20 interrogate the prisoners in the building located in front of the
- 21 prison entrance." End of quote.
- 22 So my question is the following. Does that correspond to your
- 23 recollections and are we indeed, speaking about a 50-metre
- 24 security perimeter that surrounded the Ponhea Yat high school?
- 25 [09.14.23]

- 1 A. First I'd like to say that I do not -- I wish not to recognize
- 2 the statement of Lach Mean.
- 3 As for the fence, the fence was erected with <corrugated metal>
- 4 and the houses of the interrogators were inside the compound
- 5 within the perimeter of the <corrugated metal> fence.
- 6 <To the south of> the Ponhea Yat high school did not have a
- 7 proper fence, and there was an adjacent road to it. Then there
- 8 were two rows of houses where interrogators resided, but later
- 9 on, interrogators also lived in the compound, that is, inside one
- 10 of the buildings of the Ponhea Yat high school. And that's what
- 11 happened <regarding> the fence.
- 12 So later on, as I said, interrogators also lived within the same
- 13 campus as that of the prisoners. As for the medical facility, it
- 14 was located <to the west of Ponhea Yat high school, > outside the
- 15 fence.
- 16 [09.15.50]
- 17 Q. I understand that you challenge Lach Mean's testimony, but
- 18 however, with regard to that 50-metre distance, do you, indeed,
- 19 remember that the <corrugated metal> fence was 50 metres away
- 20 from the prison compound?
- 21 A. Of course, I do not recognize -- I do not wish to acknowledge
- 22 the statement by Lach Mean.
- 23 Q. So therefore, how far was the <corrugated metal> fence from
- 24 the prison compound, according to your recollection, if you do
- 25 not accept what Lach Mean testified?

- 1 A. The fence was only to the north and west. To the west, it was
- 2 adjacent to a road running in front of <Tuol Sleng primary>
- 3 school<, which I used as my workshop>. To the north direction,
- 4 the fence was a little bit further <away>. It actually passed a
- 5 row of houses, and it was probably adjacent to Street 350.
- 6 Q. Now, a last try with regard to the distance, so are you able
- 7 to assess that distance, or you don't remember?
- 8 A. The Toul Sleng primary school and the Ponhea Yat high school
- 9 <were> adjacent to one another. Ponhea Yat was to the east, and
- 10 behind it was the Tuol Sleng primary school. And during the
- 11 Samdech Sihanouk regime, <Tuol Sleng primary school> was called
- 12 Indradevi <primary> school. And actually, that school was facing
- 13 my workshop. And of course, I <am referring> to this former
- 14 Indradevi <primary> school.
- 15 And as I stated, to the north, the fence was erected beyond a row
- 16 of houses, and I could say it was adjacent to Street 350. And you
- 17 may say the distance was about 50 metres away.
- 18 And allow me to say that the fence was not erected all around the
- 19 campus because the house Brother Mam Nai <used for the
- 20 interrogation of the "Yuon" people> was further to the north of
- 21 the sewage canal.
- 22 As for my house, it was <near by> Monivong Boulevard, and there
- 23 was no <corrugated metal> fence erected between that and the
- 24 school campus.
- 25 [09.19.27]

- 1 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 2 You talked about Mam Nai's house or <the house where> Mam Nai<
- 3 used for the interrogation that > was located to the north of the
- 4 sewage canal. That seems to be not <correct because the sewage
- 5 canal lied from north to south>.
- 6 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 7 The house where Mam Nai resided and also used it for the
- 8 interrogation of the "Yuon" people was to the west of the sewage
- 9 canal, and it was opposite the house where <the> photographers
- 10 resided.
- 11 BY MS. GUISSE:
- 12 Q. And last point now regarding the setup of S-21. Do you
- 13 remember if there was barbed wire above the <corrugated metal>
- 14 fence?
- 15 [09.20.29]
- 16 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 17 A. I do not recall if there was any barbed wire. However, in the
- 18 Rithy Panh movie, I saw the barbed wire used surrounding the
- 19 buildings of the Ponhea Yat high school.
- 20 I went to the workshop once, and I did not notice any barbed
- 21 wire. I also went to the medical facility once.
- 22 Q. At the hearing of 2 May 2016, witness Prak Khan, a little
- 23 before 10.38.58, said:
- 24 "There was another fence, a <corrugated metal> fence, and the
- 25 second fence was covered with barbed wire. And there was a gate

- before the fire brigade."
- 2 So does this refresh your memory beyond Rithy Panh's film, which
- 3 was shot afterwards?
- 4 [09.21.53]
- 5 A. I did not know the current location of the fire station. As
- 6 for the Beehive Radio Station, it was <where Huy received
- 7 people>. And as I stated yesterday, it was along Street 95, that
- 8 is, running from the north to the south. And <Street> 360
- 9 crossed> it in between. And there was a fence where <a> S-21
- 10 guard was posted there so no one -- if someone <was not
- 11 authorized to enter the compound>, the person <could not enter>
- 12 the compound.
- 13 And there was no fence behind the house where Huy received
- 14 prisoners. And I cannot recall the exact location of the fire
- 15 station.
- 16 Q. You just said the people who were not allowed couldn't cross
- 17 the fence, and you also said earlier that the reason you chose
- 18 that location was to guarantee its security.
- 19 Are these choices and these security measures connected to the
- 20 secrecy principle and to the secrecy of your work at S-21?
- 21 [09.23.38]
- 22 A. The erection of fence served two purposes. The first was to
- 23 prevent prisoners from <escaping>. <The second> was to stop any
- 24 person encroaching or trespassing <in> the area. So, S-21 staff
- 25 never did their work outside the perimeter of the compound.

- 1 And allow me to explain it a bit further. When Chinese <circus>
- 2 performers came to Cambodia, everyone came to see it, but not
- 3 S-21 staffers.
- 4 And children from Amleang, who came to work at S-21, never knew
- 5 where the riverside in front of the royal palace was located
- 6 because they always stayed inside the compound. And even the film
- 7 showing the visits by Pol Pot to China and Korea it was seen by
- 8 everyone except staffers from S-21. And for that reason, I
- 9 requested the two films to be shown at S-21.
- 10 So S-21 staff worked within the perimeter of the compound. Nobody
- 11 would want to make contact with us, and we were not allowed to
- 12 make contact with outsiders. And that was the purpose of the
- 13 security for S-21 compound.
- 14 Q. Now, with regard to the same subject again, before this
- 15 Chamber, we heard people who belonged to several units such as
- 16 the <interrogation> unit, <or> the guard unit. And I'd like to
- 17 know if, as the head of S-21, provided guidelines to make sure
- 18 that people in different units would not speak about their work
- 19 to each other? Are these guidelines that you gave?
- 20 [09.26.23]
- 21 A. The slogan used during the time under the administration of
- 22 CPK was that "you know your work, they know their work", and we
- 23 knew it by heart. <For that reason,> the interrogators did not
- 24 dare leak information to anyone.
- 25 And I can give you an example in the case of Comrade Hor. Hor

- 1 read the confession of a prisoner <who was interrogated by
- 2 Comrade Pon>, and Phim was implicated. He was afraid, so he
- 3 sought advice from Son Sen, and Son Sen said Brother Phim did not
- 4 betray Angkar, but then he called me to not allow Hor to read any
- 5 confessions any more.
- 6 So in summary, during the time, we learned by heart the phrase
- 7 that "we know our work, they know theirs". <For example, Chuun
- 8 Phal did not care about how others did their work; he was only
- 9 focused on his work. He did not even know me. > And that was the
- 10 discipline of the CPK, "We know about our work, and they know
- 11 about their work".
- 12 [09.27.37]
- 13 Q. And you, yourself, did you follow this principle?
- 14 A. If chief of S-21 and chief of M-13 did not practise the
- 15 principle, he would have been beheaded long time ago.
- 16 Q. So therefore, I conclude that your answer is yes. Yes, you did
- 17 follow this principle of secrecy and of focusing on your work.
- 18 A. Yes, that is correct. And allow me to add the following.
- 19 Regarding the confessions of prisoners at S-21, at the time we
- 20 called them the confessions of the enemy, I had the authority
- 21 only to report to and to present it to my immediate supervisors,
- that is, Son Sen and, later on, Uncle Nuon.
- 23 And later on, Pang came in his capacity as a spokesman for the
- 24 Centre, that is, for Brother Pol and that was the time that I
- 25 could provide some reports to him, regarding the confessions of

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- 1 prisoners at S-21. <That was allowed by Brother Nuon. > And if I
- 2 did not maintain the principle of secrecy, then when Pang came to
- 3 supervise me, Pang would see the confessions that implicated him.
- 4 So Pang took confessions from S-21 that implicated him, and he
- 5 gave them to the <Standing Committee>. And as a result, later on,
- 6 Pang was arrested. And Brother Nuon <ordered Brother Vorn to see>
- 7 me to tell me about that. <So, the principle of secrecy had to be
- 8 absolute.>
- 9 So my response may be a little bit over the limit of the content
- 10 of your question.
- 11 [09.30.02]
- 12 Q. Indeed, Mr. Witness, we've dealt with a number of subjects.
- 13 I'm trying to place them under specific topics so that the
- 14 questions follow a certain order.
- 15 So when you answer my questions, please limit yourself to my
- 16 questions. And when you have the opportunity, you can elaborate
- 17 further subsequently.
- 18 I would like us to now talk about your work at S-21. Over the
- 19 past two days of hearings, I have understood that a major part of
- 20 your work was done in your office, and it basically consisted in
- 21 reading confessions and possibly putting annotations on them
- 22 before sending them to your superior.
- 23 [09.30.53]
- 24 My question to you now is as follows. In terms of percentage, can
- 25 you assess the amount of time you spent on that work? Was it 50

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- 1 per cent, <60 per cent, > 80 per cent? Can you tell the Chamber
- 2 what percentage of your time was devoted to such work?
- 3 A. I could say that it was 90 per cent. As for the miscellaneous
- 4 affairs, they usually came to see me, namely, Comrade Hor. So I
- 5 remained in my office most of the time, that is, about 90 per
- 6 cent <of the time>.
- 7 Q. And what did you do during the remaining 10 per cent of your
- 8 time?
- 9 A. From mid-March 1976 to 7 January 1979, the work situation --
- 10 my work situation changed. It changed from the time that Nget
- 11 Nhu, alias Hong was arrested and sent to S-21. From that time
- 12 onward, I was a bit terrified <for myself>.
- 13 Then more arrests started to happen. I was hopeless at the time,
- 14 so I spent my time at the workshop chitchatting with the
- 15 sculptors <or painters there>.
- 16 [09.33.27]
- 17 And lastly, I was so exhausted, so I spent time sleeping at my
- 18 house on the 3rd and 4th <January 1976>. So <> 10 per cent of my
- 19 time was spent doing the work that I described <>.
- 20 Q. I would like you to clarify something. You stated that at
- 21 <one> point in time you spent <your> time sleeping, that was from
- 22 the 3rd to the 4th of January 1979. I would like to know whether
- 23 your work up to the 3rd <or> 4th of January 1979 remained the
- 24 same. Considering that you said your work varied at <what> point
- 25 in time did your work vary? Can you give us an idea in terms of

- 1 dates?
- 2 [09.34.52]
- 3 A. Mr. President, Counsel, I would like to make clarification as
- 4 follows.
- 5 It was from mid-March 1976, when I became chief of S-21.
- 6 Initially, much work was -- there was much work to do. I was
- 7 overwhelmed by the work at S-21. And later on, I was still
- 8 overwhelmed by S-21 work.
- 9 However, from 27 April 1977, that was the time when I had a
- 10 child. My wife was working at military hospital, the former Preah
- 11 Ket Mealea hospital. <Usually, > at 3 or 4 p.m., I <would call>
- 12 Long, Comrade Long, the one who was in charge of telephone office
- 13 of Son Sen, telling him that I wanted to see my child. And I was
- 14 warned not to go too frequently. So, from that time after I had
- 15 the child, I did not spend much time reading documents, but I
- 16 spent much time playing with my child and also visiting my wife
- 17 <almost every day>. And I was warned by Son Sen not to do that so
- 18 <> frequently.
- 19 And after the arrest of Nget Nhu, alias Hong, I was so hopeless.
- 20 At the time, not much work was required -- I was not required to
- 21 do much work.
- 22 <When more arrests started to happen>, I spent time reading <the>
- 23 Sam Kok (phonetic) story. < I wanted to know the differences
- 24 between the killings in the Sam Kok (phonetic) story in
- 25 comparison to the killings during the period CPK took power. I

- 1 found that the killings in the Sam Kok (phonetic) story were
- 2 somehow more reasonable then the killings at S-21.>
- 3 So <I spent sometimes reading the Sam Kok (phonetic) story in
- 4 order to understand the regime and>, during the time, I did not
- 5 spend time reading documents.
- 6 [09.37.54]
- 7 Q. Excuse me, Witness. I will rephrase my question, and I really
- 8 would request you to avoid long elaborations and to focus on my
- 9 question.
- 10 I have understood from your long answer that, at the beginning of
- 11 your work at S-21, you were overwhelmed and you said that the
- 12 first change was on the 27th of April 1977, when your child was
- 13 born. So what is of relevance to me <first> is mid-March 1976 to
- 14 the 27th of April 1977.
- 15 During that period, you have pointed out that you were
- 16 overwhelmed by work. How frequently did you leave S-21, before
- 17 the birth of your child?
- 18 A. I thank you very much, Counsel.
- 19 Concerning times that I spent outside, yes, I spent time -- I
- 20 went outside, but not <as> frequently <as every day> before I had
- 21 the first child. <When> I went out, it was because my superior
- 22 invited me to work with him. <I was called out to work once every
- 23 few days. > And I pointed the map the place where I went to work.
- 24 That was to the north of Borei Keila.
- 25 And perhaps counsel has seen the map.

