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- 1 PROCEEDINGS
- 2 (Court opens at 0901H)
- 3 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 4 Please be seated. The Court is now in session.
- 5 Today, the Chamber hears testimony of witness 2-TCW-1005
- 6 concerning internal purges.
- 7 And before we proceed on the substantive hearing of hearing
- 8 testimony of witness 2-TCW-1005, the Chamber wishes to inform the
- 9 parties that Judge You Ottara, who is the National Judge, is
- 10 absent for personal reasons. And after the Bench deliberated, the
- 11 Chamber decided to appoint Thou Mony, the National Reserve Judge,
- 12 in Judge You Ottara's place until Judge You Ottara is able to
- 13 return to the Bench. And that is pursuant to Rule 79.4 of the
- 14 ECCC Internal Rules.
- 15 Ms. Chea Sivhoang, please report the attendance of the parties
- 16 and other individuals to today's proceedings.
- 17 [09.03.46]
- 18 THE GREFFIER:
- 19 Mr. President, for today's proceedings, all parties to this case
- 20 are present.
- 21 Mr. Nuon Chea is present in the holding cell downstairs. He has
- 22 waived his rights to be present in the courtroom. The waiver has
- 23 been delivered to the greffier.
- 24 The witness who is to testify today -- that is, 2-TCW-1005,
- 25 confirms that, to <the> best <of his> knowledge, he has no

- 1 relationship, by blood or by law, to <either> of the two accused
- 2 -- that is, Nuon Chea and Khieu Samphan, or to any of the civil
- 3 parties admitted in this case. The witness took an oath before
- 4 the Iron Club Statue this morning and is waiting to be called by
- 5 the Chamber in the waiting room.
- 6 Thank you.
- 7 [09.04.36]
- 8 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 9 Thank you, Ms. Chea Sivhoang. The Chamber now decides on the
- 10 request by Nuon Chea.
- 11 The Chamber has received a waiver from Nuon Chea, dated 26 July
- 12 2016, which states that due to his health -- that is, headache,
- 13 back pain, he cannot sit or concentrate for long. And in order to
- 14 effectively participate in future hearings, he requests to waive
- 15 his right to be present at the 26 July 2016 hearing.
- 16 He advises that his counsel advised him about the consequence of
- 17 this waiver, that in no way it can be construed as a waiver of
- 18 his rights to be tried fairly or to challenge evidence presented
- 19 to or admitted by this Court at any time during this trial.
- 20 [09.05.34]
- 21 Having seen the medical report of Nuon Chea by the duty doctor
- 22 for the Accused at ECCC, dated 26 July 2016, which notes that
- 23 Nuon Chea has chronic back pain, and it becomes severe when he
- 24 sits for long, and recommends that the Chamber grant him his
- 25 request so that he can follow the proceedings remotely from the

- 1 holding cell downstairs. Based on the above information and
- 2 pursuant to Rule 81.5 of the ECCC Internal Rules, the Chamber
- 3 grants Nuon Chea his request to follow today's proceedings
- 4 remotely from the holding cell downstairs via an audio-visual
- 5 means.
- 6 The Chamber instructs the AV Unit personnel to link the
- 7 proceedings to the room downstairs so that Nuon Chea can follow.
- 8 That applies for the whole day.
- 9 [09.06.42]
- 10 Before we proceed to hear testimony of a witness, the Chamber
- 11 wishes to hear responses from <the> parties to two requests:
- 12 First, the OCP request -- that is, pursuant to Rule 87.4 of the
- 13 ECCC Internal Rules -- for the Chamber to admit four documents
- 14 concerning witness 2-TCW-1005, document E319/48/1; and, two,
- 15 <the> request from Nuon Chea's defence pursuant to Rule 87.4 of
- 16 the Internal Rules for the Chamber to admit one document
- 17 concerning the testimony of 2-TCW-1005.
- 18 And the Chamber will hear responses from parties first to the
- 19 submission by the Co-Prosecutors -- that is, document E319/48/1.
- 20 And first, the Chamber hands the floor to the Lead Co-Lawyers for
- 21 civil parties to respond to the submissions by the
- 22 Co-Prosecutors. And you may proceed.
- 23 MS. GUIRAUD:
- 24 Thank you, Mr. President, and good morning to all of you. We will
- 25 rely on the Chamber's wisdom regarding this issue. <Thank you.>

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- 1 [09.08.12]
- 2 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 3 Thank you.
- 4 And I now hand the floor to the defence team for Nuon Chea to
- 5 respond to the submissions by the Co-Prosecutors. You may
- 6 proceed.
- 7 MR. KOPPE:
- 8 Thank you, Mr. President. Good morning, Your Honours.
- 9 We have no objection.
- 10 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 11 And now I hand the floor to the defence team for Khieu Samphan.
- 12 MS. GUISSE:
- 13 Thank you, Mr. President. Good morning to all of you.
- 14 Regarding the Co-Prosecutor's request, we have seen the
- 15 <attached> document that lists four documents, some of which have
- 16 already been tendered into evidence. And what is new is the
- 17 annotations on the document. The issue is that we haven't had
- 18 access to these annotated documents, so I am unable to respond
- 19 because the parties have not had access to the annotations. So if
- 20 we're speaking about documents that have been tendered into
- 21 evidence, there's no problem, but regarding the annotations, I
- 22 cannot provide any useful observations yet.
- 23 [09.09.46]
- 24 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 25 And the Co-Prosecutor, would you wish to make comment on that?

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- 1 MR. SMITH:
- 2 Thank you, Your Honour.
- 3 These attachments were requested for disclosure on the 10th of
- 4 May this year, and then they were authorized for disclosure on
- 5 the 15th of July 2016. The documents -- the four documents or the
- 6 attachments relate to the statements of this witness and were
- 7 referred to in the interview. And I'm just assuming that defence
- 8 for Khieu Samphan has said that they can't access these
- 9 particular documents -- is that right -- that were made available
- 10 in -- that were requested to be made available in the motion.
- 11 [09.10.41]
- 12 MS. GUISSE:
- 13 Yes. In order to be more specific about <what I said>, I
- 14 understood that these are documents that were annotated a priori
- 15 by the witness, if I understand the Co-Prosecutor's request. The
- 16 problem is that, we were told that these documents were annotated
- 17 <and included in an attachment>, <but> we do not have access to
- 18 these annotated documents. We only have the documents that were
- 19 tendered into evidence without annotations

 the witness>, so I
- 20 cannot make any particular observations because we have not <had
- 21 access to> the annotated documents.
- 22 I hope that things are a little clearer now.
- 23 [09.11.16]
- 24 MR. SMITH:
- 25 Thank you, Your Honours.

- 1 Well, all that I would ask is that these documents that are
- 2 attached to this motion, that they be made available to the
- 3 Defence so that they can comment on it. And perhaps we don't need
- 4 to deal with it right away.
- 5 And just to be clear, I can't envisage that I'll be necessarily
- 6 using these documents this morning, but in terms of analyzing the
- 7 statements, I think it's important to have those attachments
- 8 incorporated. So perhaps if we could postpone until CMS has made
- 9 these four documents available to the Defence to look at.
- 10 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 11 Judge Jean-Marc Lavergne, you have the floor.
- 12 [09.12.06]
- 13 JUDGE LAVERGNE:
- 14 Yes, thank you, Mr. President.
- 15 In order to make things clearer, could the Co-Prosecutor tell us
- 16 if the documents that were disclosed contained the documents that
- 17 they wished to put on the case file <as attachments, > and if
- 18 these annexes had been commented <on> by the witness whom we're
- 19 going to hear <from>, or are these <attachments that do not
- 20 include any comments>?
- 21 MR. SMITH:
- 22 Your Honour, all of the -- all of the attachments have been
- 23 commented by the witness in the statements that have been
- 24 referred to and discussed, and at least a few of them, I know,
- 25 have been marked by the witness, particularly the map. And I'm