- 1 [09.39.50]
- 2 <Second,> I went to Hok's residence to have <meal> with him once
- 3 every four, 10 or <15 days or once> a month. <Initially, Hok was
- 4 my superior; he was my wife's superior. I drove my wife to visit
- 5 him at his house. > And at the time, they had Tsingtao beers to
- 6 drink, so I went to his house -- Hok's house to have meal and
- 7 have a drink. And I had to inform my superior about that, so the
- 8 time that I spent out was the fact that I went to work with my
- 9 superior and the time that I spent at Hok's house.
- 10 Q. That was between March 1976 and April 1977.
- 11 My first question, in light of what you have just stated, and you
- 12 stated that on each occasion, whether it was at the invitation of
- 13 your superior or an order from your superior<, I suppose, > to go
- 14 and see him or when you had to go and have a drink in Hok's home,
- 15 does that mean that whenever you went out, your superior was
- 16 necessarily informed?
- 17 [09.41.25]
- 18 A. Mr. President, I think I have told that very clearly. My
- 19 superior -- I am referring to Son Sen -- called me to work with
- 20 him, and I also visited Hok's house, the comrade that taught me
- 21 in the past. And <later on, he was my wife's superior as well.>
- 22 I, in fact, asked the permission to visit Hok's house from my
- 23 superior. I never went out without any permission.
- 24 Q. So that was from March 1976 to the 27th of April 1977. After
- 25 the 27th of April 1977, did you ever leave without the

- 1 authorization of your superior?
- 2 A. I made a clarification already. My wife delivered the child at
- 3 the hospital, and I asked <> permission <almost every day> from
- 4 my superior through Long, the telephone operator. And I told him
- 5 to convey <> my request to the superior that I needed to visit my
- 6 child and wife at hospital.
- 7 [09.43.20]
- 8 Q. If I understand your answer correctly, on the 27th of April
- 9 1977 to the 7th of January 1979, regardless of the number of
- 10 times you <had to go> out, you always had to refer to your
- 11 superior. Is that correct?
- 12 A. All the time that I had to inform my superior. I had to do
- 13 that -- to inform my superiors from 15 August 1975, up to the
- 14 end. I had to inform my superior all the time.
- 15 And before October 1975, my immediate supervisor was Nat, so I
- 16 had to inform him whenever I went anywhere. And after that time,
- 17 <I was a deputy, but> I still informed Nat about my trips. And
- 18 after I became chief of S-21 <in March>, I had to inform my
- 19 superior, <Son Sen>, <especially when I went out for a meal, I
- 20 informed> Comrade Long.
- 21 Q. Those outings were, nevertheless, limited. Isn't that correct?
- 22 A. Yes. <These trips were> under <> strict discipline.
- 23 Q. Except when you had to go and see your superior, when you
- 24 <went> to visit Hok and whenever you had to visit your wife after
- 25 the birth of your child, where else did you go between the 17th

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- of April 1975 and the 7th of January 1979?
- 2 [09.46.08]
- 3 A. Mr. President, first I would like to make a correction. The
- 4 date is not the 17 April. It is 27 April 1977; <that is my
- 5 child's birthdate>. 17 April was the celebration of the victory.
- 6 I went out. I went, for example, to Kampong Som under the order
- 7 or instruction to see the bodies <> floating and got stuck at the
- 8 pier <in front of 170>. <I also went out to examine the place
- 9 where a grenade was thrown behind the Royal Palace under my
- 10 superior's order. > So if I received no instructions, I had to
- 11 remain at my office.
- 12 And there was a trip <when Hor, Mam Nai and> I had to go to see
- 13 when an enemy <escaped from> the prison. <Other than that>, I did
- 14 not go out.
- 15 Q. At the hearing of the 13th of June 2016, shortly after
- 16 15.56.51, you referred to visits to the Ministry of Commerce. How
- 17 many times did you go to the Ministry of Commerce?
- 18 A. To my recollection, I made one trip to Ministry of Commerce.
- 19 Pang asked me to go to see Rith with him. That was only one trip.
- 20 It was at nighttime, and <when we arrived, > I rested on the floor
- 21 <> while Pang and Rith were in conversation.
- 22 [09.48.24]
- 23 Q. So you went there once. Do you recall at what time that visit
- 24 took place? I mean in what year.
- 25 A. I do not recall that, recall the year. Pang, the messenger of

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- 1 Brother Pol, asked me to accompany him to Rith's office.
- 2 Q. Although you do not recall the exact year, had you already
- 3 been appointed head of S-21, or you were still deputy head of
- 4 S-21?
- 5 A. I can recall that after the question was put to me. After 15
- 6 August 1978 (sic), when Son Sen went to the front, Nuon assigned
- 7 Pang to come and supervise me at S-21, so Pang was my immediate
- 8 supervisor. That is clear.
- 9 Pang, at the time, asked me to accompany him. It was after 15
- 10 August 1978 (sic).
- 11 Q. So to be sure since, <at least> in the draft of the 13th of
- 12 June 2016, I read the following sentence in French, and you are
- 13 referring to the Ministry of Commerce, "I regularly went to the
- 14 Ministry."
- 15 So if I understood you correctly, you did not go there regularly.
- 16 You only went there once. Is that correct?
- 17 A. <> I made <> only <one> trip with Pang because Pang asked me
- 18 to accompany him, so <they> was not regular trips.
- 19 [09.50.56]
- 20 Q. And you stated that that was after the 15th of August 1978,
- 21 during the period when Pang was your immediate supervisor. Is
- 22 that correct?
- 23 A. That is correct, Mr. President.
- 24 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 25 Judge Lavergne, you may proceed. Perhaps you want to clarify the

- 1 date.
- 2 Judge Lavergne, you may proceed.
- 3 JUDGE LAVERGNE:
- 4 It has to do with the 15th of August 1978. The witness said that
- 5 was a date when Son Sen went to the front, and then you talked of
- 6 the 15th of August 1977.
- 7 Can you clarify whether the year is 1978 or 1977?
- 8 [09.52.02]
- 9 BY MS. GUISSE:
- 10 I heard the witness' answer, and I'll respond. He was not
- 11 referring to the time when Son Sen went to the front, but the
- 12 period when <Nuon Chea> was no longer there, but I'll ask him to
- 13 clarify the matter.
- 14 Q. Witness, can you clarify whether the visit to the Ministry of
- 15 Commerce with Pang was at the time when he was your immediate
- 16 superior, or at another period? Can you specify the year?
- 17 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 18 A. Thank you, Judge Lavergne. I made a mistake. The date is 15
- 19 August 1977, not '78. And I made several mistakes in relation to
- 20 the date. My apologies.
- 21 Q. So if I understand your testimony correctly, when you
- 22 accompanied Pang to the Ministry of Commerce, he was not your
- 23 immediate supervisor at the time. He was not the head of S-21 at
- 24 the time. Is that correct?
- 25 A. He had the authority to instruct me, when he became my

- 1 immediate supervisor, on behalf of Brother Nuon and Brother Pol,
- 2 so he was my immediate supervisor.
- 3 Q. And was that on the 15th of August 1977?
- 4 [09.54.00]
- 5 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 6 Please wait, Witness.
- 7 You may proceed, Judge Lavergne.
- 8 JUDGE LAVERGNE:
- 9 Yes. I am not sure we understand the <same thing> in light of
- 10 what the witness said.
- 11 I have understood that the witness stated that as of the 15th of
- 12 August 1977, Son Sen went to the battlefront and Nuon Chea became
- 13 his supervisor, and Nuon Chea designated Pang to be his
- 14 intermediary, so to speak. And from that time onward, Pang was in
- 15 charge of supervising the work at S-21. Perhaps I didn't
- 16 understand that, and it may well be that we need a clarification
- 17 by the witness.
- 18 [09.54.47]
- 19 BY MS. GUISSE:
- 20 Q. Witness, you have heard the discussion and <I> request for you
- 21 to clarify this matter.
- 22 Was Pang your <immediate> supervisor at S-21 throughout the
- 23 period when you said Nuon Chea replaced Son Sen, or Pang, as I
- 24 had understood from your prior statement, was <only> your
- 25 immediate superior when Nuon Chea traveled to China? Can you

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- 1 please clarify this matter?
- 2 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 3 A. Thank you, Mr. President.
- 4 I think Judge Lavergne's <> understanding is better than the
- 5 counsel's.
- 6 Pang came to supervise me and <he came with> Lin. And Pang, at
- 7 the time, was the chief of defence unit for Pol. And Pang was the
- 8 spokesperson for Pol Pot. He came to supervise me, but my top
- 9 supervisor was Uncle Nuon from 15 August 1977.
- 10 So at first, Pang <and Lin> came <> and after Pang's arrest, Lin
- 11 became my immediate supervisor.
- 12 [09.56.32]
- 13 Q. I'll revisit the point subsequently. <But> regarding the
- 14 dates, can you specify on what date Pang was arrested<, as you
- 15 recall it>?
- 16 A. I am not certain, but I would like to recall an event when
- 17 Vorn conveyed the message from Uncle Nuon <to me> to arrest Pang.
- 18 And the venue which was in use for the celebration of the victory
- 19 was not yet dismantled at the time. And that was after 30th
- 20 September 1977, not '78, to my recollection.
- 21 Q. So if I understood your testimony, Pang was arrested after the
- 22 30th of September 1977, and before 1978. Did I properly
- 23 understand your testimony, or I am wrong?
- 24 [09.58.16]
- 25 A. It was before that date and year. Let me think. I am -- I'm

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- 1 not sure. I am confused now. I'm sorry. I am confused now. I do
- 2 not know whether it happened in 1977 or '78. In June 1978,
- 3 Brother Phim was arrested and the arrest of Pang happened before
- 4 Brother Phim's arrest. So I am confused with the date. I cannot
- 5 recall it well. And the date could be found in the list of names
- 6 arrested.
- 7 Q. We'll return to the issue of the arrest of Pang subsequently.
- 8 That will give you the time to try to jog your memory, and we'll
- 9 return to that later.
- 10 For the time being, let us talk about your work at S-21. And I
- 11 would like also talk about the process whereby prisoners were
- 12 brought in to S-21.
- 13 In answer to a question put to you by Counsel Koppe and Judge
- 14 Lavergne, you referred to Suos <Thy> at S-21. Can you tell the
- 15 Chamber what was that person's exact role?
- 16 A. Mr. President, Comrade Thy was in charge of list of incoming
- 17 and outgoing prisoners, so the lists were under his control.
- 18 [10.00.26]
- 19 O. You said before this Chamber and he confirmed it as well, that
- 20 he was in charge of the ordinary prisoners' lists, but with
- 21 regard to important people, he was not dealing with that. So is
- 22 that what happened?
- 23 A. Mr. President, I think that is the correct statement by Thy,
- 24 if he said so. I have informed the Chamber on a continual basis
- 25 <that> some important prisoners were not known by Comrade Thy,

- 1 when they arrived. Thy learned about the arrival of those
- 2 important prisoners only after a period of time. <He was in
- 3 charge of the prisoners' lists later on. > And I do not know who
- 4 was in charge of the <> prisoners' lists <at the begining>.
- 5 Q. With the leave of the President, I would like to provide a
- 6 document to you that was shown to you by Judge Lavergne. This is
- 7 document E3/10521. And with the President's leave, I would like
- 8 to provide a Khmer copy of this document to the witness so that
- 9 he may know which document I'm talking about.
- 10 [10.02.04]
- 11 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 12 Yes, you may proceed.
- 13 BY MS. GUISSE:
- 14 Q. Does this remind you of the document that Judge Lavergne
- 15 showed to you two days ago?
- 16 This document was also shown to Suos Thy by Judge Lavergne again
- 17 at the hearing of 16 June 2016. And he spoke about this document
- 18 a little after <2.04.01> in the afternoon.
- 19 And the question that was put to him by Judge Lavergne was the
- 20 following, "Does this document come from S-21 or does it come
- 21 from elsewhere?"
- 22 And at 2.06.09, Suos Thy answered, "I do not know where this
- 23 document comes from. Had it existed, Duch would have had it in
- 24 his possession." End of quote.
- 25 And now I would like to refer you to other statements made by

- 1 Suos Thy.
- 2 [10.03.39]
- 3 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 4 Witness, please hold on.
- 5 And International Deputy Co-Prosecutor, you have the floor.
- 6 MR. LYSAK:
- 7 I'm sorry. Just a request. Could you identify the document again?
- 8 It didn't come through in the English translation very well, so
- 9 what the E3 number is. Thanks.
- 10 [10.04.01]
- 11 BY MS. GUISSE:
- 12 No problem. This is document E3/10521.
- 13 Q. So, Suos Thy did not recognize this document, but I understood
- 14 that you assumed that this document could be the result of Suos
- 15 Thy's work.
- 16 When Suos Thy testified before this Chamber, he said that when he
- 17 would receive -- or when he would see the prisoners for the first
- 18 time, he would only ask them very basic questions, that is to
- 19 say, their name, their occupation, and the rest was dealt with by
- 20 the interrogators.
- 21 So my question is, in this <intake> process, does this ring a
- 22 bell? Do you know if Suos Thy only would put very basic questions
- 23 to the prisoners arriving and, later on, the interrogators would
- 24 take their time to obtain more detailed information from the
- 25 prisoners?

- 1 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 2 A. Regarding the general work of Suos Thy, it was what he did,
- 3 that is, <asking> about a brief biography, gender, age and the
- 4 unit they came from. And he did not ask any deeper questions than
- 5 that. And that is the general work of Suos Thy, who was in charge
- 6 of the list.
- 7 So it has to be clear of the entry date of those prisoners. As
- 8 for important prisoners, he could not have the full details.
- 9 Regarding this document, from its date, that is, they were
- 10 arrested on 12 December '75 and sent to S-21, on the 6 May '76--
- 11 [10.06.40]
- 12 Q. My apologies, Witness. I was not interested in the content of
- 13 the document.
- 14 I just wanted you to have it before you so that you may know what
- 15 I'm talking about, but you already brought up quite a few
- 16 elements with Judge Lavergne and I don't need to get back to
- 17 that. Thank you.
- 18 I see, President, that it's <almost> time for the break. Would
- 19 you like me to stop now?
- 20 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 21 Counsel, actually, I want you to hear the <full> response of the
- 22 witness<>, as he started to speak about the origin of this
- 23 document and who produced it, and suddenly you interrupted.
- 24 This is a complicated case, and the facts involved were about 40
- 25 years ago, so it is rather difficult for the witness to respond

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- 1 quickly to your question. And if you keep interrupting the
- 2 witness, then it seems that he's not in a good morale to respond
- 3 to your question in full. And I observe that he is <checking> the
- 4 format of the document, <not its contents>.
- 5 [10.08.22]
- 6 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 7 Thank you, Mr. President.
- 8 This document mentions that those people were arrested on 12
- 9 December 1975 and were sent to S-21 on 6 May '76. And what about
- 10 the source of those who sent them to S-21; who were they?
- 11 I was at S-21 in December '75, as deputy chief, but here, there
- 12 is no indication of the person who sent them over to S-21. For
- 13 that reason, I do not know the source of this document at all.
- 14 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 15 Thank you.
- 16 It is now appropriate for a short break. We'll take a break now
- 17 and resume at 10.30 to continue our proceedings.
- 18 Court officer, please assist the witness at the waiting room
- 19 reserved for witnesses and civil parties, and invite him back
- 20 into the courtroom at 10.30.
- 21 The Court is now in recess.
- 22 (Court recesses from 1009H to 1030H)
- 23 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 24 Please be seated. The Court is now back in session.
- 25 And the floor is given to the defence team for Mr. Khieu Samphan,

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- 1 to resume the questioning. You may proceed.
- 2 BY MS. GUISSE:
- 3 Thank you, Mr. President.
- 4 Q. Witness, I <will> resume the examination where we left off.
- 5 Can you hear me?
- 6 We were talking about Suos Thy and his work. Can you tell the
- 7 Chamber who Suos Thy's direct supervisor was?
- 8 [10.31.18]
- 9 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 10 A. Mr. President, Hor was the direct supervisor.
- 11 Q. Did it happen that you had to give direct instructions to Suos
- 12 Thy, or <did> you still <have to> to go through Hor?
- 13 A. Thank you. There was one case when Hor was assigned to be his
- 14 -- to be Son Sen's guard when he visited the east. I gave
- 15 instructions to Suos Thy through Peng. And at the time, Suos Thy
- 16 did not ten to Peng> and I made annotations afterwards.
- 17 During the investigation, I made the point already, on one
- 18 particular occasion, I gave an instruction to Suos Thy through
- 19 Peng, and usually Hor was the one who gave instruction to Suos
- 20 Thy.
- 21 [10.33.00]
- 22 Q. Do you recall any particular instructions that Hor issued to
- 23 Suos Thy as regards the manner in which Vietnamese prisoners
- 24 entering S-21 had to be registered?
- 25 A. The principle -- regarding the principle of the CPK, the

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- 1 collective group control, an individual <was> responsible, so the
- 2 work <regarding registering or drawing> up the lists <was under
- 3 Hor's surpervision>.
- 4 Q. My question was whether you know whether specific instructions
- 5 were given by Hor regarding the registration of Vietnamese.
- 6 Should I understand from your answer that you do not recall that,
- 7 or you did not know that at the time?
- 8 [10.34.57]
- 9 A. Both of us spoke different languages. I spoke a Communist
- 10 language a while ago, to lead collectively, to be responsible
- 11 individually. I was in charge of <S-21's> overall tasks, and Hor
- 12 was individually responsible for his tasks. And that included the
- 13 registration of names, so modifications of names in the lists
- 14 were dependent on him.
- 15 So, I did not poke my fingers into his business. That was the
- 16 principle, to lead collectively, to be responsible individually.
- 17 Q. I will read out to you a passage from Suos Thy's testimony
- 18 before the Chamber to see whether that would jog your memory. It
- 19 was the hearing of the 3rd of June, in the draft, it is before
- 20 15.31.03, and it was in answer to a question put to him by Judge
- 21 Lavergne. And this is what Suos Thy stated, and I quote:
- 22 "Since I could not ask questions regarding the positions of
- 23 Vietnamese when their names were registered, Hor asked me to
- 24 write the label spy <under> "position". And when it had to do
- 25 with the Vietnamese civilians arrested in Kampong Som, they were

- 1 indicated to be fishermen. However, we knew that they entered the
- 2 country <either> by sea at Kampong Som or at Svay Rieng by land."
- 3 End of quote.
- 4 [10.37.04]
- 5 Do you recall whether Hor issued such instructions to Suos Thy
- 6 and that their names were registered depending on the <Vietnamese
- 7 prisoners'> point of entry, or <like you just mentioned, was>
- 8 this is an issue never discussed with Hor because it was part of
- 9 his specific tasks?
- 10 A. Mr. President, I have informed the Chamber already that
- 11 Vietnamese with weapons coming into our land were labeled
- 12 soldiers. And as for civilians, they were labeled agents. That
- 13 was the implementation throughout the country. <Or let's say>
- 14 that was the principle <> at S-21.
- 15 Q. And as regards that particular instruction, do you recall
- 16 raising the matter with Hor, or not?
- 17 [10.38.53]
- 18 A. That was the -- that was one principle among others, and
- 19 everyone was aware of the principle. Those who had weapons in
- 20 their hands and after they rose their hands after they were
- 21 arrested, they were labeled soldiers<, prisoners of war.> No
- 22 matter which port of entry<, no matter where they were from, if
- 23 they had no weapons with them, after> we arrested them<, they
- 24 were labelled as spies>.
- 25 And again, the general principle was that those with the weapons

- 1 were considered prisoners of war or soldiers. The question is
- 2 "banal", in French <>.
- 3 O. I would now like us to talk about another point, and that is
- 4 something you discussed or mentioned at the hearing of the 14th
- of June 2016, shortly after <13.38.37>. And you referred to
- 6 <fabricating> letters to be shown to certain prisoners, which you
- 7 used as a ploy to compel them to confess, and I quote what you
- 8 stated:
- 9 "As regards the interrogation of Tum (phonetic), he came to my
- 10 home to produce a letter that had to be shown to Tum (phonetic)
- in order for him to confess. Once more, he claimed to have
- 12 written a letter to me and <that letter> stated, 'Comrade, we are
- 13 thinking of the measures to be taken <if Tum (phonetic)
- 14 confesses>.'" End of quote.
- 15 I believe you also referred to a similar draft prepared by Son
- 16 Sen as a tactic.
- 17 And this time, there was in Case 002/01 at the hearing of the
- 18 27th of March 2012, document E1/54.1. And your answer was shortly
- 19 after 11.10.41, and you stated:
- 20 [10.41.54]
- 21 "This was a <fabricated> document. It's a <fabrication>, and it
- 22 was a tactic to extract confessions from prisoners. We <did> not
- 23 report this document to the superiors. We never showed it to
- 24 them. <We could call him, but not in that case.>"
- 25 So you referred to the fabrication of these documents as a tactic

- on <at least> two occasions. My question is whether such a tactic
- 2 was frequent as part of the interrogations that were conducted at
- 3 S-21.
- 4 A. Mr. President, concerning the fake documents, that started to
- 5 happen when Son Sen came to my house. He, at the time,
- 6 <mentioned> the interrogation of Seat Chhae, alias Tum. He said
- 7 that he wanted to write to Tum so that Tum confessed. <>
- 8 [10.43.29]
- 9 So at the time, he said he did not know whether he referred Tum
- 10 as contemptible Tum or <Comrade> Tum. After that, he decided that
- 11 he wrote a letter to me and asked me to show the letter to him.
- 12 And he <mentioned> that if Tum confessed, Angkar would
- 13 reconsider.
- 14 So the letter that he wrote -- the content of the letter that he
- 15 wrote to me was as follows, "To Comrade <Duch>. <Please tell Tum
- 16 to> confess <so that> Angkar would pardon <him>". <He wrote and
- 17 signed the letter and gave it to me. So, I asked Comrade Pon to
- 18 take the letter to Comrade Tum. > That was <perhaps > the first
- 19 case of fabricating a letter to convince the convicted person<>
- 20 to confess.
- 21 And there was another case of fabrication of the letter
- 22 concerning Ya's case, and the document -- the contemporaneous
- 23 document survived. And you can find that in the document.
- 24 Pon and I used the same trick <> with <Seat Chhae alias Tum>.
- 25 That does not apply to all prisoners. <I can recall that Pon and

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- 1 I used the same trick with Ya and maybe with Doeun as well.>
- 2 O. My question was more specific. I wanted to know whether, aside
- 3 from the two cases, <if> it was a tactic that you often used. Did
- 4 <you> use that tactic, apart from those two cases, or you recall
- 5 only those two cases?
- 6 [10.45.42]
- 7 A. I made clear testimony already. There were only -- there were
- 8 two cases, as I mentioned.
- 9 Son Sen came to see me at my house in the case of Tum, and Pon
- 10 and I discussed <the case of Comrade Ya> with one another.
- 11 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 12 Please move on. I think the answer is clear.
- 13 BY MS. GUISSE:
- 14 Q. Question with regard to the date of your relocation to S-21.
- 15 You referred to issues regarding dates <and> under the hearing of
- 16 the 7th of June 2016, shortly before 15.37.33 you stated -- and
- 17 you gave this sentence, "Hor and Nat may have pre-dated or
- 18 post-dated the document." End of quote.
- 19 My question is whether it happened often that at S-21, whether it
- 20 was at the PJ or subsequently at the premises of the Ponhea Yat
- 21 high school, <did> it happen that documents were pre-dated or
- 22 post-dated?
- 23 [10.47.29]
- MR. PRESIDENT:
- 25 Please hold on, Mr. Witness.

- 1 You may proceed, Judge Lavergne.
- 2 JUDGE LAVERGNE:
- 3 Counsel Guisse, can you tell us what document you are referring
- 4 to because you are talking of a document whose date may have
- 5 <been> pre-dated. Are you talking of a particular document or
- 6 documents <in general>?
- 7 BY MS. GUISSE:
- 8 It's a general question that flows from an answer the witness
- 9 gave referring to a <particular> document. <So my question is
- 10 more general, he spoke of the possibility of a document in
- 11 question, > document E3/8493. And since this is something that
- 12 came from the witness' own mouth, I wanted to know whether there
- 13 was a practice of pre-dating or post-dating documents. This
- 14 question flows directly from the witness' prior statements.
- 15 Q. So Witness, let me reiterate my question. Did it happen that
- 16 documents were pre-dated or post-dated at S-21, whether at the PJ
- or subsequently at the Ponhea Yat high school?
- 18 [10.49.04]
- 19 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 20 A. Mr. President, regarding the dates of the documents, in Case
- 21 001 against me, there were three dates <that> were recorded when
- 22 Phing Ton (phonetic) came to S-21. And I -- we had a re-enactment
- 23 at S-21, and at that occasion, Suos Thy <mentioned> the important
- 24 prisoners that <he> was not informed of. <>
- 25 Yes, of course, some important prisoners <could be registered>

- 1 post-dated.
- 2 During the period that Nat came to finish off his tasks at S-21,
- 3 some documents were <post-dated as well>. And how frequently that
- 4 happened, I could not tell you.
- 5 [10.50.20]
- 6 So again, when Nat came to finish off tasks at S-21, some
- 7 documents concerning prisoners were <post>-dated. <Sometimes when
- 8 important prisoners were brought in, Suos Thy was informed later
- 9 on, and he then registered those dates. > And how frequently that
- 10 happened, I cannot say. But in general, ordinary prisoners were
- 11 dated correctly. And for some other prisoners, for example,
- 12 important prisoners, <> the dates <that they were registered> may
- 13 have been wrong <>.
- 14 Q. And was there any particular reason for pre-dating or
- 15 post-dating documents?
- 16 A. Mr. President, this is a repetitive question to explore the
- 17 specific reasons in the case of pre-dating and post-dating of
- 18 documents. I do not know what other specific reasons counsel
- 19 wants to know from me. I believe I have answered clearly already.
- 20 Q. In fact, my questioning is not repetitive. It is designed to
- 21 elicit more information. If you do not know the answer, you are
- 22 free to say you don't know the answer, but it is not up to you to
- 23 determine my questions are repetitive or not. <It's up to> the
- 24 Chamber<, or any objections made by the> parties<, but here, the
- 25 question is whether or not you know why.> If you do not know, you

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- 1 can just tell the Chamber you do not know and I'll take your
- 2 answer for it.
- 3 Do I take it from your remarks that you do not know the reasons
- 4 why those documents were pre-dated or post-dated?
- 5 [10.52.43]
- 6 A. Mr. President, my testimony is clear. When Nat came to finish
- 7 off his tasks, some documents were post-dated. That was the
- 8 reason, <> pre-dating or post-dating was initiated by Nat. <Suos
- 9 Thy was not informed when some > <important > prisoners, <but he
- 10 was informed later on, > so <they were not properly registered>.
- 11 And these prisoners were <registered> post-dated later on.
- 12 So what other specific reasons you want from me? I believe I have
- 13 testified clearly.
- 14 Q. It should be very clear that when I put questions to you, I
- 15 expect you to simply answer in light of the knowledge you had at
- 16 the time, and that is all.
- 17 I would now like us to talk about Hor and Nat. You stated at the
- 18 hearing of the 8th of June, at about 9.33, that Hor and Nat,
- 19 prior to your becoming head of S-21, worked in close
- 20 collaboration with one another. <Beyond> the working relations
- 21 they had with one another, do you know whether they had a
- 22 <particularly friendly relationship> with one another?
- 23 [10.54.48]
- 24 A. Thank you. Mr. President, the three individuals, who are they?
- 25 MR. PRESIDENT:

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- 1 The three individuals referred to Nat, Duch, you, yourself, and
- 2 Hor.
- 3 BY MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 4 A. We did not happen to see each other at S-21, for the first
- 5 time. Nat and I were progressive <people>. We loved Communism and
- 6 we <had been> part of the Party branch <since 1966>, at Kampong
- 7 Thom -- '65, '66 in Kampong Thom.
- 8 Back then, Nat was <a> member of a <> Party branch <> with me,
- 9 and I was chief.
- 10 [10.56.12]
- 11 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 12 What is going on? I do not really understand the intention of the
- 13 counsel. You put the question to find out about <the particular
- 14 relation between> the three individuals and then you interrupted,
- 15 so you just want the short answer "yes" or "no" only?
- 16 The witness has explained the reasons <regarding> the roles,
- 17 position <> they held at the time, and that led to the encounters
- 18 of the three individuals. <The witness was supposed to give full
- 19 testimony because> the facts were complicated by a situation
- 20 <that> happened a long time ago.
- 21 Some facts did not happen only within the <time frame> <>, that
- 22 is, the three years, eight months and 20 days, some events
- 23 happened before that <time period> during the establishment of
- 24 the Communist Party of Kampuchea, and it has something to do with
- 25 the facts before us as well.

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- 1 Could you explain <to> the Court the intention of the question,
- 2 so what answer <do> you want from the witness, particularly about
- 3 the <specific personal relationship> between the three
- 4 individuals?
- 5 [10.57.48]
- 6 MS. GUISSE:
- 7 Mr. President, I interrupted the witness because I believe there
- 8 was a problem in the interpretation. I didn't talk <about> three
- 9 <people>. I talked <about only> two <people>, Nat and Hor. That
- 10 is why I wanted to draw the witness' attention to that because I
- 11 thought there was an interpretation problem. That is why I
- 12 interrupted him, Mr. President.
- 13 <I may> rephrase the question, <to make things simpler>. <But in
- 14 French, > I was referring only to relations between two <people>,
- 15 Hor and Nat.
- 16 [10.58.37]
- 17 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 18 Very well. Then Duch, could you please provide the answer in
- 19 relation to the case of Hor and Nat's <relationship>? I heard
- 20 <counsel> connected the two individuals with Duch. That's why I
- 21 mentioned a group of three.
- 22 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 23 Thank you, Mr. President. I made a clarification a while ago with
- 24 the President, and you said the group of three were Hor, Nat and
- 25 Duch. Now I am answering the question.

- 1 I started to know Hor when <we were> imprisoned at Prey Sar
- 2 together. And when I was transferred to Sector 25, in December
- 3 1975, I met Hor again.
- 4 And Nat -- as for Nat, he was sent <to a> battalion <from> the
- 5 southwest to <Sector 25 to> be in charge of S'ang, Kaoh Thum,
- 6 Kien Svay and Leuk Daek <>. It was from then that Hor was the
- 7 chief of special forces unit under Nat<, under Division 703>. So
- 8 as for the connection or <relationship> between the two, when a
- 9 subordinate could perform a better task for the chief, then the
- 10 <relationship> or connection was good between the two. <That
- 11 happened before the establishment of S-21.>
- 12 [11.00.55]
- 13 BY MS. GUISSE:
- 14 Q. So I understand from your answer that Hor and Nat had good
- 15 personal relations.
- 16 My following question now is linked to when Nat was removed from
- 17 the head of S-21. So did you play any role in that, in the fact
- 18 that Nat was removed from the head of S-21?
- 19 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 20 A. Regarding the term of position, it was rather generic. Maybe
- 21 the defence counsel wants to know, maybe I actually instigated
- 22 Son Sen to remove Nat. If that is your intention, then I will
- 23 provide the following response.
- 24 No, I did not do that, not at all. Because when he was chief, it
- 25 was rather easy for me to be the deputy since I had gone through

- 1 a lot of police work<, I did not want the position>.
- 2 [11.02.15]
- 3 When Nat was removed by the superiors, I actually begged Son Sen
- 4 to replace him with Hok since Hok was a former student of Son Sen
- 5 and he was a progressive person for the CPK as well, but then Son
- 6 Sen scolded me <and asked> why I wanted that and <> what was <>
- 7 so special about S-21.
- 8 So in conclusion, I did not have any plan at all to instigate the
- 9 superiors to remove Nat.
- 10 Q. In Case 002/01 at the hearing of 21 March 2012, document
- 11 E1/52.1 -- and this was a little bit before 3.49.55 in the
- 12 afternoon -- you said the following:
- 13 "But I would criticize Nat on a daily basis when the occasion
- 14 arose, and I did so because I thought that was part of my duties
- 15 since I had seen Nat make mistakes, so I tried <to> criticize
- 16 him." End of quote.
- 17 So my question <is>, on the base of your statements here, don't
- 18 you believe that your criticism of Nat played a role in his
- 19 removal from the leadership of S-21?
- 20 [11.04.25]
- 21 A. Thank you, counsel. And allow me to respond, Mr. President. I
- 22 did not think about that and, indeed, it was not because of that
- 23 matter.
- 24 First, I <criticized> Nat in one case only, and that was a
- 25 one-<on>-one criticism because we were from the same Party branch

- 1 of progressive persons. I told him that it was too risky for him
- 2 to make arbitrary arrests of those individuals. And if he died,
- 3 I, <as> his deputy, would also die. And that would be
- 4 contradicting the Party's line. And for that reason, I had to
- 5 speak to him. And that was because we also had a good
- 6 relationship since before 1967, before we ran <into> the <>
- 7 forest.
- 8 And when Son Sen called us to go to work, he wanted to behave in
- 9 his superior capacity. He spoke about the arrest of <Ear> Kok
- 10 (phonetic) and about the vehicle. Son Sen removed his glasses and
- 11 put <them> on <again> and started scolding him, that he was so
- 12 selfish to make that arbitrary arrest.
- 13 [11.06.06]
- 14 And Nat was so scared upon hearing that, and that was one case.
- 15 As for the removal of Nat, I wondered why he was removed and I
- 16 think counsel should refer to the Party's <document, it says in
- 17 the middle> not to give forces to Nat and to Mean, that is, Chan
- 18 Chakrey, to control. And that was a document of Brother Pol Pot.
- 19 And Pol Pot gave <those > instructions to the Party Centre, and I
- 20 did not know the motives behind the matter.
- 21 So it was not my intervention at all in his removal.
- 22 Q. Now I would like to turn to the practical day-to-day work at
- 23 S-21. You said that you would read confessions, you would make
- 24 annotations and you would forward them to your superior, and
- 25 those confessions were given to you by the interrogator unit.