- 1 not so clear about the other three, but they've all been referred
- 2 to in the interviews explicitly, and the map has been marked by
- 3 the witness.
- 4 But it seems that the Defence -- even though the motion is being
- 5 made to the Chamber, it seems that the Defence haven't got access
- 6 to the documents yet, and I would just ask that this issue be
- 7 postponed until CMS makes them available. Again, I won't be using
- 8 them this morning.
- 9 [09.13.44]
- 10 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 11 Next, the Chamber would like to hear responses from parties to
- 12 the submission by the defence team for Nuon Chea -- that is,
- 13 document E424. The Chamber also notes that, on the 22nd July
- 14 2016, the Co-Prosecutors informed the Chamber that they do not
- 15 have any objection to the request by the defence team for Nuon
- 16 Chea.
- 17 Hence, the Chamber now hands the floor to the Lead Co-Lawyers to
- 18 respond to Nuon Chea team's submission -- that is, concerning
- 19 request by Nuon Chea team to admit one document for the
- 20 questioning this upcoming witness.
- 21 You may proceed.
- 22 MS. GUIRAUD:
- 23 No specific observations, Mr. President.
- 24 [09.14.42]
- 25 MR. PRESIDENT:

- 1 And lastly, I'd like to hand the floor to the defence team for
- 2 Khieu Samphan.
- 3 MS. GUISSE:
- 4 Thank you, Mr. President.
- 5 Regarding this document, we have no specific objection, simply
- 6 for everything to be clear here during these proceedings, we'd
- 7 like to remind you that this document is a document that was
- 8 requested into evidence by the International Co-Prosecutor, and
- 9 the Chamber had <expressly> rejected it.
- 10 Now, today, everybody agrees -- <we can> use this document -- but
- 11 maybe the Chamber should reconsider your decision and reason it,
- 12 the decision of 29 June of 2016, E319/47/3.
- 13 No objections, but simply to make things that everything is clear
- 14 with regard to the admission of this document in response to the
- 15 Co-Prosecutor's request, as well as the request from my colleague
- 16 of the Nuon Chea team.
- 17 (Judges deliberate)
- 18 [09.16.22]
- 19 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 20 The Chamber thanks the responses from parties to the two
- 21 requests, and your responses will be used as the basis for
- 22 deliberation on this matter. And the Chamber will issue a ruling
- 23 after the short break this morning.
- 24 Now the Chamber wishes to hear testimony of witness 2-TCW-1005.
- 25 And before we begin, the Chamber notes that the witness has been

- 1 heard during the investigation into other cases, and the
- 2 International Investigating Judge consider this witness as part
- 3 of Group A amongst the three groups in his Memorandum <> -- that
- 4 is, document E319/35 and E319/48.5.
- 5 And based on the request, <for> this witness, a pseudonym should
- 6 be used in order to protect the confidentiality of the
- 7 investigation. The Chamber deems that this measure is appropriate
- 8 according to the law. However, the Chamber also considers the
- 9 balance between the confidentiality and the public hearing as
- 10 well as the integrity of the investigation, and the Chamber would
- 11 like to remind all parties that they should adhere to
- 12 instructions in document E319/7 in relation to the disclosure of
- 13 other documents from other cases.
- 14 Court officer, please usher witness 2-TCW-1005 into the
- 15 courtroom.
- 16 (Witness enters the courtroom)
- 17 [09.20.45]
- 18 OUESTIONING BY THE PRESIDENT:
- 19 O. Good morning, Witness. Based on the request from the
- 20 International Co-Investigating Judge, during the proceeding to
- 21 hear your testimony, you would be referred to as pseudonym only
- 22 -- that is, 2-TCW-1005, and your name would not be used. You also
- 23 may be referred to as "Witness". And the Chamber prohibit parties
- 24 to use your full name during this public proceeding.
- 25 And Witness, from my observation, it seems that you have

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- 1 difficulty with your eyesight. Can you tell the Chamber whether
- 2 you can read?
- 3 2-TCW-1005:
- 4 A. I'd like the documents to be read to me.
- 5 [09.21.56]
- 6 Q. Does it mean that due to your poor eyesight, you cannot
- 7 read documents?
- 8 A. <Yes.>
- 9 O. Allow me to ask you again that you find it difficult to read
- 10 documents, and please pause until you see the red light lit on
- 11 the tip of the microphone before you speak.
- 12 A. I cannot read the documents.
- 13 Q. Thank you.
- 14 The Chamber would like to ask you some questions concerning your
- 15 identity -- that is, your full names, nationality, date of birth,
- 16 place of birth, occupation, names of your parents, <and your
- 17 current residence>. And the Chamber notes that the witness cannot
- 18 read documents due to his poor eyesight. The Chamber assigned <>
- 19 Arun, the court officer, to read the documents for witness
- 20 <quietly>.
- 21 [09.23.32]
- 22 And Witness, court officer will whisper to you some <highlighted>
- 23 portions of the document, E3/9513, to you, and the portion read
- 24 is at Khmer, ERN 00975687; English is at <0098269 99> (sic);
- 25 and ERN in French, <00980787>.

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- 1 Allow me to repeat the English ERN it is at <009826999> (sic).
- 2 And Mr. Arun, please read the highlighted portion in orange to
- 3 the witness quietly, and then we can ask whether that portion is
- 4 correct.
- 5 (Short pause)
- 6 [09.25.51]
- 7 BY MR. PRESIDENT:
- 8 Q. Thank you, Witness.
- 9 And after having heard the relevant highlight read to you by
- 10 court officer -- that is, concerning your names, <nationality,>
- 11 date of birth, place of birth, occupation, names of your parents
- 12 and <your current residence>, can you tell the Chamber whether
- 13 the information is correct?
- 14 2-TCW-1005:
- 15 A. It is correct, Mr. President.
- 16 Q. Thank you, Witness.
- 17 The greffier made a report that, to your best knowledge, you are
- 18 not related, by blood or by law, to <either> of the two accused
- 19 -- that is, Nuon Chea and Khieu Samphan, or to any of the civil
- 20 parties admitted in this case. Is that information correct?
- 21 A. Yes, it is.
- 22 [09.27.02]
- 23 Q. Thank you.
- 24 The greffier also reported that you took an oath before the Iron
- 25 Club Statue before your appearance; is that true?

- 1 A. Yes, that is.
- 2 Q. Thank you. The Chamber now would like to inform you of your
- 3 rights and obligations as a witness before this Chamber.
- 4 Your rights: As a witness in the proceedings before the Chamber,
- 5 you may refuse to respond to any question or to any comment which
- 6 may incriminate you. That is your right against
- 7 self-incrimination.
- 8 As for your obligations, as a witness in the proceedings before
- 9 the Chamber, you must respond to any questions by the Bench or
- 10 relevant parties except where your response or comment to those
- 11 questions may incriminate you, as the Chamber has just informed
- 12 you of your right as a witness.
- 13 You must tell the truth that you have known, heard, seen,
- 14 understand -- remember, rather, experienced or observed directly
- 15 <regarding> an event or occurrence relevant to the questions that
- 16 Bench or parties pose to you.
- 17 [09.28.28]
- 18 And Witness, have you been interviewed by investigators from the
- 19 Office of the Co-Investigating Judges? If so, how many times,
- when and where?
- 21 A. I have been here twice before my appearance today. However, I
- 22 cannot recall which building I was in due to my poor eyesight.
- 23 <This is my third time.>
- 24 Q. Thank you.
- 25 And as for your previous statements, have you them read out by

- 1 anyone in order to refresh your memory?
- 2 A. The ECCC staff read me those statements <starting on> Sunday,
- 3 and that continued until Monday, so those statements that I made
- 4 earlier were read out to me.
- 5 [09.29.48]
- 6 Q. Thank you.
- 7 And based on your recollection, can you tell the Chamber whether
- 8 the written records of your interviews read out by the ECCC staff
- 9 reflected what you stated earlier during the interviews?
- 10 A. What was read out to me was consistent with the truth that I
- 11 told the investigators during the interviews. However, I may not
- 12 recall everything stated in the interviews.
- 13 Q. Thank you, Witness.
- 14 And pursuant to Rule 91bis of the ECCC Internal Rules, the
- 15 Chamber hands the floor first to the Co-Prosecutors to put
- 16 questions to this witness. And the combined time for the
- 17 Co-Prosecutors and the Lead Co-Lawyers for civil party is one
- 18 day.
- 19 You may proceed.
- 20 [09.31.20]
- 21 OUESTIONING BY MR. SMITH:
- 22 Good afternoon, Witness. Good afternoon, Your Honour. Good
- 23 afternoon, counsel and to the audience here today.
- 24 Q. Mr. Witness, my name is Bill Smith. I am the prosecutor here
- 25 today that will ask you some questions about events that occurred