- 1 So my question is, did you have any direct ties with the
- 2 interrogators or was it always Hor who would provide you with the
- 3 interrogators' reports?
- 4 [11.07.57]
- 5 A. Regarding ordinary prisoners, once they had been interrogated,
- 6 the report would be sent to Hor, and Hor would forward them to
- 7 me. As for important prisoners or special prisoners, initially,
- 8 Son Sen gave firm instructions not to allow Hor to read those
- 9 confessions, and this is what I have just stated.
- 10 So Pon and Tuy would bring me those documents. And later on, the
- 11 matter of Phim actually expanded within S-21, and Hor also read
- 12 Pon's <documents>.
- 13 And later on, it was forwarded to me, sometimes Hor and sometimes
- 14 Pon, who gave me those documents. And that was the development at
- 15 S-21.
- 16 Q. And to be sure I understood you well, does that mean that no
- 17 matter the report, no matter the kind of interrogation, whether
- 18 it be the interrogation of ordinary people or of important
- 19 people, you would systematically get the reports? Is that so?
- 20 A. I think my previous response is clear, I said for ordinary
- 21 reports the report would go to Hor, and Hor would forward them to
- 22 me. As for special prisoners -- and of course, as I said, parties
- 23 did not want Hor to read it since he <had> leaked it before.
- 24 I used the word "leaked" because he raised the matter with Son
- 25 Sen about someone who was implicated. And Son Sen said Phim was

- 1 not a traitor and Son Sen gave me firm instructions not allow Hor
- 2 to read the confessions of important or special prisoners and I
- 3 stopped that for a while. And later on, Hor realized the
- 4 principle of secrecy and that since the matter was leaked to the
- 5 East Zone, he was allowed to read also confessions of special
- 6 prisoners and then he would forward them to me.
- 7 I hope that is clear enough Counsel.
- 8 [11.11.07]
- 9 O. Based on what you just told us with regard to Hor's <leaking
- 10 information>, did you speak to him directly and did you feel that
- 11 there was a change in your relations with Hor? At one point in
- 12 time, did you ask yourself if Hor was afraid of you or is it
- 13 something that never crossed your mind?
- 14 A. The matter that Hor reported to Son Sen and asked him about
- 15 whether Phim was a traitor, it was Hor who told me that he
- 16 reported the matter to Son Sen and separately Son Sen gave me
- 17 instructions not to allow Hor to read confessions in relation to
- 18 Phim. <So I instructed Pon not to let Hor read nor see the
- 19 confessions. > And he observed that I did not have any grudge
- 20 against him, <so> the process went rather smoothly and that was
- 21 the development there.
- 22 [11.12.49]
- 23 Q. I'm putting this question to you in relation to Hor's possible
- 24 fear, because you told us that he was working <well> with Nat
- 25 when he was at S-21 and I'd like to read to you statements by

- 1 Suos Thy to see if this refreshes your memory or if any case, if
- 2 this rings a bell with regard to your relations with Nat and Hor.
- 3 So the first excerpt I'm going to read out is the DC-Cam document
- 4 of Suos Thy, document E3/9320; Khmer, ERN 00052028; English,
- 5 00337982; French, 00280526. And the question that's put to Suos
- 6 Thy is the following, "Ta Nat was afraid of Duch?" And the -- and
- 7 Suos Thy's answer is the following:
- 8 "Yes, he also was afraid of Duch, however, Ta Nat was managing a
- 9 division, but he was afraid of Duch. I came to this conclusion
- 10 based on my analysis. And Hor was very much afraid of Ta Nat."
- 11 And to complete what I've just said, in your trial, Witness<,
- 12 perhaps your remember>, Suos Thy said at the hearing of 28 July
- 13 2009, document E3/7466; this was after 2.13.27 seconds in the
- 14 afternoon, he said:
- 15 "Yes, once again, I would like to repeat that I don't know what
- 16 kind of relations there were between Nat and Duch, but I can tell
- 17 you that with regard to Hor and Duch, Hor was very much afraid of
- 18 Duch." End of quote.
- 19 So let me get back to my original question. This is what Suos Thy
- 20 said. So in your relations with Nat and with Hor, did you get the
- 21 impression that both of these people were afraid of you?
- 22 [11.15.56]
- 23 A. Yes, Nat was afraid of me, but sometimes he dared to do
- 24 something as well. Because I only spoke to him when there were
- 25 issues in relation to the Party line and I spoke to him about his

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- 1 arbitrary arrest and, of course, I referred to him as "Brother",
- 2 that is, "Bong". So I spoke to him only when the Party line
- 3 <mattered>. But sometimes he was rather daring and everybody knew
- 4 that, even my superior.
- 5 And as for Nat's removal, it was not my initiative to do that. I
- 6 was <already> so happy to be his deputy because to be a chief, it
- 7 was difficult, <much> more difficult than <being> a deputy.
- 8 And please, I urge you again to read the Party line and that may
- 9 <have been> published in March '76. Brother Pol said that Nat and
- 10 <Mean> should not be provided with any forces. And that was the
- 11 instruction from the secretary of the Communist Party of
- 12 Kampuchea and I did not know when Nat <started to be> the subject
- 13 of scrutiny. When Nat spoke -- spoke to me, sometimes he
- 14 threatened me, but I only replied to him based on the principle
- 15 of the Party line.
- 16 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 17 What about Hor and you, what about the relationship; was Hor also
- 18 afraid of you because actually the counsel put the question to
- 19 you in relation to the two individuals? So to be more complete,
- 20 please respond to this individual relationship as well.
- 21 [11.18.20]
- 22 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 23 A. Thank you, President. I had kindness for Hor, although when
- 24 sometimes he <did something bad to> me, I kept silent. In my role
- 25 as a leader, I had kindness for people under my leadership.

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- 1 As a leader, I had three principles against my subordinates;
- 2 mainly, that is to <love> them<, to be true to> them <and> to
- 3 have kindness toward them.
- 4 When Nat was removed, Hor was rather concerned. I spoke to him
- 5 about the three principles of leadership and <then> he was afraid
- of me <and respected me>.
- 7 [11.19.22]
- 8 BY MS. GUISSE:
- 9 O. Now, I'd like to turn back to the report that you would read
- 10 and to the annotations that you would write. You said that you
- 11 would send the reports, first of all, to Son Sen and upon several
- 12 occasions, documents were shown to you that had been annotated by
- 13 Son Sen. And I'd like you to confirm that these annotations by
- 14 Son Sen, you had never seen them directly; it is only during your
- 15 trial <before this Chamber> that you saw Son Sen's annotations
- 16 for the first time or in any case, after the facts. So did I
- 17 understand your testimony properly?
- 18 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 19 Witness, please hold on and International Deputy Co-Prosecutor,
- 20 you have the floor.
- 21 MR. LYSAK:
- 22 Thank you, Mr. President. I just want to seek clarification, make
- 23 sure that -- is Counsel asking solely in regards to annotations
- 24 on confessions or other documents written by Son Sen?
- 25 BY MS. GUISSE:

- 1 Yes, indeed, let me specify this. I'm speaking about annotations
- 2 on confessions, so let me rephrase my question.
- 3 O. So did you see Son Sen's annotations on confessions during the
- 4 DK period or <only> after the facts when these documents were
- 5 provided to you by other people?
- 6 [11.21.35]
- 7 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 8 A. Regarding my annotations to Brother Son Sen, I knew that for
- 9 documents that I sent to my superior, I <made annotations>;
- 10 however, for documents that I stored, that I kept, I did not make
- 11 any annotations and that was the principle.
- 12 And later on, this Court was not yet established and it was
- 13 around end of April 1999, Nate Thayer presented to me a
- 14 confession of Kung Kien, alias Vet and the person used to work
- 15 with me and I made annotations on certain pages of that
- 16 confession. Then there was <a> comment from Brother Nuon and I
- 17 spoke to Christophe Peschoux at <Monorom> Hotel, for <several>
- 18 days from 28 April until the 3rd of May.
- 19 I said for the documents that I sent, Son Sen would have
- 20 annotated and those documents <> <belonged> to the Party Centre's
- 21 office; however, the documents that maintained at S-21 did not
- 22 bear any of his annotation.
- 23 Later on, when I was sent from the military tribunal to this
- 24 Court; that is on the 31st of July 2007, I was questioned by the
- 25 OCIJ. So for me, by that time, the annotations made by Son Sen

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- 1 <were> not a new document that was shown to me. The first time
- 2 that I saw it was when Nate Thayer presented it to me.
- 3 Q. But in order for things to be clear here, at the time, during
- 4 the facts -- and I'm going to quote from you in Case 002/01. This
- 5 is at the hearing of 4 April 2012, document E1/59.1; and this was
- 6 a little bit before 2.43.50 and you said:
- 7 "The S-21 documents that were sent to my superiors only contained
- 8 my annotations on the confessions given by the prisoners. Later
- 9 on, after having sent the reports, the documents that I had
- 10 annotated previously were never sent back to me. " End of quote.
- 11 So you confirm this; correct?
- 12 [11.25.10]
- 13 A. Yes, Counsel, I concur with this statement, but as I stated, I
- 14 saw my superior's annotations since 27 or 28 April 1999. That's
- 15 why I provided you with my response that I did not see it <for
- 16 the first time on the 31st July 2007, when I was brought here,
- 17 but I <had seen> his annotations <in> 1999, that is, annotations
- 18 on the reports that I sent to him.
- 19 Q. Now, let me turn to another short topic before the lunch
- 20 break. In your testimony on 7 June 2016, a little bit after
- 21 2.03.51 in the afternoon, you spoke about a young man and -- <I
- 22 apologize in advance for my poor pronunciation -->by the name of
- 23 Sim Mon (sic), S-I-M <M-A-N> (sic); he was a young Cham who was
- 24 working at S-21. Does this ring a bell?
- 25 [11.26.54]

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- 1 A. Regarding Sim Mel, alias Man, he was an individual from 703
- 2 and he was at the company level. Phal (phonetic) was the
- 3 secretary and Pauch was deputy of that company and that
- 4 individual was a member. <Sim> Mel, alias Man, that is his name.
- 5 <He was a Cham person.>
- 6 Q. And what was his position at S-21?
- 7 A. Sim Mel, alias Man, initially was a guard in a guard company.
- 8 Later on, he committed an offence, then I decided to send him to
- 9 work with Huy at the rice fields and later on, he committed
- 10 another mistake. He fled, then he was arrested; he was
- interrogated and subsequently, he was smashed.
- 12 MS. GUISSE:
- 13 Now, I would like to provide you with a photograph and like to
- 14 know if you recognize Man in this photograph. This is document
- 15 E3/1822; ERN 0078508; and with the leave of the President, I
- 16 would like to provide the document in question to the witness in
- 17 order to see if this person <we are talking about>.
- 18 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 19 Yes, you may proceed, Counsel.
- 20 MS. GUISSE:
- 21 And with the President's leave -- and this will be -- will be my
- 22 last point, can we please display this photograph on the screen?
- 23 [11.29.11]
- 24 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 25 Yes, you may proceed.

- 1 BY MS. GUISSE:
- 2 Q. So is this the Man you were speaking about; do you recognize
- 3 him on this photograph?
- 4 I see that you are reading the comments, comments provided by the
- 5 author of "Oukoubah" and this photograph comes from that book,
- 6 but I'd like you to rely on your recollections and to let us know
- 7 if this photograph rings a bell because in the comments, it's
- 8 indicated that we're not very sure about this young man's
- 9 identity, so I'd like to know if you have any recollections with
- 10 regard to this young man. Witness? Witness?
- 11 [11.30.47]
- 12 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 13 A. Thank you and allow me to clarify it. I <saw a> photograph of
- 14 the face of Man, since I <used> him. Initially, I sent him to
- 15 Amleang with Pon, that is, to take a letter to my fiancée. And
- 16 even from my attempts to identify him through the photo, I'm
- 17 still unclear as whether it is him and that's why I tried to read
- 18 the annotation underneath in order to refresh my memory, but it
- 19 is still unclear to me.
- 20 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 21 Thank you, Witness. This is now time for a lunch break. We take a
- 22 break now and resume at 1.30 this afternoon to continue our
- 23 proceedings.
- 24 Court officer, please assist the witness -- rather, Security
- 25 personnel, you are instructed to take Khieu Samphan as well as

- 1 the witness to the waiting rooms downstairs separately and have
- 2 Khieu Samphan returned to the courtroom before 1.30. As for
- 3 Witness, please have him back into the courtroom at 1.30 this
- 4 afternoon.
- 5 The Court is now in recess.
- 6 (Court recesses from 1132H to 1331H)
- 7 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 8 Please be seated. The Court is now back in session.
- 9 Again, the floor is given to the defence team for Khieu Samphan
- 10 to put further questions to the witness.
- 11 BY MS. GUISSE:
- 12 Thank you, Mr. President. Good afternoon, Witness. I will
- 13 continue where we left off.
- 14 Q. I would like you to clarify something. We talked about Suos
- 15 Thy and the fact that you did say that he contented himself with
- 16 using summary elements when he drew up lists.
- 17 Regarding more complete biographical information, do I understand
- 18 <correctly> that when prisoners were interrogated by the
- 19 interrogators, those biographical data were taken?
- 20 [13.32.39]
- 21 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 22 A. When the interrogator
 strought a> prisoner <for
- 23 interrogation>, he or -- he or she would have detailed
- 24 information of that prisoner so that they could find weak spots
- 25 and they used those weak spots against that particular prisoner.

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- 1 As for a summary <of> information; <the> brief biography by Suos
- 2 Thy was a different one, but the interrogators themselves, would
- 3 have detailed biographies of prisoners.
- 4 Q. When you say that the interrogators took summary biographical
- 5 data of the prisoners, do you mean in principle that it was the
- 6 interrogators who asked questions regarding the prisoners
- 7 biographies at the beginning of the interrogation sessions?
- 8 A. Interrogators would have separate biographies of prisoners so
- 9 they understood the strong and weak points of a particular
- 10 prisoner and they <had to> focus their interrogations or
- 11 questions accordingly.
- 12 [13.34.17]
- 13 MS. GUISSE:
- 14 When you state that they took their biographies, let me be more
- 15 specific <to simplify> my question.
- 16 I would like <to show you> document E3/10607; that is a
- 17 statement before the OCIJ and it is question 18 and question 19
- 18 that are of interest to me.
- 19 With your leave, Mr. President, may I request that the document
- 20 be shown to the witness?
- 21 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 22 Yes, you may proceed.
- 23 [13.35.11]
- 24 MS. GUISSE:
- 25 You'll find a little orange <label> on the document and it is

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- 1 against answer number 18.
- 2 And with your leave, Mr. President, may I also request that
- 3 answers 18 and 19 be placed on the screen?
- 4 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 5 Yes, you may proceed.
- 6 BY MR. GUISSE:
- 7 Q. So this is what you state when you are questioned on the
- 8 procedure for collecting confessions and biographies and this is
- 9 what you state -- may I inform the interpreters that I'll speak
- 10 in English because this document is not available in French.
- 11 "Simply speaking, a biography included a name, year of birth and
- 12 so on. Most Cambodians, at that time, could not remember like we
- 13 can today; therefore, they took information such as their name
- 14 and year of birth, place of birth, education, affiliation,
- 15 occupations, parents' occupations, and siblings' occupation. This
- 16 information was gathered using the cold interrogation method."
- 17 End of quote.
- 18 So let me put my question to you again. Do you confirm what you
- 19 told the Co-Investigating Judges, that is, that the interrogators
- 20 using the cold method, which you referred to a few days ago, they
- 21 used that method to obtain more complete biographical information
- 22 at the beginning of their interrogations of the prisoners?
- 23 (Short pause)
- 24 [13.38.00]
- 25 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:

- 1 A. Thank you. Mr. President, my statement does not convey any
- 2 message that <> interrogators had detailed information or
- 3 biographies <beforehand> and the biography <had to> include <the>
- 4 name and date of birth <since> ordinary people do not remember
- 5 those details <the way we could>. For that reason, they <took>
- 6 down <the person's name, > date of birth, place of birth,
- 7 <education, relationships, professions, and parents' and
- 8 siblings' <professions>. And <those are> the principles
- 9 interrogators used.
- 10 But they did not have information or

 biographies on> those
- 11 prisoners beforehand and that is what I meant in this statement.
- 12 So when they started the interrogation, they started with these
- 13 series of questions. <They did not focus on dates because>
- ordinary people usually do not remember <> dates <>.
- 15 [13.39.18]
- 16 Q. And that method, consisting in obtaining biographical data
- 17 using the cold interrogation method at the beginning of the
- 18 interrogation sessions, are you the one who imparted such a
- 19 method to the interrogators?
- 20 A. I was the one who told them and I was the one who taught them
- 21 how to do it. There was a document that I used to teach them and
- 22 there <are> remaining notebooks of some of those instructions.
- 23 Q. Another point on which I would like you to provide some
- 24 clarifications is as follows. On the 20th of June in answer to a
- 25 question put to you by my colleague Counsel Koppe -- and I'll

- 1 quote what you said precisely -- and it was the hearing of the
- 2 20th of June shortly after <15.39.18>. The question he put to you
- 3 was as follows:
- 4 "Did you, indeed, say that<, and was it indeed not sufficient for
- 5 a> person be accused <just> once?" And the question <was "to be
- 6 arrested when the person was accused
 confessions".
- 7 [13.40.54]
- 8 And the answer you gave was as follows:
- 9 "In this regard, accusing someone only once did not suffice to
- 10 arrest someone. The principle handed down by Pol Pot during the
- 11 17 April celebrations, was that you needed 10 confessions in
- order to be able to arrest someone." End of quote.
- 13 Before asking my question, I would like to refer you to other
- 14 statements you gave before this Chamber. This time around, it was
- on the 3rd of April 2012, document E1/58.1 and it was shortly
- 16 before 14.02.13 and this was the question put to you, "Was there
- 17 a rule or principle according to which when you were implicated
- 18 in three different confessions, you had <a high> probability of
- 19 being arrested <yourself>? Was this rule of three accusations --
- 20 three confessions, a rule that existed; did it actually exist in
- 21 reality?"
- 22 And your answer was as follows, "There was no such rule." End of
- 23 quote.
- 24 [13.42.13]
- 25 So today, my question to you is whether there was a rule relating

- 1 to the number of implications in confessions or not, because the
- 2 answer you gave in 2012 made me understand that there was no such
- 3 rule; can you explain this to the Chamber?
- 4 A. Allow me to verify it one more time. Pol Pot's instruction on
- 5 the commemoration day of 17 April '77 was merely a theory. It was
- 6 only a theory; he did not specify how many times a person was
- 7 implicated before that person <would be> arrested and the
- 8 statement that when a person was implicated three times, <that>
- 9 person had to be arrested, <this> existed only in theory.
- 10 And allow me to give an example in relation to Brother Mok. S-21
- 11 prisoners implicated him in 15 confessions; however, he was still
- 12 the deputy commander-in-chief of the People's Revolutionary Army
- 13 and he remained alive until he was imprisoned with me at the
- 14 military tribunal. So the number of implications existed only in
- 15 theory and the person <had> to be under surveillance to see what
- 16 actually happened.
- 17 [13.44.14]
- 18 And, of course, I believe the Chamber understands the case in
- 19 <relation> to Nat very well. There was a Party's document that
- 20 existed in around March, that Pol Pot said Mean and Nat should
- 21 not be given any <power> and I did not know when these two
- 22 individuals <started being> under constant surveillance. And Nat
- 23 was later transferred to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and in
- 24 order to send him as an ambassador and maybe he did not perform
- 25 that work well as in the case of Hok <and Kim Huot>, <so> he was

- 1 subsequently arrested.
- 2 So, the number of 3 or 10 implications in a confession or
- 3 confessions existed only in theory and it depended on the
- 4 activities of those under surveillance. <Whether> the person
- 5 <had> to be arrested or not, <> the decisions had to be made by
- 6 870, that is, in terms of the arrest of the Party's cadres. So
- 7 you could not use these numbers of implications as a measure to
- 8 arrest them.
- 9 [13.45.43]
- 10 Q. I would like to move to another point and it has to do with
- 11 armed conflict. You stated that the armed conflict started on the
- 12 31st of December 1977; did I properly understand your testimony?
- 13 And when I talked of armed conflict, I'm referring to the armed
- 14 conflict with Vietnam, for the purpose of completeness.
- 15 A. No, it was not an armed conflict. In fact, the Communist Party
- of Kampuchea declared war <on> the Communist Party of Vietnam,
- 17 that is, on the 31st of December 1978. Yes, that is correct. That
- 18 was the date that the Party <declared> war and I cannot recall it
- 19 clearly whether it was <in> '77 or '78. It was 1978.
- 20 Q. Yesterday, it appears that you mentioned the 31st of December
- 21 1977. In any case<, we reminded you of> the statements you gave
- 22 in Case 001<, but> I will try to jog your memory otherwise. Do
- 23 you recall ever hearing someone talk of conflicts on the border
- 24 <in> 1977, <late> 1977; does that ring a bell?
- 25 [13.47.52]

- 1 A. Please hold on. I cannot think whether it is the correct year;
- 2 that is, 1977 or '78. And on the issues of clashes between the
- 3 combatants of the CPK and the combatants of the "Yuon" Communist
- 4 Party, indeed, that happened.
- 5 At that time, Phan Hien actually made a protest to <the> liaison
- 6 entity of the CPK, regarding the clashes and at that time, <there
- 7 were> skirmishes <along the border> and that happened on the 15
- 8 of May 1976.
- 9 Phan Hien spoke about the issue and then Pol Pot gave
- 10 instructions that there should be no internal <leak> of the issue
- 11 and, of course, it was not worded as an armed conflict, but <as>
- 12 skirmishes along the border.
- 13 [13.49.12]
- 14 And there was a letter sent to the upper echelon about Vietnamese
- 15 civilians who came <looking for> firewood in the forest inside
- 16 Kampuchean territory and before 15 May 1975, there were incidents
- 17 where Vietnamese people entered Kampuchean territory <and some of
- 18 them were then arrested, some were chased away>. And from the 15
- 19 of May <>, there were clashes between the two forces and
- 20 gradually it continued, and it continued until the 31st of
- 21 December 1978, when the CPK declared war.
- 22 And allow me to finish it at this point.
- 23 Q. Very well. I would like you to pay particular attention in
- 24 answering my questions; you have to answer in light of what you
- 25 knew at the time.

- 1 My question to you now is whether you recall hearing a speech by
- 2 Pol Pot in early 1978; in any case, in April 1978 <at the
- 3 latest>, during which he referred to incidents that occurred
- 4 between the army of Democratic Kampuchea and that of Vietnam?
- 5 Does Pol Pot's speech in early 1978, ring a bell to you?
- 6 [13.51.23]
- 7 A. Before I respond to your question, Counsel, and Mr. President,
- 8 before I respond to that question, allow me to clarify what I
- 9 said in my last response.
- 10 My knowledge in that response was similar to the knowledge that I
- 11 learned within the period of 17 April 1975 to <7> January '79 and
- 12 there is no need for the counsel to remind me of that.
- 13 And I have no clue about the speech made by Pol Pot. You have to
- 14 be specific as to which speech he made.
- 15 MS. GUISSE:
- 16 Mr. President, the document is E3/4604. That speech features in
- 17 the April 1978, "Revolutionary Flag" magazine and the ERN in
- 18 French is 00520342; ERN in English, 00519832; and in Khmer the
- 19 ERN -- there's two paragraphs that are of interest to me and the
- 20 ERNs are 00064710 and the following page. And to make sure there
- 21 are no translation problems, may I ask my colleague Kong Sam Onn
- 22 to read the two paragraphs that are relevant to me in Khmer. So
- 23 he'll read it directly in Khmer.
- 24 With your leave, Mr. President, may I also request that these two
- 25 paragraphs be placed on the screen and my team will take care of

- 1 that?
- 2 [13.53.35]
- 3 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 4 Yes, you may proceed.
- 5 MR. KONG SAM ONN:
- 6 Thank you, Mr. President. Allow me to read the relevant excerpt.
- 7 "This year, in particular, during November and December, during
- 8 the first round of their large-scale attacks against us, they
- 9 used up to nine divisions of their regular forces to strike at
- 10 and <penetrate> our eastern border. These nine divisions, not
- 11 counting their scattered additional regional district and militia
- 12 units, were their concentrated units. Many of those nine
- 13 divisions were their renowned regular force divisions. Of the
- 14 renowned ones, one was Division 9."
- 15 [13.54.46]
- 16 "The 'Yuon' 9th Division was their most renowned in the fight
- 17 against the Americans. This renowned division came to strike us
- 18 during 1977. During the months of November and December, they
- 19 attacked and entered our territory in Svay Rieng, Eastern Kampong
- 20 Cham, Takeo, and Kampot as you have successively been informed.
- 21 However, we counterattacked them and broke them. They entered
- 22 Kampot for three days before we attacked and smashed them and
- 23 they left. In Takeo at Kaoh Andaet and Kirivong, they entered for
- 24 more than a week before we attacked and smashed them and then
- 25 they left. In Svay Rieng, they were there for about a month

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- 1 before we attacked and smashed them and then they left. In
- 2 Eastern Kampong Cham, Eastern Kampong Cham meaning Ponhea Kraek,
- 3 Memot, and Tuek Chrov districts, they entered for about half a
- 4 month before we attacked them and smashed them to bits and then
- 5 they left."
- 6 This is the end of the excerpt. Thank you, Mr. President.
- 7 [13.56.29]
- 8 BY MS. GUISSE:
- 9 Q. Witness, you have heard that <passage> read out by my
- 10 colleague, Kong Sam Onn, directly in Khmer; does it refresh your
- 11 memory? Does this excerpt of Pol Pot's speech remind you of
- 12 something you may have heard during that period?
- 13 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 14 Mr. President, I would like the counsel to provide me with that
- 15 copy of the excerpt.
- 16 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 17 For purpose of clarity, court officer, could you deliver the
- 18 document from the counsel for the witness <to examine>?
- 19 BY MS. GUISSE:
- 20 Q. Since the speech was read out to you in Khmer, I suppose that
- 21 you heard it. There are no translation problems in the text. Does
- 22 it refresh your memory as regards whether or not you may have
- 23 heard it?
- 24 [13.57.58]
- 25 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:

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- 1 A. Thank you and please allow me to put a question to you; from
- 2 which <revolutionary> magazine publications that you take this
- 3 excerpt?
- 4 Q. As I pointed out a while ago, it is the "Revolutionary Flag"
- 5 of April 1978, document E3/4604. But the question is as follows:
- 6 Does the <excerpt> refresh your memory? If it doesn't refresh
- 7 your memory, I would also understand.
- 8 A. Allow me to respond briefly to your question. Yes, I I heard
- 9 that. It was during the commemoration day of 17 April 1978.
- 10 [13.59.16]
- 11 Q. Is it during this speech that you heard for the first time
- 12 about the different clashes between November and December 1977,
- or even before the speech you had heard about that at S-21?
- 14 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 15 Counsel, could you clarify the date in your question? The
- 16 publication of the revolutionary magazine <issue 4> was in April;
- 17 is this April 1977 or April 1978 and I -- yes, rather 1978 is the
- 18 <> year of publication?
- 19 BY MS. GUISSE:
- 20 Indeed, Mr. President, that is the date I mentioned in French in
- 21 any case, April 1978. So my question remains the same.
- 22 Q. Witness, did you hear about these clashes in November and
- 23 December 1977? Did you hear about these clashes for the first
- 24 time during this speech or had you heard about them before when
- 25 you were at S-21?

- 1 (Short pause)
- 2 [14.01.13]
- 3 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 4 A. I heard about that before. I recall it clearly. That <was> on
- 5 the 6th of January 1978. Pol Pot celebrated a ceremony and he
- 6 made a speech about building up of the army and there is the
- 7 sources <from poor> peasants<, they> were the foundation of the
- 8 army. That was also the time that Pol Pot <chased> "Yuon" <> away
- 9 from Cambodia. And that happened on the 6th of January '78.
- 10 And then, in April 1978, there was another celebration and there
- 11 were five dignitaries onstage. Actually, I spoke about that once.
- 12 There were Brother Pol, Nuon, Vorn, Hem and Thiounn Thioeunn. The
- 13 five were onstage. And that is my response to you; that I had
- 14 heard about this matter before.
- 15 [14.02.26]
- 16 BY MS. GUISSE:
- 17 A point of clarification here because I believe there might have
- 18 been a translation issue. At the 13 June 2016 hearing, a little
- 19 bit after 10.55, you were speaking about 196 police officers in
- 20 Democratic Kampuchea, at least according to the French
- 21 translation, and then a little bit later on we heard "police
- 22 office". In Khmer I was told that you were speaking about 196
- 23 security centres inside Democratic Kampuchea.
- 24 Q. So can you tell us indeed if, in Khmer, you were indeed
- 25 speaking about security centres?

- 1 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 2 A. The number 196 was shown to me <during> the proceedings in
- 3 Case 001. <Regarding security centres> throughout the nation,
- 4 there were at least 196 <individuals> including S-21. This figure
- 5 was determined by the Office of the Co-Prosecutors. It was not
- 6 the figure that I came up with through my research.
- 7 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 8 Duch, please repeat it again. I believe there could be confusion
- 9 in the terms that you used. You spoke about 196 <individuals>
- 10 including S-21. Please use the proper word for the <individuals>.
- 11 Are you referring to the security centres or individuals as human
- 12 beings?
- 13 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 14 The number of 196 refers to security centres throughout the
- 15 country, including S-21. So there were 195 security centres
- 16 besides S-21.
- 17 [14.05.18]
- 18 BY MS. GUISSE:
- 19 O. You have just, in fact, anticipated the following question
- 20 which is; where did you obtain this figure from? And you said
- 21 that it was during the investigation that you became aware of
- 22 this figure. So the logical question following this is you,
- 23 during the DK period, how many security centres were you aware
- 24 of?
- 25 A. I was aware of a small number of security centres, <I used to

- 1 visit a> security centre at Kampong <Tom. It> was managed by my
- 2 younger <in-law, Keoly Thong Huot, he was a deputy there.> And
- 3 Norm (phonetic) was in charge of <a> security centre <at Sector
- 4 32>. <Khan> (phonetic) was the <former chief> of that centre. So
- 5 <during the regime, I was aware of> these <> security centres <as
- 6 well as my security centre, > and <there was a security centre
- 7 that was no longer used, it was called> Office 15<, which> was
- 8 <run> by Teng (phonetic).
- 9 [14.06.45]
- 10 Q. Do you know this because you had so little information? Was it
- 11 because of the principle of secrecy or was it because security
- 12 centres were not in contact with each other?
- 13 Does this explain why you had so little information?
- 14 A. Thank you very much for asking me that matter. This allows me
- 15 to make a clarification again.
- 16 Security <centres> at the district did not respect the security
- 17 centres at the sector level. The secretary of the security centre
- 18 district respected the secretary of the district committee. So
- 19 the instruction orders came from the committee, secretary of the
- 20 committee at a district level. And as for the security centre at
- 21 the sector level<, they> received the orders from the secretary
- 22 of the sector level and the same applied to <the>> zone.
- 23 Q. Please, I apologize. I must interrupt you because apparently
- 24 there was a problem in the interpretation of what you said. So
- 25 the interpreters did not understand everything. So please can you

- 1 repeat your answer? I am asking you once again to please answer
- 2 on the basis of the knowledge you had during the DK period.
- 3 [14.08.50]
- 4 A. Thank you. I am talking of what I knew at the time. The
- 5 security centre at the district level respected the secretary of
- 6 district committee. That was the chain of command. And usually
- 7 there was no <horizontal> communication, <meaning there was no
- 8 communication between security centres at the district level and
- 9 security centres at the sector level>. S-21 did not have the
- 10 authority to be in charge of any other security centres. So, S-21
- 11 received orders and instructions from 870 and the reports would
- 12 be sent as well to 870 <only>. This is what I learned at the
- 13 time.
- 14 [14.10.10]
- 15 MS. GUISSE:
- 16 Well, let me move ahead and I will return to a translation
- 17 problem we identified between Khmer and French but for the moment
- 18 I would like to move ahead. You spoke about your <first> meeting
- 19 with Pang <, if I understood, > when you were still at the PJ. Did
- 20 I understand your testimony well? I am not asking you to go into
- 21 the details of your meeting with him, but is it true that it is
- 22 at the PJ where you saw him for the first time?
- 23 A. Yes, that is true.
- 24 Q. Let me pick up from an answer that you provided us this
- 25 morning. You told us that as of the 15th of August 1977, Pang