- 1 during the Democratic Kampuchea period, about your experiences
- 2 and what you observed.
- 3 I first would like to ask you where you -- where you were brought
- 4 up, in which area.
- 5 Is it fair to say that you were born in the Tram Kak, Tram Kak
- 6 district in Sector 13 under the Democratic Kampuchea boundaries?
- 7 2-TCW-1005:
- 8 A. That is correct.
- 9 [09.32.43]
- 10 Q. And before I ask you some more questions about that, do you
- 11 agree that you were first interviewed by a man from the
- 12 Documentation Centre of Cambodia in about 2013 regarding your
- 13 experiences during the Democratic Kampuchea period -- that is,
- 14 before the investigators from this Court spoke to you?
- 15 A. He went to see me, asking me about my experiences in the past.
- 16 I was interviewed at my house in about 2013, and I cannot recall
- 17 the exact day and month. That is true.
- 18 Q. And when you were first interviewed by someone from the
- 19 Documentation Centre of Cambodia, was that interview written down
- 20 and did you get to sign it, or was it simply recorded and you
- 21 haven't seen a written transcript of that first interview you
- 22 had?
- 23 A. Back then, the interview was not produced in writing<, but it
- 24 was simply recorded.> I was interviewed and I was told that it
- 25 would be documented for historical purposes. <Regarding a>

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- 1 written document, <I did not sign it. However>, they simply asked
- 2 me about the past events that I was involved in.
- 3 [09.35.02]
- 4 Q. Thank you.
- 5 And the interviews that were conducted by investigators from the
- 6 ECCC, it's correct that they were written down and you had an
- 7 opportunity to have them read back to you when those interviews
- 8 had finished. Is that right?
- 9 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 10 Please observe the microphone, Mr. Witness.
- 11 2-TCW-1005:
- 12 In fact, the record was read out to me, and it is consistent with
- 13 what I informed the DC-Cam back then, so afterwards, there was a
- 14 written document produced.
- 15 BY MR. SMITH:
- 16 Q. I would like to now ask you some questions, and firstly, in
- 17 what year did you join the revolution?
- 18 2-TCW-1005:
- 19 A. It was on 15 March 1973 when I joined the army.
- 20 [09.36.52]
- 21 Q. And were you about 15 years of age when you joined the army in
- 22 1973?
- 23 A. That is true. <At the time, > I was still a young boy, and I
- 24 was simply a messenger bringing and delivering food, <and I
- 25 delivered letters to the Sectors> controlled by the DK. That is

- 1 true.
- 2 Q. And why is it you can remember that specific date of the 15th
- 3 of March 1973? It was a long time ago.
- 4 Can you explain how you can remember the date that you joined?
- 5 A. It is because <all the biographies had to be consistent with
- 6 the original draft. If the biographies were not consistent with
- 7 the original one, they would not be acceptable>. And I could
- 8 recall some contents from the biographies when they were
- 9 collected from me from time to time.
- 10 [09.38.25]
- 11 Q. And when you first joined the revolution back in March 1973,
- 12 was a biography taken from you at that time or at a later time
- 13 after that?
- 14 A. It was done later on, after three, four, six or seven
- 15 <months, > the biography was collected and information was
- 16 recorded, what I was doing at the time, how many <> letters I had
- 17 delivered; <that was called re-fashioning, in short, the
- 18 biography was taken from me after re-fashioning>. At the time,
- 19 <after I left home, I went to live> at the base of the mountain
- 20 in the forest and, after living there for a period of three or
- 21 four months, <the> biography was taken from me.
- 22 Q. And when you say "the base of the mountains", are you
- 23 referring to the Kirirom mountains?
- 24 A. I was based close to <the> Sramauch (phonetic), Sen Han
- 25 (phonetic) and Damrei Romiel <mountains>. <I lived in the forest

- 1 within Tram Kak district and Angkor Chey <district >. It was the
- 2 first stage when I joined the army. It was in Office 160 that
- 3 <is, the messenger Office> of the of the sector, rather, Sector
- 4 13.
- 5 Q. Thank you.
- 6 And Sector 13, which zone was that in Democratic Kampuchea or
- 7 beforehand? Which zone was it in?
- 8 A. Sector 13 was in Southwest Zone. There were several sectors
- 9 within Southwest Zone: <Sector> 13, <Sector> 35, <Sector 33 and
- 10 Sector 25.> There were four sectors within that Southwest Zone.
- 11 [09.41.14]
- 12 Q. And who was the secretary or the commander of the Southwest
- 13 Zone?
- 14 A. It was Ta Mok or Ta 15. He was the secretary of the zone.
- 15 Q. In your statement, you said your mother joined the revolution
- 16 in 1970. What did she first -- where did she go when she joined
- 17 the revolution?
- 18 A. She joined the revolution when I was still at my birth
- 19 village. < However, I had learnt that she joined the revolution at
- 20 a location at Ta Am village, and I heard that she> was at
- 21 <Office> 150 <with Uncle Tith> and, later on, after 1975, she
- 22 <worked as a medic> with <Tith's wife> in Kiri Vong. <At the
- 23 time, I did not see her frequently, but I knew that> she first
- 24 joined the Office 150 <which was located to the north of Damrei
- 25 Romiel mountain>. That was the initial stage <that my mother

- 1 joined the revolution>.
- 2 O. And Office 150, what function did that have? What did they do
- 3 in Office 150?
- 4 A. To my knowledge, Office 150 belonged to the sector. After
- 5 joining Office 150, women could move to work <at base areas, or
- 6 they could work in the sector, for instance, to carry> wounded
- 7 people <and so on. In short, they worked under the Sector>.
- 8 At the time, female workers <also delivered> letters from place
- 9 to place. They <might be assigned to work> in the districts. <At
- 10 that point, they had already become female cadres.>
- 11 [09.43.48]
- 12 Q. In your statement, you said that your father died in about
- 13 1967 or 1968. Can you explain briefly how he died?
- 14 A. I was still a young boy when he died. What I know is that he
- 15 joined the movement of the CPK. Later on, I heard that he was
- 16 arrested. I could not recall the incident <well>.
- 17 At the time, he <transported> logistics from Phnom Penh to Aoral
- 18 <along National Road Number 4>. And as I said, I could only
- 19 recall some events <because at the time> I was a small boy. Later
- 20 on, I heard <that> he was arrested, and he disappeared <since>.
- 21 Q. And you mentioned that your father had good connections. Did
- 22 he know Son Sen before 1970?
- 23 A. During the <resistance> movement, they were perhaps friends
- 24 <after> they joined the movement together, <and they both studied
- 25 at the senior level>. And later on, that individual, I mean Son

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- 1 Sen, <was in contact> with me <and we remained in touch> until
- 2 the time that he died.
- 3 [09.45.52]
- 4 Q. You said in your statement that -- and I'll refer to E3/9647:
- 5 English, 01212334 to 35; in Khmer, 00975756 to 57; and French,
- 6 00996596 to 97. In your interview with DC-Cam, you talk about the
- 7 connection your father had with Son Sen, and you said, and I
- 8 start: "I don't know because in his history, he had connections.
- 9 That is why I am alive today."
- 10 That you're alive today because you had good connections or your
- 11 father had good connections, why did you say that?
- 12 A. As I told you earlier, I -- in fact, I did not elaborate it.
- 13 He had connections with my father <until my> father <died, and
- 14 after that, I had a good relationship with him. That is why I am
- 15 still alive today.> I was asked about my biography, and he
- 16 <learned> that I was the son of my father, so I had <a>
- 17 connection with him. <The statement that you read earlier is
- 18 true.>
- 19 O. When you joined the revolution, were you forced to join or was
- 20 it your choice?
- 21 You said you were around 15 years of age when you joined. You
- 22 were a boy, a teenager. Was it your choice or were you forced?
- 23 [09.48.34]
- 24 A. <I was not forced to> join the revolution. <However, after the
- 25 Lon Nol coup d'état, I followed senior people who joined the