- 1 allegedly held functions at S-21. So I would like to know what
- 2 his duties were exactly. What was his role at S-21 after 15
- 3 August 1977, which is the day you tell us Son Sen went to the
- 4 battlefront?
- 5 A. This has something to do with the interpretation. Nothing is
- 6 complicated. Brother Nuon introduced Pang to me at the time. He
- 7 came to supervise me at S-21.
- 8 Q. So he came to supervise you at S-21. You are speaking about
- 9 Pang, and when you say he came to supervise you what do you mean
- 10 exactly? What kind of supervision duties did he have over you?
- 11 What exactly did he do?
- 12 A. I was in charge of work at S-21. He conveyed the words from
- 13 870 to me and when I wanted to report <to 870>, I had to report
- 14 through Pang <since I did not get to speak to Uncle Nuon on the
- 15 telephone directly>. Pang was not <like> Lin. He went deep into
- 16 S-21, even to the the sculptors' <workstation>.
- 17 [14.13.30]
- 18 Q. Well, let us try to make a distinction here. You are telling
- 19 us that you would provide him with elements that he would forward
- 20 to 870 and then he would provide you with elements coming from
- 21 870 in turn. That's what I understood from your testimony. And
- 22 here this does not appear to be supervision work. It appears that
- 23 you are describing the role of an intermediary here.
- 24 So regarding this aspect of Pang's work, was he involved in other
- 25 aspects such as confessions or such as the operations within S-21

- 1 beyond just transmitting information?
- 2 [14.14.37]
- 3 A. It's not correct to say that he was an intermediary <or a
- 4 messenger>. He had the <basic> authority<, maybe it is hard to
- 5 understand that term>. <In fact, when> he <came> to S-21<,> he
- 6 came as a spokesperson. If I wanted to send a report, I would
- 7 send <it> through him.
- 8 Sometimes, for some work, I had to ask him for <his> opinion
- 9 since he was aware of some tasks and for other jobs that he did
- 10 not know how to deal with <and>, he would ask me to wait until he
- 11 got the opinion from the upper echelon.
- 12 Sometimes he would also give <me an> opinion or advise me. And he
- 13 also made <it> clear when he received direct instruction from the
- 14 upper echelon <or 870> and he would tell me so. So again, he came
- 15 to S-21 as a supervisor.
- 16 Q. So I have a bit of trouble understanding you here <in these
- 17 conditions>. I understood at first that after Son Sen's
- 18 departure<, you said in the earlier hearing, that> Nuon Chea
- 19 became your direct superior whereas here <according to your
- 20 description, > I have the impression that it is Pang, rather. Pang
- 21 was the person you saw on a daily basis?
- 22 A. That is your understanding concerning the work of CPK and you
- 23 you are not familiar with the security work under the CPK.
- 24 My superior was Nuon Chea. He would call me to work with him once
- 25 every three or four days and as for Pang and Lin, they came to

- 1 S-21 any time they wanted. Sometimes they would come to S-21 one
- 2 or two times a day. It <depended> on them.
- 3 [14.17.13]
- 4 And the enemies'<confessions> were sent through Pang <to Uncle
- 5 Nuon>. And <usually> Toeung would come to receive the confessions
- 6 from me and give <them> to Nuon Chea. And Lin and Pang also
- 7 received the confessions in order to deliver <them> to Nuon Chea
- 8 as well. <So, my main superior was Uncle Nuon.> And my former
- 9 chief <was Son Sen, but he had gone > to the battlefront already
- 10 and after <that> I had to work with Nuon Chea but there were
- 11 others who came <to S-21> to receive documents.
- 12 Q. So he would come pick up the documents and he would take them
- 13 to his superiors.
- 14 My question, therefore, is the following: You also spoke about
- 15 another issue, saying that Pang involved himself in the sculpture
- 16 workshop. So can you tell us exactly what his role was and what
- 17 his involvement was?
- 18 [14.18.35]
- 19 A. Everyone knew that Pang and Lin were <messengers or> part of
- 20 the security guards or defence unit for Pol Pot, the top leader.
- 21 Everyone was aware of that at S-21. In fact, he went to S-21 and
- 22 he was the one who gave Pol Pot's portrait to me <so that it
- 23 could be painted>. And he went to the sculpture <workshop> also
- 24 to have a look at whether <or not> the painting resembled Pol
- 25 Pot. So he went deep into the workshop to examine the work there.

- 1 Q. So when you are speaking about his involvement you are telling
- 2 us that he went once or that he went several times?
- 3 A. Comrade Pang went to my house and also went to the sculpture
- 4 workshop on many occasions. Three times -- two or three times he
- 5 went to the workshop <but> not more than five times. Now let me
- 6 say <he did not go> to the workshop <more than three times>.
- 7 However, he went to my house on a frequent basis.
- 8 [14.20.12]
- 9 O. So he was allowed to move about freely within the S-21
- 10 compound?
- 11 A. That is true. However, he needed to have me <accompanying
- 12 him>. Otherwise, he <> would not have the authority to walk
- 13 around freely.
- 14 Q. And could he attend the interrogations of prisoners?
- 15 A. No. He was not engaged in interrogation of prisoners.
- 16 Q. So when you would give Pang confessions, were these
- 17 confessions in a sealed envelope or he could read the confessions
- 18 directly before giving them to whomever he had to?
- 19 A. And the envelopes <that> used to be sent to 870 were of good
- 20 quality, <Hor found the envelopes, which belonged to Belgian
- 21 Embassy. So, > the confessions were completely sealed.
- 22 [14.22.03]
- 23 Q. So I understand from your answer that he was, therefore, not
- 24 allowed to read these confessions unless he would open the
- 25 envelopes without having the authorization to do so.

- 1 A. That is what I want to say but he could read some confessions
- 2 that Nuon Chea <required> him to read after the big supervisor or
- 3 chief read the confessions and he was allowed to read <them> in
- 4 order to get the <clarification> from me. That is what he could
- 5 do.
- 6 So again, after Uncle Nuon read the confessions, Pang -- and if
- 7 Nuon Chea was not quite sure about some confessions, he would ask
- 8 Pang to get the <clarification from> me for confirmation. <He
- 9 would give the confessions without envelopes to Pang to bring
- 10 them to me. So Pang had slightly different role than other
- 11 messengers like Toeung or Chiv alias Sot etc. >
- 12 Q. So you were not present when Pang would give the confessions
- 13 to the people he had to do that? You were not present when that
- 14 would happen; correct?
- 15 A. Pang gave a sealed envelope <of> confessions <to Uncle Nuon>
- 16 at the <Central> Office <> and I was at <S-21>. <So, I did not
- 17 know about that.>
- 18 [14.24.01]
- 19 MS. GUISSE:
- 20 Before I continue with Pang, I would like to return to a
- 21 translation issue.
- 22 Mr. President, with your leave I would like to provide to the
- 23 witness an excerpt from the draft transcript of 8 June 2016, a
- 24 little bit after 9.51.15 seconds in the morning. And the witness
- 25 speaks here about the security centres throughout Cambodia. I am

- 1 going to read out what I have in French, but I would like to
- 2 check the Khmer version so we can maybe solve this interpretation
- 3 issue.
- 4 And I do not know if I have your leave, Mr. President, to display
- 5 the Khmer version on the screen so that the Khmer speakers may
- 6 follow this directly. Of course, this is only a draft transcript
- 7 but at least it will also allow the interpreters to follow, if
- 8 you give me your leave, Mr. President.
- 9 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 10 Yes, you can do so. However, could you please identify the
- 11 document number and also the ERN?
- 12 BY MS. GUISSE:
- 13 I don't have the index number and I don't have the ERNs because
- 14 these are only draft transcripts. It's the draft transcript of 8
- 15 June 2016. All I can tell you is that this is after 9.51.15 in
- 16 the morning.
- 17 So Witness, I will let you read this a little bit first.
- 18 Q. Fine. I am going to ask for your assistance, Witness, for you
- 19 to read that out afterwards in Khmer for there to be a proper
- 20 interpretation.
- 21 In my French version, here you are speaking about the arrest at
- 22 S-21 and you say, and this is what I have in French interpreted
- 23 to English and I would like you to read it out in Khmer: "When a
- 24 husband was arrested the wife was also brought to S-21 and in all
- of the security centres throughout the country when the husband

- 1 was arrested, the wife was also arrested. "End of quote.
- 2 I was told that in Khmer you did not make this generalization.
- 3 You did not say that this happened in all security centres. So
- 4 please can you read out the answer you provided yesterday to the
- 5 Chamber and then I will put a question to you?
- 6 [14.27.11]
- 7 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 8 A. "After the husband was arrested, the wife would also be
- 9 arrested". So perhaps <the role of> S-21 <was> similar <to that
- 10 of> other security centres throughout the country."
- 11 Q. Well, I understand here that when you answered this question
- 12 you were telling us that this may be happened in the other
- 13 security centres but here you are just supposing this. Is that
- 14 what I must understand from your answer?
- 15 In Khmer you are saying "maybe". Maybe this is what happened in
- 16 the other security centres just like what was happening at S-21.
- 17 But I understand from that that you do not know that clearly that
- 18 your -- this is only a hypothesis. Did I understand you
- 19 correctly?
- 20 [14.28.28]
- 21 A. Mr. President, after a husband was arrested that was the time
- 22 for the wife <to be arrested, too>. This <was> the Party
- 23 <Centre>'s principle. So no other security <centre> implemented
- 24 <a different principle>. <When> the husband was arrested, then
- 25 the wife was also arrested.

- 1 But perhaps there were <exceptional> cases; for example, Ke Kim
- 2 Huot was arrested and then <his wife, > Dem Saroeun (phonetic),
- 3 was also arrested. However, the oldest child, Ke Kandara
- 4 (phonetic) wanted --asked permission to see me and he survived
- 5 the regime.
- 6 The oldest child was working in the east. Ke Kim Huot and Dem
- 7 Saroeun (phonetic) were <in> the northwest. The husband and wife
- 8 had been arrested but the child, the elder child, was not
- 9 arrested.
- 10 The general principle was that <when> the husband <was arrested,
- 11 the> wife would be arrested <as well>.
- 12 Q. You yourself explained a while ago that S-21 was not by
- 13 vocation, supposed to supervise the other security centres but
- 14 you said that under Democratic Kampuchea you knew two other
- 15 security centres out of the 196 security centres identified
- 16 during your trial.
- 17 My question to you is as follows. You, yourself, can you only
- 18 talk about what happened exactly the way it happened at S-21,
- 19 <where you worked. You do not know exactly how things happened in
- 20 the other security centers. > Do you agree with me that during the
- 21 period of Democratic Kampuchea you did not know exactly what
- 22 happened in the other security centres?
- 23 [14.31.02]
- 24 A. In principle that statement is correct.
- 25 Q. I would like us to talk about Pang now. We've referred to what

- 1 you presented as your work as a supervisor at S-21, and you said
- 2 that Pang came <regularly> to S-21<, that if he accompanied you,>
- 3 he was authorized to move about in S-21. Was he aware of the
- 4 principle that you referred to in your testimony, that persons
- 5 who were arrested had to be smashed?
- 6 A. I believe that he knew about it because that was the general
- 7 principle of the CPK.
- 8 Q. You say that you believe he was aware of it. Is it because you
- 9 never discussed the fate of prisoners with Pang, the fate of
- 10 prisoners at S-21 with Pang?
- 11 [14.32.49]
- 12 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 13 A. That was the universal general principle of the CPK, that
- 14 anyone who was arrested had to be smashed. So there would be no
- 15 sense to speak about the fate of those arrested. <The> Party's
- 16 line was not something to be discussed whether it was appropriate
- 17 or not. Whatever was determined by the Party, it had to be
- 18 implemented.
- 19 BY MS. GUISSE:
- 20 Q. Do you recall the date on which Pang was arrested? This
- 21 morning you said you were not very sure that you didn't quite
- 22 remember. Do you remember more clearly now, in what year and in
- 23 what month Pang was arrested?
- 24 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 25 A. If you don't ask me the question, I would even seek the floor

- 1 from the Chamber to speak about the arrest of Pang, since I
- 2 recall it. Vorn went on the 20th or 21st of April '78 and it was
- 3 not on the day of the commemoration of the Party's day of '77,
- 4 because during that period, Pang went with Pol Pot to Korea and
- 5 China. And on the celebration, we celebrated for three days,
- 6 <the>>16, 17 and 18th and in fact the material was not yet removed
- 7 when Brother <Vorn> came.
- 8 So allow me to say that it happened after the 18th April <when
- 9 Brother Vorn came >. I believe Pang was arrested likely on the 20
- 10 or 21st of April of '78.
- 11 [14.35.20]
- 12 Q. Do you recall how many or already -- do you recall whether
- 13 <after> his detention at S-21, he was smashed?
- 14 A. Once a person was arrested, <detained, and> interrogated, if
- 15 <the person was too stubborn, > there was no need to keep them,
- 16 <so> the person had to be smashed. As in the case of Pang, it
- 17 seems that there was no need to keep him since his confessions
- 18 were confusing, so he was smashed.
- 19 Q. Do you recall on what date he was smashed?
- 20 A. No, I do not recall that.
- 21 [14.36.34]
- 22 Q. I would like to use the document with the witness and possibly
- 23 place it on the screen. I don't know, Mr. President, whether you
- 24 would like us to go on break now or I can continue? Can I
- 25 continue?

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- 1 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 2 Yes, you may continue for a few more minutes.
- 3 MS. GUISSE:
- 4 Thank you. May I request therefore that the page or, rather,
- 5 document E3/1596, be placed on the screen? The ERN in French is
- 6 00758366; ERN in Khmer, 00013354; ERN in English, 00753743. And
- 7 may I also request that the Khmer version be given to the
- 8 witness<, I have it available here.>
- 9 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 10 Yes, you may proceed.
- 11 [14.38.03]
- 12 BY MS. GUISSE:
- 13 Q. Witness, you now have the document before you. May I request
- 14 that it also be placed on the screen?
- 15 On the first page of this confession it is indicated, as follows,
- 16 "Confessions of 010". Do you know what the code 010 refers to,
- 17 the person it refers to?
- 18 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 19 A. The code 010, to my knowledge, I do not recall who it was.
- 20 Previously there were designated codes for certain individuals
- 21 but I cannot really recall them now. I do not recall whose
- 22 confession it was in relation to the document presented to me.
- 23 [14.39.22]
- 24 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 25 Thank you. Thank you, Witness.

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- 1 It is now appropriate for a short break. We will take a break now
- 2 and resume at 3 o'clock.
- 3 Court officer, please assist the witness at the waiting room
- 4 reserved for witnesses and civil parties during the break time
- 5 and have him return to the courtroom at 3 o'clock. The Court is
- 6 now in recess.
- 7 (Court recesses from 1439H to 1450H)
- 8 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 9 Please be seated. The Court is now back in session.
- 10 Again, the floor is given to the defence team for Khieu Samphan
- 11 to put further questions to the witness.
- 12 [15.01.19]
- 13 BY MS. GUISSE:
- 14 Thank you, Mr. President.
- 15 Q. Witness, getting back to the document that was provided to you
- 16 just before the break and you said that at the ERN that I
- 17 indicated to you, that is to say, 00013354, code <010> doesn't
- 18 mean anything to you.
- 19 So please look at the first page of this document, that is to
- 20 say, at the ERN that ends in 53 in Khmer. It's not very legible,
- 21 but at the upper right-hand side of this document, we see "Pang"
- 22 written out. We see "Statement of 18 July 1978", and in Khmer you
- 23 wrote on the left-hand side -- you have to look at the first
- 24 page; yes, I don't -- I believe you are not looking at the right
- 25 page. Witness, can you please look at this page? Can we maybe

- 1 display it on the screen so that it may be easier for the witness
- 2 to spot it?
- 3 [15.02.28]
- 4 So, it's document E3/1596, on the first page in all three
- 5 languages. And in Khmer, Witness, on the first page of this
- 6 document, on the upper left-hand corner, we see the name of Chhim
- 7 Sam Aok alias Pang who is the security chief <at S-71, you should
- 8 see that in Khmer>. Maybe the photocopy is a bit dark. You should
- 9 be looking at the first page. Witness, are you following me? The
- 10 first page.
- 11 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 12 Deputy Co-Prosecutor, you have the floor.
- 13 MR. LYSAK:
- 14 Yes, if the first page is what I'm looking at, Counsel may want
- 15 to clarify this. I'm not sure this is a part of the original
- 16 document. Usually, there's a cover that's been added by either
- 17 the Tuol Sleng or whoever was the repository that found this, but
- 18 I think that should be clarified because I'm not sure that this
- 19 is part of the original document.
- 20 BY MS. GUISSE:
- 21 Well, I haven't seen the original document. I can only note that
- 22 the document is annexed and the ERNs follow each other.
- 23 Q. So I don't know if, Witness, when you read the first page, you
- 24 see "Pang" on the first page and does that ring a bell? Does that
- 25 first page correspond to the first page of Pang's confessions

- 1 and, especially, was Pang known as Brother <010>?
- 2 [15.04.54]
- 3 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 4 A. Mr. President, I have many questions regarding this document.
- 5 The code here is 010, and I was asked by the Co-Prosecutor at one
- 6 point about code number 10 and number 30, <> one was Vorn and
- 7 <another one> was <An>.
- 8 And the content of this document seems to indicate that code
- 9 number 10 refers to Panq, and in the revolutionary rank of CPK,
- 10 the word "Aok" was not spelled as it is on this page.
- 11 Also, at S-21 or at the Party Centre, nobody would write the word
- 12 "damboung" with the word "T" it should be with "D" and in English
- 13 <it means> "at the beginning".
- 14 So <these are> the discrepancies that I noticed, however, the
- 15 content of the confession seems to originate from S-21 and the
- 16 handwriting is mine. So I neither deny it nor accept this
- 17 confession, although the content seems to be consistent.
- 18 [15.06.30]
- 19 I recall that Pang's confessions were rather confusing and Uncle
- 20 Nuon gave me a letter about the fact that Pang called on the
- 21 radio to the East to bring bread with meat stuffed inside and
- 22 what it meant and he would ask me to clarify the matter, but from
- 23 my reading of Pang's confessions, it was confusing. And <from> my
- 24 glimpse at this document, it seems that the content is
- 25 consistent, since he was close to a Comrade Ya.

- 1 Q. Fine. So, <let's put this document aside> if you're not sure
- 2 that these are Pang's confessions, <even if you say they could
- 3 be, you said that as far as you remember, Pang was allegedly
- 4 arrested after the 17 April 1978 celebration. Do you remember for
- 5 how long he was detained at S-21?
- 6 I'd like to add that the date of 28 May 1978, appears and
- 7 apparently this document was forwarded in July 1978, so I don't
- 8 know if these dates ring a bell but do you remember if Pang was
- 9 detained for one or two months after his arrest <at S-21>?
- 10 [15.08.38]
- 11 A. It is rather difficult for me to clarify this matter. If I am
- 12 given a list that I worked <on> with the OCP, it is <easier> for
- 13 me to <comment on it> because on the list, there are columns
- 14 <for> entry and <smash> dates. In the case of Pang, what I could
- 15 say is that his confessions were not that beneficial.
- 16 Regarding the date he was smashed, I can say that he was arrested
- 17 in April and by about June Phim was arrested and it is likely
- 18 that I instructed my staff to execute him before that date of
- 19 Phim's <arrest> in June, <in line with to Uncle Nuon's order>.
- 20 But I can't really recall clearly the date that he was smashed,
- 21 however, regarding the date of his arrest, that was <around the
- 22 time of> the ceremony<>.
- 23 [15.10.00]
- 24 Q. You made the distinction that at S-21, between ordinary and
- 25 important prisoners. Was Pang considered an important prisoner?

- 1 A. Comrade Pang was an important prisoner as he was close to the
- 2 leadership, that is, close to Brother Pol.
- 3 Q. Who interrogated him, if you remember?
- 4 A. I assigned Pon to interrogate him.
- 5 Q. Do you know if he was interrogated several times by Pon?
- 6 A. When I assigned Pon to interrogate any particular prisoner, he
- 7 would try his best to interrogate that person. And I believe that
- 8 the torture committed upon Pang was <the hot method>. <And it
- 9 took quite a long time because it was difficult to get him to
- 10 confess.>
- 11 Brother Nuon gave me a list of questions that I had to clarify
- 12 through the interrogator, that is, regarding the bread stuffed
- 13 with meat that <was> sent to the East Zone and what it meant by
- 14 that.
- 15 <Most of the things he said were all over the place and I found
- 16 it pointless. > The interest <in him began because > he joined the
- 17 Youth League and when he left school, he dropped his bag and in
- 18 the bag there were magazines of the "Progressive Youth". He made
- 19 a report of the loss to the Party and he was re-assigned by the
- 20 Party. That's what I can recall about his confessions.
- 21 So allow me to repeat it. Pon interrogated Pang and he used the
- 22 hot method and the interrogating lasted quite some time.
- 23 [15.12.43]
- 24 Q. I'd like to remind the witness, please, that we shouldn't
- 25 speak about the content of the confession. So, please, just focus

- 1 on the answers to my question.
- 2 My question was he interrogated several times and you said he was
- 3 interrogated several times by Pon with the hot method. So during
- 4 his detention, did you speak to Pang?
- 5 A. No.
- 6 Q. So, between the moment when he arrived at S-21 and the moment
- 7 when he was executed, you never spoke to him. So did you see him,
- 8 however?
- 9 [15.13.42]
- 10 A. No, I did not.
- 11 Q. Where was he detained aside from his interrogations or was he
- 12 in an interrogation room during his entire stay at S-21?
- 13 A. I do not recall that.
- 14 Q. I will get back to that later. For the moment now, I would
- 15 like to discuss with you the January 1979 meeting, during which
- 16 you said you attended <-- and correct me if I'm mistaken --> this
- 17 meeting that was <apparently> chaired by Khieu Samphan and
- 18 apparently it was held on 6 January, that is to say, the day
- 19 before the Vietnamese arrived. Did I understand you correctly?
- 20 A. Yes, that is correct.
- 21 [15.15.01]
- 22 Q. So, if I summarize your previous statements. So you were
- 23 called to the Buddhist school and you entered a room which Khieu
- 24 Samphan was present. There was only a small number of people who
- 25 were present. That's what you said at the hearing. There were six

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- 1 or seven people back then, and Khieu Samphan made a brief
- 2 presentation on the fact that you had to stay calm despite the
- 3 advance of the Vietnamese and that it was necessary to continue
- 4 working.
- 5 So am I summarizing your testimony properly?
- 6 A. It was not that accurate. First, allow me to mention the
- 7 number of people who were there before I arrived. There were five
- 8 or six altogether, including myself, and there was not up to
- 9 seven.
- 10 Regarding the summary of speech made by Brother Hem, <it> was
- 11 that "Yuon" came deep inside but San and <Roeun> actually
- 12 countered their advancements so we <were not to> panic and we
- 13 <were to> continue our working.
- 14 So the statement that you read out is a little bit off at some
- 15 points, namely, including the number of people present before
- 16 Brother Hem as well as the content of a speech made by Brother
- 17 Hem.
- 18 [15.17.00]
- 19 Q. So what you are telling us is that there were five or six
- 20 people aside from you at that meeting. Is that correct?
- 21 <A. There were five or six people, including me.>
- 22 THE INTERPRETER:
- 23 The Interpreter cannot hear the first part of the witness's
- 24 statement.
- 25 JUDGE FENZ:

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- 1 Could you please repeat the statement, the interpreter couldn't
- 2 hear the first part?
- 3 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 4 When I entered, I sat on an empty chair and people were present
- 5 <there with> Hem, <there> were six <people at> most, including
- 6 myself.
- 7 BY MS. GUISSE:
- 8 Q. In your statement E3/456; at Khmer, ERN 00198872; at French,
- 9 ERN 0198889; and English, 0019880 (sic), you say -- and while --
- 10 you're speaking about a figure that's a bit different.
- 11 And with your leave, Mr. President, I would like to provide the
- 12 statement to the witness and may you also, please, display it on
- 13 the screen?
- 14 [15.18.53]
- 15 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 16 Yes, you may proceed.
- 17 BY MS. GUISSE:
- 18 Q. So can we, please, display this document on the screen? In
- 19 this document, you say that there were three or four people who
- 20 attended that meeting. Does that match your recollections or do
- 21 you stand by the fact that there were six people rather?
- 22 [15.19.55]
- 23 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 24 A. I acknowledge that this statement was the one that I made
- 25 before the Co-Investigating Judges in Case 001. At that time, my

- 1 memory was fresher, so allow me to stand by this statement. And
- 2 what I said is the following: "I'd like to mention again what I
- 3 said on 23 August 2007, regarding that meeting. Nuon Chea told <>
- 4 Toeung to call me to meet him at the Buddhist school. Upon my
- 5 arrival, I was surprised because I instead saw Khieu Samphan
- 6 there. I hesitated to enter the room, but Lin pushed me in.
- 7 Khieu Samphan did not address to me, but he spoke in general to
- 8 three or four people who were present there. I did not know them
- 9 all except Roeung, chief of the state's warehouse. In fact, after
- 10 the screening in 1978, there were many newcomers and then there
- 11 were more."
- 12 So allow me to repeat that. I'd like to stand by this statement
- 13 that I made before the Co-Investigating Judges and because that
- one was made in 2007 and now it is 2016, so it <was about> <nine>
- 15 years ago, and my memory at the time was fresher than now.
- 16 And it is usually my habit that once I make an accurate
- 17 statement, I don't think about it any more.
- 18 Q. So I imagine that you also confirm what appears on the same
- 19 page in this document, that is to say, that you said nothing
- 20 during that meeting; that you just listened to Khieu Samphan.
- 21 So my first question is, can you assess how long this meeting
- 22 lasted?
- 23 [15.22.35]
- 24 A. Brother Hem spoke only a few words, so starting from the time
- 25 that I took the motorbike to see him and that I returned to my

- 1 house, the total duration was about 15 to 20 minutes. And the
- 2 distance from my house <on Monivong Boulevard> to the Buddhist
- 3 school was not that far. And Brother Hem spoke about five minutes
- 4 at the most.
- 5 Q. So during those five minutes, did Khieu Samphan ask you to dig
- 6 trenches or to ask your men to dig to trenches to protect
- 7 yourself against possible shelling?
- 8 A. Brother Hem did not speak about this matter and what he said
- 9 is that we had to be firm and continue working. He said that
- 10 Roeun and San were encountering the advancement of "Yuon". That
- 11 was his main message. He did not mention digging trenches.
- 12 [15.24.01]
- 13 O. So during those short minutes, did he speak about the
- 14 necessity of leaving Phnom Penh for a while?
- 15 A. No, he did not.
- 16 Q. I'm putting these questions to you, Witness, because in Case
- 17 002/01, two witnesses came to testify before this Chamber and
- 18 they each spoke about a meeting which Khieu Samphan allegedly
- 19 chaired, and I'd like to read out their statement to make sure if
- 20 this corresponds to what happened.
- 21 The first witness was Sim Hao -- S-I-M then H-A-O is the last --
- 22 document E1/206.1. This was the hearing of 12 June 2013.
- 23 Oh, I'm sorry, I have the wrong document. He speaks about it
- 24 essentially in the second document of the next day, so that's 13
- 25 June 2013, E1/207.2. And a little bit before 02.20.44, he speaks

- 1 about a meeting which was attended by 100 participants, and a
- 2 little bit afterwards at 02.22.32, he says that Khieu Samphan
- 3 said the following, and I quote:
- 4 [15.26.00]
- 5 "Comrades, when you're going to go home you must dig trenches
- 6 <for yourselves> because the American bombing is imminent and if
- 7 you're going to be bombed you're going to have to fight back."
- 8 Then there is a second witness. This was Ruos Suy, document
- 9 E1/184.1. This is the hearing of 25 April 2013, a little bit
- 10 after 11.48.02, and this is what he said -- so the question that
- 11 was put to him was, "Did Khieu Samphan speak to him about the
- 12 situation of the Vietnamese offensive?"
- 13 And he answered:
- 14 "Yes, that's true. Generally, if there was a meeting it was to
- 15 meet certain specific objectives. We had to leave the city on a
- 16 temporary basis only in order to prepare our defence against the
- 17 Vietnamese troops."
- 18 And then the following question is put to him.
- 19 "So therefore did I understand you well? He said that the plan
- 20 was to leave Phnom Penh on a temporary basis in order to prepare
- 21 an attack against the Vietnamese forces. Did I sum up properly
- 22 what you said?"
- 23 And Ruos Suy answers: "That is true." End of quote.
- 24 [15.27.40]
- 25 And in order to be more specific here, this again at that same

- 1 hearing of 25 April 2013, this time at around 11.35.15, Ruos Suy
- 2 said that this meeting allegedly took place on 5 January.
- 3 So in view of these statements, do you stand by your statement
- 4 that you attended a meeting with only <three or four> other
- 5 people and Khieu Samphan <did not tell> you that you should dig
- 6 trenches nor to leave the city on a temporary basis but, on the
- 7 contrary, to just keep on working as usual?
- 8 A. I still stand by my statement.
- 9 O. You also said that following this meeting, you went back to
- 10 S-21. Did you give any specific instructions to your subordinates
- 11 following this meeting?
- 12 [15.29.26]
- 13 A. It seems that I did not. I only instructed interrogators about
- 14 the four individuals from Y-8, after I returned from the meeting
- 15 with Brother Hem, <along Sihanouk Boulevard> near Pet Chen
- 16 (phonetic), I saw Brother Van who was in a land cruiser and he
- 17 was staring at me and his face <had a> rather stern expression.
- 18 And these individuals from Y-8 were implicated in the shooting of
- 19 the guest. And I gave instructions to interrogators <to
- 20 interrogate> these people from Y-8.
- 21 And as for the information from Brother Hem, I did not
- 22 disseminate that information and <even if I did, > I only informed
- 23 Hor about that <and no one else>.
- 24 Q. You have just referred to Brother Van. Are you indeed
- 25 referring to Ieng Sary? Are you therefore saying that you bumped

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- 1 into Ieng Sary while he was in his vehicle; is that correct?
- 2 [15.31.09]
- 3 A. Brother Van means Professor Ieng Sary. He was in a vehicle
- 4 from the west <going> east while I was riding my motorbike <from
- 5 east to west> when I left the Buddhist school.
- 6 And, of course, as I said, his facial expression was rather stern
- 7 and when I refer to Brother Van, I refer to Professor Ieng Sary.
- 8 Q. In a statement E3/1576; the ERN in Khmer is 00159561; in
- 9 English, 00160700; and in French, 00159582; in this statement you
- 10 refer to the period of 3rd to the 7th January and you state --
- 11 perhaps with your leave, Mr. President, may I request that this
- 12 statement be placed on the screen? And I would like the Court
- 13 Officer to give the passage to the witness.
- 14 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 15 Yes, you may proceed.
- 16 BY MS. GUISSE:
- 17 Q. This is what we can read on this page. You state that on 3rd
- 18 January 1979:
- 19 "I was very tired, both physically and mentally. I slept all day
- 20 up until 7 January at 2 p.m. when I left S-21 with a unit of
- 21 around <two> persons." End of quote.
- 22 Does this reflect what you can remember and can you explain why
- 23 you were very tired both physically and mentally as of 3 January
- 24 1979?
- 25 [15.33.45]

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- 1 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 2 A. Physically, I am referring to my health. At the time I was so
- 3 tired physically, I could not do the job. As for my mental issues
- 4 at the time, I was always thinking <about my survival since> the
- 5 arrest of Nget Nhu, alias Hong, and then the arrest of Vorn and
- 6 Hok happened. I was thinking <at> the time that one day it would
- 7 be my turn. This is the mental fatigue.
- 8 Back then, my wife was a medic. She measured the blood pressure
- 9 on my both <arms> and the blood pressure was not <the same for
- 10 both arms> at the time. So I was hopeless and I was very tired
- 11 mentally and physically.
- 12 [15.35.04]
- 13 Q. You told this Chamber that prisoners were executed in January
- 14 1979. My question is as follows.
- 15 Are you sure that it was in January 1979 that the last executions
- 16 at S-21 took place? Wasn't it rather in late December<, December
- 17 31,> 1978?
- 18 A. The instruction was made perhaps on 3 January 1979, however, I
- 19 am not quite sure about the date. The instruction was to kill all
- 20 of prisoners. I am confused with the dates. The instruction may
- 21 have <been> issued on 1 January and all the prisoners had to be
- 22 killed by 3 January 1979.
- 23 However, I cannot recall well, so I would like to tell the Court
- 24 that I would stand by my previous statement. The instruction was
- 25 made by Nuon, Uncle Nuon.