- 1 movement. Then, I worked in> the messengers unit<>, and <I was>
- 2 tasked with delivering letters and messages, so I decided to join
- 3 the movement with other senior people. I was not forced to join
- 4 the movement, in fact.
- 5 Q. And why did you decide to join? Can you be more specific?
- 6 A. In fact, I was a teenager in 1970s. I used to go to attend
- 7 school at Angk Ta Saom, and teachers joined the demonstration,
- 8 <and> they were shot dead <by soldiers. They were teachers at
- 9 Chambak School in Angk Ta Saom. Between '70 and '73, I had seen
- 10 those incidents>.
- 11 <And> I came back home in 1973, <I thought to myself that if
- 12 joined the army, I would> fight against Lon Nol. So I followed
- 13 other senior people in the movement.
- 14 [09.50.15]
- 15 O. And you said that you first started to work in the revolution
- 16 in Office 160 in Sector 13. And was that the messenger unit of
- 17 Sector 13?
- 18 A. That is true. In fact, in Sector 13, there were Offices 150
- 19 and 160. And 150

 belonged> to the female messengers, and I was
- 20 in Office 160, the children messengers' unit. I was tasked with
- 21 delivering letters and messages to <units in different
- 22 districts>.
- 23 Q. And in Sector 13 -- can you name the districts that were
- 24 included in Sector 13 at that time?
- 25 A. In relation to districts, numbers were designated to districts

- 1 <such as district 105>, Tram Kak <district; 106>, Angkor Chey
- 2 <district; 107>, Treang <district; 108>, Kaoh Andaet <district;</pre>
- 3 109, Kiri Vong district; 55>, Prey Kabbas <district> and
- 4 <district 56>, Samraong <district. <In Takeo, > there were many
- 5 districts within the sector.
- 6 I was a teenager in the messenger unit, and I delivered letters
- 7 from one district to another district.
- 8 Q. And you didn't mention Kiri Vong district, but you mentioned
- 9 that in your statement. Was the Kiri Vong district within Sector
- 10 13 as well?
- 11 A. Kiri Vong was within Sector 13, and Kiri Vong was District
- 12 109, <it was close to the border>.
- 13 [09.53.05]
- 14 Q. And in Office 160, when you -- when you joined in 1973, you
- 15 said it was the messenger office. Was that located in one place
- or were there many messengers attached to Office 160 that were
- 17 situated in the different districts?
- 18 A. <The offices were located in the different locations.> We were
- 19 assigned to deliver letters. Sometimes I was assigned to deliver
- 20 the letter to Sramauch (phonetic), <Sen Han> (phonetic), or
- 21 Damrei Romeal <mountain>. Groups were divided to deliver letters,
- 22 and we were on a rotation, so we had a rotation system.
- 23 There was a rotation system applied. We <were not> based in one
- 24 specific location.
- 25 Q. In your statement, you said that you were a messenger with

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- 1 Office 160 for a few years until September 1975. Is that correct,
- 2 you were an Office 160 messenger for about two and a half years?
- 3 A. That is correct. It is consistent with what I told in the
- 4 past.
- 5 Q. You said messengers moved around the sector, but were you
- 6 based in any particular district during that two and a half
- 7 years? Which district did you live in during that period?
- 8 [09.55.35]
- 9 A. In that two-year-and-a-half period, I was based in Angkor Chey
- 10 <district only, and I lived along the base of > Sen Han (phonetic)
- 11 mountain. Later on, <in '75> I was moved to Angk Kriv for a
- 12 period of time in <> Angkor Chey commune, <Angkor Chey> district.
- 13 O. And is that time period correct, that you moved to Kiri Vong
- 14 district in March 1997 -- 1977, sorry?
- 15 A. That is not correct. <First,> I moved to Kiri Vong for a
- 16 period of time, <and then> I moved to Kratie <in March '77>. In
- 17 fact, I moved to live in Kiri Vong in September 1975.
- 18 Q. Sorry. That may have been my mistake.
- 19 And if I can just refer you back to your statement that you gave
- 20 to DC-Cam, and it's E3/9513. And it's answer number 35. And you
- 21 state -- it was asked of you for how long did you stay in Kiri
- 22 Vong district. You answered: "I went to Kiri Vong district from
- 23 September 1975 to March 1977", and then you went to Kratie. Is
- 24 that accurate?
- 25 A. If it is so, it is correct, what you read.

- 1 [09.57.53]
- 2 Q. At the time that you started work in the sector, Sector 13, in
- 3 Office 160 and when you were based in Angkor Chey district, who
- 4 was the sector secretary of Sector 13? Who was in charge?
- 5 A. Uncle Saom who -- who was in charge of Sector 13, and there
- 6 were other people below him.
- 7 Q. And do you know who the deputy secretary of Sector 13 was when
- 8 you started in 1973?
- 9 A. To my recollection, the deputy was <Keav>, Phen, and there
- 10 were other deputies below these two individuals as well.
- 11 Q. In your statements, you refer to Ta Muth. What was his -- what
- 12 was his role in Sector 13? What was his position when you joined?
- 13 A. I am a bit perplexed about the time period -- that is, you
- 14 were asking me about the period between 1975 and 1977, and then
- 15 you moved to a specific period of time, so I'm a bit confused.
- 16 From 1973 to 1975, Muth was the chief and Saom was the deputy.
- 17 And later on, <Muth was transferred to Division 3.> Saom
became>
- 18 the deputy (sic) <in> 1975.
- 19 [10.00.35]
- 20 Q. And at one stage, did Muth leave -- leave the sector and do
- 21 something else, take up another function?
- 22 A. Before 1975, he was the chief <of Sector 13>. And later on,
- 23 <around> 1974 or 1975, he moved to be in charge of Division 3.
- 24 <And then Saom became the secretary.>
- 25 Q. And where was your office specifically located in Angkor Chey

- 1 district when you were a messenger between 1973 and September
- 2 1975?
- 3 A. <Between '73 and '75, I> relocated from Sramauch (phonetic)
- 4 <mountain> to Damrei Romiel. And later on, <I> moved to <Angk
- 5 Kriv> near the National Road in 1975. However, it was still
- 6 located in Angkor Chey district.
- 7 [10.02.20]
- 8 Q. And you've said in your -- you said today that you served as a
- 9 -- as a messenger during this period, this two and a half year
- 10 period. Were you delivering messages from Angkor Chey district to
- 11 other districts in the sector?
- 12 Can you explain which districts you were delivering messages to,
- 13 what type of messages you were delivering and generally in more
- 14 detail the work you did when you worked with Office 160 in Angkor
- 15 Chey district?
- 16 A. I cannot recall every detail. I did not read the contents of
- 17 those letters. However, I <was> assigned to deliver them, for
- 18 example, to Tram Kak district or to Kiri Vong district, so I
- 19 cannot recall every count of mail delivery. I mainly took mail to
- 20 Kiri Vong <district>, Angkor Chey <district> and Tram Kak
- 21 districts.
- 22 As I said, I cannot recall every count of mail delivery.
- 23 Q. You said that Ta Saom was the Sector 13 secretary, and then
- 24 sometimes that switched with Ta Muth. Whilst you were working in
- 25 the Southwest Zone, was Ta San -- Ta Saom, the sector secretary

- 1 of Sector 13, ever replaced?
- 2 [10.04.50]
- 3 A. I do not understand your question. When Ta Muth left, Ta Saom
- 4 took his position. And later on, I went to Kratie, and that was
- 5 probably the time that Ta Saom was replaced by someone else; <he
- 6 was reassigned to Phnom Penh around '77 or '78. He remained in
- 7 his position> from 1975 to '76.
- 8 From what I understand, Ta Saom later on got sick and was
- 9 reassigned to Phnom Penh, <and he was replaced by someone else.
- 10 It happened after I went to Kratie>.
- 11 Q. And in your statement, you stated that Ta Saom, the sector
- 12 secretary, was replaced by Choeun for a short period of time; is
- 13 that correct?
- 14 A. I am not familiar with that name -- that is, Chhun (phonetic),
- 15 and I don't believe I mentioned that name in my statement. No,
- 16 there was no one by that name, Chhun (phonetic), in Sector 13.
- 17 Maybe <it was a typographical error>.
- 18 [10.06.37]
- 19 Q. I'll see if I can pronounce it better. Choeun.
- 20 Perhaps if I read you an excerpt from your statement -- and this
- 21 is E3/9647; English, 01212271 to 73; Khmer, 00975716; and French,
- 22 00996556 to 57; and this is what you said:
- 23 "After they" -- it was a question -- "After they released Ta
- 24 Saom, who was put on the sector committee in his place?"
- 25 You answered: "Choeun was put on the sector committee in the