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- 1 Q. I say so, Witness, because during the confrontation you had
- 2 with several witnesses who worked at S-21, in late December 1978
- 3 and early January 1979 -- and I'm referring you to the -- to
- 4 document E3/5769; ERN in French, 00166574; ERN in Khmer,
- 5 00166591; and ERN in English, 00166564.
- 6 The question put to you by the Co-Investigating Judge was as
- 7 follows:
- 8 "Did you witness massive executions in January 1979?
- 9 <And the answer from witnesses> Suos Thy, Prak Khan, Him Huy,
- 10 Saom Met<, Makk Sithim, > and Mam Nai's answers were all -- < "We
- 11 are> not aware of that." End of quote.
- 12 [15.38.03]
- 13 And to be complete, Suos Thy was also examined <again> on the 3rd
- 14 of June, before this Chamber and we have the draft transcript of
- 15 the 3rd of June, shortly after 10.10.15. He was examined in
- 16 regard to the list of outgoing prisoners who may have been
- 17 executed and he states as follows:
- 18 "To my knowledge, that was the last list of prisoners who had to
- 19 be <smashed>. That was from 31 December 1978." End of quote.
- 20 Is this something that refreshes your memory? Are you sure that
- 21 the last executions occurred in January 1979?
- 22 [15.39.10]
- 23 A. Let me repeat. That happened a long time ago. I made my
- 24 statement already, <and> I do not recall <it now>.
- 25 To my recollection, all of them may have been killed by 3rd

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- 1 January, because there were many prisoners. It was difficult to
- 2 smash all of them in just three days.
- 3 O. I would like to refer you as well to one of your prior
- 4 statements, and it is document E3/530, dated 6 March 1999. And
- 5 the ERN in Khmer is 00095691; ERN in English, 00329135; and in
- 6 French, 00327365.
- 7 With your leave, Mr. President, may I request that this statement
- 8 be placed on the screen and that the hard copy of the statement
- 9 be given to witness?
- 10 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 11 You may proceed.
- 12 [15.41.09]
- 13 BY MS. GUISSE:
- 14 Q. This is therefore your statement before the Military Tribunal,
- 15 dated 6 March 1999 and you are being questioned in regard to Ta
- 16 Mok, Son Sen, Ieng Sary and Khieu Samphan, and this is what you
- 17 stated regarding Khieu Samphan and Ieng Sary:
- 18 "As regards Mr. Khieu Samphan and Ieng Sary, till date we have
- 19 never met, not even once." End of quote.
- 20 Today, <and in> your statements <made after 1999>, you are saying
- 21 that you saw Khieu Samphan during the famous meeting on 6th of
- 22 January 1979. You also state that you saw Ieng Sary on the date
- 23 of the same meeting and that you saw him staring at you as he was
- 24 in a vehicle.
- 25 This contradicts what you told the Military Tribunal. Are you

- 1 sure that your memory is not muddled up? Are you sure that you
- 2 saw Khieu Samphan at the meeting in January 1979, as well as Ieng
- 3 Sary, since in 1999 you said something else to the Military
- 4 Tribunal?
- 5 [15.42.46]
- 6 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 7 A. I would like to make an observation on this document. I have
- 8 never forgotten the time when I met Brother Hem. I have never
- 9 forgotten it at all.
- 10 And I encountered Ieng Sary as well after I left from the meeting
- 11 with Brother Hem.
- 12 Toeung called me to work with A Bong (phonetic) and after my
- 13 arrival at Buddhist school, I saw Hem, Brother Hem, instead who
- 14 was there to instruct me. It was a surprise to me, <> at 10
- 15 <o'clock on the previous day, he gave me instructions, but at> 11
- in the morning of 7 January 1979, the tanks, the Vietnamese
- 17 tanks, were moving in front of <my house>. So I cannot forget all
- 18 these things in my life.
- 19 O. What is strange, Witness, is the fact that a while ago when
- 20 you were confronted with the difference in the figures at the
- 21 meeting of 6 January 1979, with your statement of 2007, you said
- 22 that you were referring to your statement in 2007, because those
- 23 events happened a long time ago and your memory was fresher.
- 24 And in 1999 when you were questioned, your memory should have
- 25 been even fresher and you stated that, "I did not see Khieu

- 1 Samphan and Ieng Sary, not even once".
- 2 How do you explain, your memories were so fresh in 1999, <that
- 3 you did not mention this> when you were questioned on those two
- 4 persons?
- 5 [15.45.05]
- 6 A. Mr. President, I have an observation on this document. This
- 7 document appears to be strange to me. I have never forgotten the
- 8 two events in my life. I do not know in what capacity I was
- 9 interviewed at the time, and perhaps the above sentences were not
- 10 read and the meaning was not full.
- 11 The meeting between me and Brother Hem <> has been <on> my mind
- 12 <> my <entire> life. I am not telling lies to this Court.
- 13 And a group of six people, including me, were there at the
- 14 meeting with Brother Hem and you, Counsel, <mentioned> that there
- 15 was a group of seven instead of six. So I decided to stand by my
- 16 own statement about that matter.
- 17 So you read only part of the document and you ignored the other
- 18 parts so that <is not the full> meaning and, as I said, I have
- 19 never forgotten the two events in my life.
- 20 [15.46.55]
- 21 Q. Today, you are saying that you challenge the contents of that
- 22 statement. Let me, nevertheless, point out that <you were
- 23 questioned, and in your statement made on 06 March 1999, your
- 24 fingerprints and signature <are> on the document. You were
- 25 questioned by the Co-Investigating Judge himself <in the presence

- of the clerk, and most notably, > a lawyer.
- 2 Do you stand by your statement that what you said was distorted
- 3 and that you <referred> to that meeting with Khieu Samphan and
- 4 Ieng Sary and that was not recorded in that first statement in
- 5 1999?
- 6 [15.47.45]
- 7 A. Mr. President, I would like to point out that this document
- 8 belongs to the Military Court. I <was> shown two documents from
- 9 <the> Military Court. The first document was about the meeting
- 10 between <myself> and other individuals, 3 or 4, including Pang.
- 11 Judge Lavergne then put a question to me in relation to the issue
- 12 and I made my response already, <I said no, > and usually the
- 13 events were described with respective conjunctions and time-lines
- 14 but the document did not mention it clearly. <The judge asked me
- 15 to clarify my statement. At first, I suggested the Court to check
- 16 the authenticity of the document.>
- 17 Judge Cartwright, at the time, asked me to tell the Court <based
- 18 on the available document> and I started to tell the Court about
- 19 the question that was put to me and the document was shown to me
- 20 later on.
- 21 And a question was put to me by Vercken and asked me whether the
- 22 document was really signed by me and I told him that I was there
- 23 and I was interviewed and -- a judge asked me why I did not ask
- 24 for the correction in relation to the matter and I told the judge
- 25 that I did not ask for correction because that part of statement

- 1 was not incriminating me.
- 2 Now, again, this document was shown to me. <> I am not talking
- 3 about <the> authenticity of the document, so the document, the
- 4 same document, was shown to me twice in relation to Brother Hem.
- 5 I have never forgotten the meeting that I had with Brother Hem.
- 6 [15.50.31]
- 7 Q. To be complete as regards this document you, yourself, state
- 8 that you did not make any amendments to the document because
- 9 <that> part did not incriminate you.
- 10 Do I understand that you are changing your statements depending
- 11 on whether you think it would incriminate you or not? I do not
- 12 quite understand your explanation, could you be -- please be more
- 13 specific?
- 14 A. Now let <us> find the truth together. The document was once
- 15 shown to me in relation to Pang, who spoke to me on <four>
- 16 occasions and then the authenticity of the document was brought
- 17 before the Chamber and one of the lawyers <refused> to have the
- 18 discussion of authenticity. And Judge Cartwright back then said
- 19 that <the document had already been in the case file so I should
- 20 give my statement. And she said that> the Defence methods of
- 21 Francois Roux were used.
- 22 Then I decided to speak and <talk> about the action, the real
- 23 action, happening at the time. And, later on, Judge Lavergne put
- 24 a question <to me> and I explained the grammatical system in
- 25 <the> Khmer language <to him, that the same verb, adverb and

- 1 adjective could never be> used <to describe four different
- 2 events>.
- 3 [15.52.47]
- 4 And Vercken then put a question to me, pointed <out> the
- 5 signature and thumbprint to me, and said that the thumbprints or
- 6 signature belonged to me and I told Vercken that, <yes>, I <put
- 7 my> thumbprints and signature <on the document after it was read
- 8 out loud to me> and Vercken <> put a follow-up question and asked
- 9 me <whether I knew that there were incorrect statements, I said
- 10 yes. He then asked me> why I did not challenge and make a request
- 11 for a correction.
- 12 And in my reply, I said since that part of the sentence did not
- 13 incriminate me, I did not challenge it. <So you only read a part
- of the document, what about the rest of it? What is it about?> So
- 15 this is my observation on this document. I am not talking about
- 16 authenticity <now>.
- 17 And, number 2, again, I have never forgotten the meeting I had
- 18 with Brother Hem. I have never forgotten it at all.
- 19 [15.54.00]
- 20 Q. My last point. Not what happened in Case <002/01>, <but> in
- 21 relation to these documents <from 06 March> 1999, I understand
- 22 that you do not deny the fact that this record of interview was
- 23 given to you, <you reviewed it>, and you appended your signature
- 24 and thumbprint to it. <Do we agree that> you do not contest that
- 25 fact?

- 1 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 2 Please hold on and observe the microphone, Duch.
- 3 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 4 That is why I said this document is suspicious to me, the
- 5 document from the Military Court.
- 6 BY MS. GUISSE:
- 7 Q. <Is it> suspicious to you because it didn't include
- 8 information you provided on the meeting or the fact that you did
- 9 not at all refer to that meeting when you were interviewed by the
- 10 Co-Investigating Judges in 1999.
- 11 Why is this suspicious? <I don't understand.> If you do not
- 12 challenge its authenticity, if you do not challenge the fact that
- 13 <you reviewed it> and that you appended your fingerprints and
- 14 signature to it, why would it be suspicious to you?
- 15 [15.55.38]
- 16 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 17 A. For clarity, please, Counsel, give me the <> full written
- 18 records of the interview, <> not just this one document, the
- 19 interviews that I was present <for> the whole day on that day.
- 20 <If possible, please provide me with the original document so
- 21 that there will be no more confusion regarding these copies.>
- 22 Q. Witness, we are not at S-21, where you can order <me> to do
- 23 whatever you want. This is <my> examination< where> I ask <you>
- 24 questions on documents <that> I <have chosen>, with excerpts that
- 25 I <have chosen>, on which I <am asking> you to make remarks.

- 1 Another point that I would like to broach with you is the
- 2 following. A while ago, you said something regarding instructions
- 3 and you said <you did not remember> --
- 4 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 5 The witness did not order you, he made a request to have all the
- 6 written records.
- 7 You may proceed now, Co-Prosecutor.
- 8 [15.57.17]
- 9 MR. LYSAK:
- 10 Yes, Mr. President, I also want to make clear for the record the
- 11 witness has been raising this document and I can -- you can see
- 12 that he hasn't even been provided with the full interview that
- 13 was conducted on this particular day. He's only been provided
- 14 with one page it appears.
- 15 BY MS. GUISSE:
- 16 <Absolutely.> I have given the witness the page on which I'm
- 17 questioning him. I have no problem <subsequently> giving the
- 18 witness the rest of this statement, but that wouldn't resolve the
- 19 issue that in this statement he doesn't refer to the meeting of 6
- 20 January 1979. I will give him the document subsequently.
- 21 I <will> complete my examination and I <think I will need> a few
- 22 more minutes tomorrow. <Before that, I would like to> conclude on
- 23 the point I broached, that is, the instructions <that may or may
- 24 not have been> issued after the meeting of 1979.
- 25 [15.58.17]

- 1 Q. A few minutes ago, Witness, you stated that you do not recall
- 2 issuing any instructions following that meeting of 6 January
- 3 1979. In a record of interview, E3/452, dated 23 August 2007, ERN
- 4 in French, 00147928; ERN in Khmer, 00146551; ERN in English,
- 5 00147565.
- 6 You state in that statement that you disseminated information
- 7 that was given to you by Khieu Samphan on that day. Does that
- 8 refresh your memory or are you sure that you did not hand down
- 9 any instructions after that meeting on 6 January 1979?
- 10 With your leave, Mr. President, I would like to give the
- 11 <excerpt> I have just referred to on the dissemination of
- 12 instructions in this <record of interview from 23 August 2007,
- 13 so> document E3/452 and <to be thorough,> I will also give the
- 14 <entire suspect statement made by the witness,> document E3/530
- 15 which I referred to<, dated> 6th of March <1999>, and I will give
- 16 the witness these two documents and we'll revisit the matter
- 17 tomorrow morning, Mr. President.
- 18 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 19 You may proceed.
- 20 BY MS. GUISSE:
- 21 Q. So I'm going to give you the time, Witness, to look at this
- 22 document E3/530 of 6 March 1999, <this evening> after the
- 23 hearing, but can you answer the question; <did you or did you
- 24 not> <disseminate> or not <this> information following the
- 25 meeting with Khieu Samphan on 6 January 1979, to the S-21 staff?

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- 1 (Short pause)
- 2 [16.01.50]
- 3 BY MS. GUISSE:
- 4 Do your statements of 2007 refresh your memory, and did you
- 5 <disseminate> or not any information following that meeting on 6
- 6 January 1979?
- 7 MR. KAING GUEK EAV:
- 8 A. Thank you. I have already told <you> about that. The
- 9 <pri>ority> at the time was <in the interrogation of> the four
- 10 combatants from Y-8. And Number 2, I did not convene the meeting
- 11 11 we do today, and <I did not ask my staffers to salute,
- 12 and then after that the instruction was conveyed.
- 13 And as I told the Court already, I was advised that Roeun and San
- 14 <were> countering the advancement of the Vietnamese and <we> had
- 15 to be firm and not panic. <I told that to Hor only.>
- 16 In fact, I heard the gunfire and also the sound of vehicles
- 17 moving from 12 midnight and I was aware of that and others were
- 18 also aware of that but we pretended to act as normal.
- 19 And, again, at the time the instructions from the Party were
- 20 about the four combatants of Y-8 and also about the fact that we
- 21 had to be firm and not to be panic.
- 22 [16.04.08]
- 23 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 24 Thank you very much, Mr. Witness. It is now time for the
- 25 adjournment.

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- The Chamber will resume its hearing tomorrow on Thursday, 23 June 2016, at 9 a.m.
 The Chamber will continue hearing the testimony of Kaing Guek Eav
- 5 I am grateful to you, Mr. Kaing Guek Eav alias Duch. The hearing
- 6 of your testimony as a witness has not come to a conclusion yet.
- 7 You are invited to come and testify again tomorrow.
- 8 Security personnel are instructed to bring the two accused and
- 9 the witness back to the ECCC detention facility and have them
- 10 returned into the courtroom before 9 a.m. and at 9 a.m.
- 11 respectively.

alias Duch.

- 12 The Court is now adjourned.
- 13 (Court adjourns at 1605H)

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