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- 1 place of Ta Saom.
- 2 "Yes, Choeun was also arrested. He's my first cousin once removed
- 3 from Boeng Prey, also related to him.
- 4 So why did they arrest relatives of Ta Mok as well?
- 5 "It was a series of arrests."
- 6 Question: "A series of arrests. Did Choeun replace Ta Saom?"
- 7 You stated: "Before, Choeun was on the district committee in
- 8 Angkor Chey, then he was promoted to the sector because Ta Saom
- 9 had been released and Ta Muth had been promoted up to run the
- 10 division."
- 11 And then the question was -
- 12 "After Choeun was released, I don't know who came after. Choeun
- 13 was released to go to the Ministry of Industry with Vorn Vet."
- 14 Question: "In what year?"
- 15 Question: "In what year did they release Ta Saom?"
- 16 [10.08.56]
- 17 You answered: "Ta Saom was also released in 1977."
- 18 Question: "If Ta Saom was released in 1977, then Choeun only held
- 19 the post for a short time."
- 20 Answer: "He only held it for a short time, then he was released
- 21 to go to Phnom Penh and got arrested. Afterwards I went to Kratie
- 22 and heard that he had been arrested."
- 23 Do you understand the Choeun I'm referring to now?
- 24 A. Yes, I know Choeun. And what you read is correct. And now I
- 25 understand the excerpt that you read. He replaced Saom for a

- 1 period of time, and by 1978, he was reassigned to work with Vorn
- 2 Vet in Phnom Penh at the Ministry of Industry.
- 3 So he replaced Saom for a period of time, and the excerpt that
- 4 you read to me is correct. And of course, it does refresh my
- 5 memory because from your first question about Choeun, I am not
- 6 familiar with that name.
- 7 [10.10.39]
- 8 Q. Thank you. I apologize. My pronunciation of Khmer words is
- 9 certainly not the best.
- 10 I would like to show you a document, and it's in relation to
- 11 E393.2. And this is a document which is a summary of a number of
- 12 prisoner records from S-21 of people that were detained there
- 13 during Democratic Kampuchea.
- 14 My first question is, before I put the document to you, in
- 15 Democratic Kampuchea, were you aware of an office called S-21?
- 16 A. I heard of Office S-21 during the regime. At S-21, I only
- 17 heard of the office name, that it belonged to the state, but I
- 18 did not hear anything else. And only senior people were detained
- 19 at that office, and it was not meant for the detention of lower
- 20 cadre or ordinary people. But I, personally, never went to that
- 21 office, <and I did not know where it was located at that time>.
- 22 [10.12.27]
- 23 Q. And after the Democratic Kampuchea period, did you ever find
- 24 out what the function of S-21 was from other people in the Khmer
- 25 Rouge, or otherwise?

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- 1 What happened at S-21? Did you ever find out?
- 2 A. After the fall of the Khmer Rouge regime, I knew that people
- 3 suffered, and some of my relatives also were detained and died at
- 4 S-21, including my uncle. However, this information I learned
- 5 after the fall of the regime.
- 6 Q. Thank you.
- 7 Your Honour, I'd now like to show the witness an excerpt.
- 8 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 9 Co-Prosecutor, it is now time for our short break. The Chamber
- 10 will take a short break and resume at 25 to 11.00.
- 11 Court officer, please assist the witness at the waiting room
- 12 reserved for witnesses and civil parties and invite him back into
- 13 the courtroom at 25 to 11.00.
- 14 (Court recesses from 1014H to 1037H)
- 15 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 16 Please be seated. The Court is now back in session.
- 17 Before giving the floor to the Deputy International Co-Prosecutor
- 18 to resume the questioning, the Chamber would like to inform
- 19 <parties regarding> the ruling on the request of the OCP,
- 20 <E319/48.1>, and <> the defence for Nuon Chea request, E424, <for
- 21 the Chamber to admit into evidence some> documents <concerning
- 22 the testimony of witness 2-TCW-1005>.
- 23 <This morning> the Chamber has heard the submissions and
- 24 responses <from the> parties. However, the Chamber is not able to
- 25 issue the oral ruling now, since there <have> been technical

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- 1 matters in accessing to the documents in the system, <and there
- 2 were complications in relation to issuing the ruling. The Chamber
- 3 will issue the ruling in due course>. So now the floor is given
- 4 to the Co-Prosecutor to resume the questioning.
- 5 [10.39.48]
- 6 BY MR. SMITH:
- 7 Thank you, Mr. President.
- 8 Q. Witness, I know it's difficult coming to a Court in front of a
- 9 lot of lawyers and Judges to recall what happened during
- 10 Democratic Kampuchea, so I certainly don't want to confuse you
- 11 with my questions.
- 12 But just to summarize, you said that you joined the revolution in
- 13 1973 and you went to Angkor Chey district as a messenger to
- 14 September 1975, and then from September 1975 to March 1977, you
- 15 went to Kirirom (sic) district. And then from March 1977, you
- 16 went to Kratie, Sector 505.
- 17 I want to ask you the question now relating to Ta Saom, who was
- 18 the sector secretary of Sector 13, and refer back to your
- 19 statement where you say that he was released or removed from his
- 20 position in 1977, and then you stated that Choeun only held the
- 21 position for a short time.
- 22 And you said that when this event happened, the arrest of Ta
- 23 Saom, there were a series of arrests. Did that series of arrests
- in Sector 13 occur in 1977? Can you confirm?
- 25 [10.42.18]

- 1 2-TCW-1005:
- 2 A. That is true. <In '77,> after I had <already> moved to Kratie,
- 3 the Sector Committee <and the subordinates> were arrested
- 4 <including Keav, Ngoy, Khem and the others>.
- 5 That happened after I had moved to Kratie. <When I returned, I
- 6 did not see them anymore. > There was a series of arrests.
- 7 Q. Now, I will ask you about some of those people that you said
- 8 were arrested, but before we do that, can you tell me why Ta Saom
- 9 was arrested?
- 10 And if I can refresh your memory as to what you said to DC-Cam,
- 11 and this is at E3/9647; English, 01212270 to 71; Khmer, 00975715;
- 12 and French, 00996555; now, Witness, you said in answer to this
- 13 question: "Where was Ta Saom from?"
- 14 "Ta Saom was a journalist. He was the editor of a newspaper. He
- 15 was from Svay Rieng, or maybe Prey Veng. I don't know where he
- 16 was born. His place of birth...he was connected to the former
- 17 husband of Yut, Yeay Yut, from Prey Veng. He was a newspaper
- 18 editor there."
- 19 My question is: Was that the reason why Ta Saom was arrested,
- 20 because he was connected to Yeay Yut, Yeay Yut's husband?
- 21 [10.44.45]
- 22 A. That is true. After he was removed from his task and sent to
- 23 Phnom Penh, <there was a series of arrests to my recollection>.
- 24 He was sent to Phnom Penh because it was said that he had <an>
- 25 illness. He was not arrested at his base. In fact, he <had been

- 1 removed from his task already>.
- 2 It is true, like what you quoted. <At the time, when I was a
- 3 messenger and I stayed close to him, he said that he used to be a
- 4 journalist>, however, I cannot say for sure about his birthplace,
- 5 whether it <was> in Prey Veng or Svay Rieng, but I know for sure
- 6 that he was from the east part of the country.
- 7 Q. And is Yeay Yut Prak Yut?
- 8 A. That is correct.
- 9 [10.45.57]
- 10 Q. And was Prak Yut sent from the Southwest Zone to the Central
- 11 Zone and given a position there within the Communist Party of
- 12 Kampuchea?
- 13 A. She was sent from Kampot to Kampong Cham, and <to my
- 14 knowledge, her position> was the deputy secretary <of Sector 41
- 15 and secretary> of Kampong Siem <district>. And it was in 1978
- 16 when the arrest of her husband took place, <and the arrest
- 17 happened in> Kampong Cham in the Central Zone. Later on, <in
- 18 1978, > before the arrival of Vietnamese, she was further sent to
- 19 Battambang.
- 20 Q. And do you know why her husband was arrested?
- 21 A. <I know briefly about that, perhaps> it was said that he was a
- 22 former intellectual or student. Since he was originally from the
- 23 east, <and perhaps they were afraid he might have some
- 24 connections with the> KGB network, so on and so forth. <I did not
- 25 know it clearly because at the time I was far away from him>.

- 1 After her husband had been removed <from Kampot> to Kampong Cham,
- 2 he had no real tasks to perform and, at the end, he was arrested.
- 3 <To my knowledge, during the regime he was the head of a zone</p>
- 4 office.>
- 5 [10.48.00]
- 6 Q. And to your knowledge, was he arrested and released during
- 7 Democratic Kampuchea, or was he arrested and killed?
- 8 A. <Aim (phonetic), Prak Yut's husband> was not released, and he
- 9 was sent to Kampot. Later on, he was <> killed. <At the time, I
- 10 was in Kratie, but I learnt that information from others>. He was
- 11 arrested <in> Kampong Cham and <he was then> sent to Kampot, and
- 12 later on <he> disappeared, perhaps immediately before the arrival
- of the Vietnamese; <he was arrested around> 1978.
- 14 Q. And to your knowledge, is that why Ta Saom was arrested,
- 15 because he was connected to Prak Yut's husband, who was believed
- 16 to be a KGB agent? Is that correct?
- 17 A. To my knowledge, Ta Saom <was not involved> with KGB agents.
- 18 It was said that Saom < was sick, and he was reassigned from Takeo
- 19 to Phnom Penh. That was what I definitely mentioned in my
- 20 statement. However, I did not know what they actually
- 21 transcribed. Ta Saom> had a lung disease so he needed to be sent
- 22 to Phnom Penh. However, when he was sent to Phnom Penh, he had no
- 23 actual position or tasks to perform. He was put in the Ministry
- 24 of Foreign Affairs, <so it meant that he was not arrested at the
- 25 time>.

- 1 His position and function was removed back then. It was said that
- 2 he had links to suspicious activities.
- 3 [10.49.54]
- 4 Q. To your knowledge, was he killed during the Democratic
- 5 Kampuchea regime, or not?
- 6 A. I do not know for sure. The situation became chaotic, and I
- 7 was not so interested in the event back then.
- 8 Q. Have you ever heard of Ta Saom being alive since 1979?
- 9 A. I have heard like what you said, but I have never seen him. In
- 10 light of the conditions of his disease, he should not have
- 11 survived the regime. <At the time, when I was with him, he
- 12 already had lung disease, and> there was no hope <of him
- 13 surviving the regime>.
- 14 MR. SMITH:
- 15 And if I can -- Mr. President, if I can show the witness an
- 16 excerpt from E393.2, which is a prisoner list, or combined
- 17 prisoner list, from S-21.
- 18 Mr. President, if I can have that shown on the screen, there's an
- 19 excerpt. I understand the witness has difficulties reading, but
- 20 our officer here with the Prosecution should be able to make the
- 21 name big enough to see whether the witness can confirm it. So I
- 22 would ask that entry number 14851 on the S-21 prisoner list
- 23 relating to Saom Chon (phonetic) be shown on the screen. Sorry,
- 24 Saom Choeun. Saom Choeun, but the witness can confirm.
- 25 [10.52.27]

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- 1 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 2 The Chamber grants your request.
- 3 To facilitate the issue, the court officer is instructed to
- 4 whisper <the name that will be questioned by the Co-Prosecutor>
- 5 to the witness. Whisper to the witness, but <do> not speak
- 6 through the microphone.
- 7 BY MR. SMITH:
- 8 Perhaps, Mr. President, if -- I would just ask that if I could --
- 9 that if it's shown on the screen, but I would also read it out as
- 10 well, which may be easier.
- 11 Q. Witness, looking --
- 12 [10.53.20]
- 13 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 14 Please hold on.
- 15 Koppe, you may proceed.
- 16 MR. KOPPE:
- 17 Thank you, Mr. President.
- 18 I object to the method of confronting a document which is not a
- 19 contemporaneous document, but made up or drafted by the
- 20 Investigating Judges, to the witness. We talked about this person
- 21 at length, but I also may remind the Prosecution of the answer of
- 22 this witness in document E3/10622, question and answer 92, in
- 23 which answer the witness is saying that this particular person
- 24 was still alive. So now to have him directed in -- have him
- 25 moving in the direction of him being executed, maybe, at S-21,

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- 1 I'm not quite sure how that correlates to each other.
- 2 So there is no point in showing the witness this name. He talked
- 3 about it. And in the light of question and answer 92 in document
- 4 E3/10622, it's also misguided.
- 5 [10.54.50]
- 6 MR. SMITH:
- 7 Just briefly, Your Honour, the combined prisoner list is in
- 8 evidence. The Prosecution should be able to, and the Defence, put
- 9 information in relation to that document that the witness may be
- 10 able to comment on. The Defence have done it on numerous
- 11 occasions throughout this whole trial using the combined list.
- 12 Secondly, I think there's some confusion as to Ta Saom. What the
- 13 Defence was referring to, I believe, at page 92, is in relation
- 14 to the secretary of Sector 13 initially, and then this witness
- 15 has said in his testimony that Ta Saom was replaced by Choeun,
- 16 and this record states that there was a person named Saom Choeun
- 17 taken to S-21. And so it may be two people with the same name.
- 18 And I'm just asking the witness to confirm whether the name that
- 19 appears on the prisoner is -- does, in fact, refer to Choeun,
- 20 Saom Choeun that replaced Ta Saom in 1977 for a short period of
- 21 time. So I think there's some confusion.
- 22 And the witness would certainly be able to clarify it by looking
- 23 at the name using the list, as has been done on many occasions by
- 24 the Defence and Prosecution.
- 25 (Judges deliberate)

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- 1 [10.57.40]
- 2 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 3 The Chamber overrules the objection put by the defence team for
- 4 Mr. Nuon Chea, Koppe. The document is already in the case file,
- 5 and the Chamber needs to hear the response of the witness to the
- 6 question.
- 7 Mr. Co-Prosecutor, could you put the question again so that the
- 8 witness could give you the reply?
- 9 [10.58.16]
- 10 BY MR. SMITH:
- 11 Thank you, Mr. President.
- 12 Q. Witness, in this prisoner list -- combined prisoner list from
- 13 S-21 -- it states that a Saom Choeun, age 38, who had the
- 14 position of assistant office of Sector 13, deputy secretary of
- 15 Angkor Chey district and deputy of <Treang> and back to Sector 13
- 16 office in the Southwest Zone, and then in the Economics Office
- 17 for one month and returning to the Agricultural Ministry in 1977.
- 18 He was the chief of Dim, the agriculture (sic) of state
- 19 agriculture. He was -- he entered into S-21 on the 27th of
- 20 December 1978, or the 26th of December.
- 21 If you look at the name on the screen and from the details I gave
- 22 you, is this Saom Choeun the Choeun that you referred to that
- 23 replaced Ta Saom as a Sector 13 secretary for a short time in
- 24 1977?
- 25 [11.00.01]

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- 1 2-TCW-1005:
- 2 A. After I read the name, that is him. <Around that period of
- 3 time, he might be sent to that place because> he <had already
- 4 been> in Phnom Penh back then, and later on I heard that he
- 5 disappeared after the arrest of Vorn Vet <>. <I learned that
- 6 news> when I went to Kratie and back to Phnom Penh. This is true.
- 7 Q. And did you also hear the reason why he was arrested and taken
- 8 to S-21?
- 9 A. He had links to the <alleged> network. I heard that the
- 10 machinery in Phnom Penh in the state warehouse broke down and,
- 11 later on, I heard that Vorn Vet, the chief, was arrested. And a
- 12 few days later, the deputy chief, that is, Choeun, was also
- 13 arrested.
- 14 I was <far away>. However, I heard that there were arrests of two
- 15 individuals. One happened after another.
- 16 Q. And in March -- in September 1975, now, you stated that you
- 17 moved to Kiri Vong district and you became chairman of the
- 18 messenger unit in Regiment 13 under Commander Phan. Can you
- 19 explain why you moved from Angkor Chey district and went to Kiri
- 20 Vong district?
- 21 Who ordered you to go there, and why did that happen?
- 22 [11.02.48]
- 23 A. I went to Kiri Vong with Phan, who was in the regiment <at the
- 24 sector>, and my uncle said Phan wanted a closer confidante, so I
- 25 went to live with him around Wat Sla pagoda before I went to

- 1 Kratie. I only took a group of 12 people with me when I went to
- 2 work with Phan. Later on, Phan was reassigned somewhere else and
- 3 I was assigned to Kratie. <I worked there for a short period,</p>
- 4 perhaps a year.>
- 5 Q. And what were your functions when you worked at the Kiri Vong
- 6 district? What did you do before you went to Kratie a year and a
- 7 half later?
- 8 A. I was still a leader of the messengers group, and there were
- 9 about 20 or 30 workers or messengers there -- that is, for
- 10 sending logistics and delivering letters <to surrounding places
- 11 near the office>.
- 12 Q. You stated in your interview that you were sent there because
- 13 you had experience as a messenger and you were sent to work as a
- 14 messenger at the battlefront. Is that correct?
- 15 A. Yes, that is correct. And that statement of mine is also
- 16 correct, and I stand by that statement.
- 17 [11.04.58]
- 18 Q. And in your -- in your statement, you refer to Ta Tom and Ta
- 19 Tith as working in Kiri Vong district. Can you tell the Court
- 20 what their roles were? What did Ta Tom do in Kiri Vong district,
- 21 and what function did Ta Tith have in Kiri Vong district?
- 22 A. To my understanding, although Ta Tith was <chief of Kiri Vong
- 23 district>, he also linked to the sector levels since he was more
- 24 senior. He could be part of the sector standing committee, as he
- 25 attended the meetings at the district and he sat to the right

- 1 side of Ta Saom. <I saw that and found out when I was in Angkor
- 2 Chey.>
- 3 O. And Ta Tom, what was his position in the district, Kiri Vong?
- 4 A. Ta Tom was secretary of Kiri Vong district.
- 5 [11.06.38]
- 6 Q. Yet you said that Ta Tith was senior to Ta Tom because he
- 7 worked at the sector; is that correct?
- 8 A. Yes, that is correct. And according to my understanding,
- 9 <based on what I had seen when I went to the office as a
- 10 messenger>, usually the arrangement in the meetings <was that> Ta
- 11 Tith could sit <in> the front row with Ta Saom and <at> the
- 12 district level <he> would sit <in> the <back> row. And Ta Tith
- 13 was the one who organized such meetings, and <he was Ta 15's
- 14 younger brother-in-law>.
- 15 Q. And you said that your office in Kiri Vong district was at Sla
- 16 village; is that correct?
- 17 A. Yes, that is correct. It was at Ta Ou commune, Sla village.
- 18 Q. And Sla village, about how many kilometres was that from the
- 19 Vietnamese border?
- 20 A. It was <close> to Vietnamese border. If you <stood> at the Sla
- 21 pagoda <in Krang Ta Mung village, Ta Ou commune, which was next
- 22 to Cheav Bdei village>, you could almost see the Vietnamese
- 23 border, as it was only one <commune> away; <Cheav Bdei village
- 24 was close to the Vietnamese border>. And <> 105 millimetre
- 25 artillery could be shelled <from a creek's edge to my station, so

- 1 the distance is about 16 kilometres>.
- 2 [11.08.52]
- 3 Q. And about how many kilometres, or miles?
- 4 A. To my estimate, it was not that far. In terms of the artillery
- 5 range, <the> Vietnamese could shell it from their side to
- 6 Cambodia's side, and the other way around. There were some rice
- 7 fields in between, so the distance is roughly <16> kilometres.
- 8 Q. And about how far was your office at Sla village from the Kiri
- 9 Vong district office and the offices of Ta Tith and Ta Tom? About
- 10 how many kilometres was it from there?
- 11 A. It is very difficult for me to give you an estimate of the
- 12 distance since during <that> time, there were no <national> roads
- 13 to travel. There were <dusty roads only. When we travelled
- 14 through Ta Ou commune, Prey Rumdeng commune, Ream Andaeuk commune
- 15 --> and Ta Tom's office was at <Kouk Prech commune>. And <Ta
- 16 Tith's office> was at <Ream Andaeuk commune>, and <after Prey
- 17 Ampok -- so> there were <Ta Ou commune,> Prey Ampok, Prey Rumdeng
- 18 and <Ream Andaeuk>.
- 19 So there were two communes in between, and it was rather far in
- 20 terms of distance.
- 21 Q. Thank you. Just one last question on this.
- 22 How long would it take you to drive from Sla village to Ta Tith's
- 23 or Ta Tom's office in Kiri Vong district, approximately?
- 24 A. If you travel in a direct line <following a map>, it's not
- 25 that far. However, the road at the time <that is, from Ta Ou to

- 1 Kiri Vong, > was so winding, as you had to travel <through Prey
- 2 Rumdeng and Ream Andaeuk>, and the distance was a little bit less
- 3 than 20 kilometres.
- 4 [11.12.05]
- 5 Q. Thank you.
- 6 Witness, I'd now like to move to another topic, and that's the
- 7 topic where discussions about enemies were had when you were at
- 8 either Angkor Chey district or Kiri Vong district.
- 9 In your statement, you talk about a meeting that you went to
- 10 where enemies of the CPK were discussed. And I'd like to read a
- 11 passage from your statement where you discuss this point.
- 12 It's E3/10622; English, 01170587 to 88; Khmer, 01136708 to 09;
- 13 and I believe there's no French translation at this stage. And
- 14 this is a question that was asked of you by an investigator of
- 15 the ECCC:
- 16 [11.13.25]
- 17 "Do you remember what they talked about when you attended the
- 18 sector meeting?"
- 19 You said: "They talked about the summary of the yearly work. The
- 20 Party secretary went on the stage to make a commitment and talked
- 21 about the results of serving the Party, including the strengths
- 22 and weaknesses. They then reported on the rice fields and the
- 23 number of completed canals."
- 24 And then you go on to say, in response to this question, "At that
- 25 time, during the meeting, did they talk about the outside enemies

- 1 or inside enemies?"
- 2 "Yes, they did. The enemies were KGB and CIA. The CIA network was
- 3 affiliated with the United States of America, and the KGB was
- 4 affiliated with Vietnam."
- 5 Is that correct? Do you remember going to a sector meeting and
- 6 the issue of enemies was discussed?
- 7 A. What you have stated is correct, and I agree with that
- 8 excerpt. There were two issues that they mentioned <in every
- 9 meeting> -- that is, <that the> KGB <was> affiliated with Vietnam
- 10 and CIA of <the United States>, but they did not mention the
- 11 hunger suffered by the people. And <when I attended such meetings
- 12 before I went to join the army in Kiri Vong, for base areas, they
- 13 only mentioned the rice production, the work at the rice field
- 14 and> the commitment that we were asked to do -- that is, to
- 15 eliminate the CIA or the KGB agents, but they failed to mention
- 16 the hunger or shortage of food faced by the people.
- 17 I heard about that statement, and we<, as> chiefs of messenger
- 18 groups, were instructed to attend the meetings. <We waited on the
- 19 tables and served the food to them after the meeting>.
- 20 And as I said, once again, I agree with this statement that you
- 21 just read out.
- 22 [11.16.10]
- 23 Q. And about how many meetings did you go to during your time at
- 24 Angkor Chey or during your time at Kiri Vong where the issue of
- 25 enemies was discussed?

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- 1 Was it discussed frequently, at many meetings or a few meetings?
- 2 Can you give us an idea of how often the issue of enemies was
- 3 talked about?
- 4 A. Based on my participation in the meetings with those senior
- 5 people, in general, for senior cadres, this topic was raised
- 6 rather often. However, the matter was not raised <that often>
- 7 during the military meetings, as such meetings focused more about
- 8 the preparatory line at the border or at the front line.
- 9 So the matter was raised more with senior cadres' meetings, but
- 10 for military personnel's' meetings, it was not mentioned that
- 11 often. This is based on my personal participation in those
- 12 meetings.
- 13 [11.17.40]
- 14 Q. I'd like to read you an excerpt from a statement, or a
- 15 document. And it's from the June 1977 edition of the
- 16 "Revolutionary Flag". It's E3/135; English, 00142905; Khmer,
- 17 00062803; and French, 00487719.
- 18 Before I read this passage, Witness, were you familiar with the
- 19 "Revolutionary Flag's" magazines that were produced by the
- 20 Communist Party of Kampuchea? Did you see any during the
- 21 Democratic Kampuchea period or were you taught about the content
- 22 of them during that time?
- 23 A. Regarding the "Revolutionary Flag" magazines, senior cadres
- 24 actually used those magazines to teach us. This is based on my
- 25 participation in the study sessions.

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- 1 The "Flag" magazines were issued around 1977, and they were used
- 2 during study sessions. < The content of those magazines was very
- 3 strict, and if we had adhered to the "Revolutionary Flag"
- 4 magazines, we would have faced difficulty in implementation>.
- 5 This is based on my personal experience, <but I myself did not
- 6 read the magazines yet>. I <found out> later on that the
- 7 magazines were no longer published. However, they were used by
- 8 senior cadres in study sessions.
- 9 [11.19.57]
- 10 Q. Thank you.
- 11 And if I can read a passage from that -- one of those magazines
- 12 in June, the magazine in June 1977, it says:
- 13 "We must hold a clear stand and view that we haven't yet cleansed
- 14 burrowing enemies a hundred per cent. The remainders enjoy
- 15 extending themselves.
- 16 "We must take absolute measure in zero-tolerance manner and
- 17 without hesitation.
- 18 "The procedure of eliminating enemies burrowing from within
- 19 expires four months already. Please be reminded.
- 20 "1) Encourage and educate the masses in the Party, core
- 21 organizations, revolutionary army and among the people so that
- 22 they are clearly aware of how the burrowing enemies act. By this
- 23 way, they will become forces in search of enemies and attacking
- 24 enemies."
- 25 [11.21.08]

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- 1 "The same applies to each ministry, base and army. We must move.
- 2 We move step by step. Where the measures (of eliminating enemies)
- 3 are available, there must be encouragement and education for the
- 4 masses."
- 5 Is this the type of policy or approach that you were taught in
- 6 relation to enemies during that period?
- 7 A. And that is the difficult issue that I mentioned. It was due
- 8 to the strict guidelines of the Communist Party that nobody
- 9 trusted anyone and <senior cadres> were afraid of the content of
- 10 the Flag magazines. Even I, myself, sacrificed myself to the
- 11 Party and I would not protest against any assignment by the
- 12 Party. And we would dare to sacrifice ourselves for the Party.
- 13 And that was based on the content or the guideline of the "Flag"
- 14 magazines.
- 15 When we joined the Party, we had to be afraid of the Party and
- 16 that we had to search for KGB or CIA agents. And everybody was
- 17 afraid of everybody else, and we did not trust one another.
- 18 [11.23.20]
- 19 People from the East <Zone> were sent to <Northwest> Zone, and
- 20 likewise, people from the <West Zone> were sent <Southwest Zone>.
- 21 And the situation was rather confusing. And that's what happened,
- 22 and the excerpt that you read out is correct. Everybody was so
- 23 afraid of the content of the magazine.
- 24 I learned <about> those excerpts. However, your statement jogs my
- 25 memory.

- 1 Q. You said that people were afraid to protest the content in
- 2 that -- in those "Revolutionary Flags". Why were people afraid to
- 3 do that?
- 4 A. People did not have the right to read the "Revolutionary Flag"
- 5 magazines. Even members of "Youth Leagues" or progressive
- 6 <people> did not have the right. Only Party members could read
- 7 the magazines. However, amongst the Party members, we were afraid
- 8 of one another.
- 9 For example, my chief joined <> the Party before me and, later
- 10 on, I became member of the Party, but because we were from
- 11 different backgrounds, we did not trust one another. And that
- 12 also applies to those who were introduced to the Party by
- 13 different people. < If an individual from a particular background
- 14 was arrested, people from the same background would be afraid>.
- 15 And we were afraid to speak to one another or to make any
- 16 comments.
- 17 [11.25.12]
- 18 Q. You were very young at the time. I think in 1975 you said you
- 19 were 17, so in 1979, you would have been around 19 (sic). Do you
- 20 think that your age, your young age made you more afraid of the
- 21 content of the policies in the magazines?
- 22 A. The truth is what I just said. We were afraid of <its
- 23 contents>. As for myself, I was the youngest. Usually, only when
- 24 we reach the age of 25 years old, we would become entitled to be
- 25 members of the Party, but I became a member of the Party <when> I

- 1 was around 19 <or 20> years old, <so I was afraid. This is true,
- 2 and I made mention about that issue in my previous statement>.
- 3 Q. And when it's stated in that magazine that -- the passage I
- 4 read, "We must take absolute measure in zero tolerance manner and
- 5 without hesitation in relation to dealing with enemies burrowing
- 6 from within", in your mind, what did "We must take absolute
- 7 measure in zero tolerance" mean? What were they telling -- what
- 8 were the magazines telling CPK cadre to do in relation to
- 9 enemies?
- 10 [11.27.14]
- 11 A. Regarding the content of the "Revolutionary Flags", successive
- 12 purges happened because of the not-so-absolute stance.
- 13 For example, people from Takeo and Kampot who were assigned to
- 14 Kratie, as in my case, <we were siblings, relatives and
- 15 companions, and then we were asked to engage in the purges,
- 16 including>, for example, when someone <was injured, and the
- 17 wounds did not heal quickly, that person would be in trouble;
- 18 that was why we faced difficulty. If we were to take the absolute
- 19 stance in adhering> the quidelines or the content of the
- 20 "Revolutionary Flags", <everyone would have been in danger>. And
- 21 when there were purges at <the regiments or the division or> the
- 22 sector level, sometimes people did not take absolute stance to
- 23 purge those at the lower level. This is based on my
- 24 understanding.
- 25 Q. And when you state that people in some places did not take an

- 1 absolute stance in purging, are you saying that people were not
- 2 prepared to kill others in relation to these policies?
- 3 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 4 Witness, please hold on and Counsel Koppe, you have the floor.
- 5 [11.28.45]
- 6 MR. KOPPE:
- 7 That's a very leading question, Mr. President; I object. Purging,
- 8 we have established, is not the same as killing at all.
- 9 Re-education is seen as a measure; other forms of education is
- 10 seen as a measure, so just jumping from purging to asking the
- 11 witness whether absolute stance in purging means killing is very
- 12 leading; therefore, I object.
- 13 BY MR. SMITH:
- 14 Your Honour, I'm happy to rephrase the question.
- 15 Q. What did it mean for Party members to take absolute measures
- 16 in zero tolerance against enemies? What was being requested of
- 17 Party members from these teachings?
- 18 [11.29.52]
- 19 2-TCW-1005:
- 20 A. Regarding Party meetings that I attended, it was for the Party
- 21 members to be absolutely loyal to the Party. Regarding <the
- 22 purges>, if that Party member made a mistake, then there would be
- 23 no need to <hold> any consultation <before the arrest>.
- 24 If myself or my group became Party members, then we had to be
- 25 loyal and as for the Party, we did not know who or what the Party

- 1 was, and also regarding the <purges>, it is very difficult to
- 2 understand <whom> we had to purge. It was easier for the army to
- 3 engage in their activities <on> the battlefield, <so the purges
- 4 within the army would not be like the purges at the base areas.
- 5 We were also obliged was to be loyal to> the Party. < If army
- 6 forces failed to serve the Party, they would automatically kill
- 7 themselves with a pistol>.
- 8 Q. One last question, Your Honour.
- 9 What did -- what does purging -- what did purging enemies mean to
- 10 you; did it mean to re-educate; did it mean to remove people from
- 11 positions; did it mean to kill people; did it mean all of those
- 12 things or did it mean some of those things? When Party members
- 13 were asked to purge, what were they asking them to do?
- 14 [11.31.56]
- 15 A. Allow me to inform you of what I understand based on my
- 16 participation in those meetings. For example, within the Party
- 17 rank, if there was a traitorous network; namely, the person who
- 18 introduced them to the Party and those who were introduced into
- 19 the Party would be subject to be searched for their backgrounds.
- 20 For instance, even if I lived in Kratie, then they would come to
- 21 my native village <> to search for my background, and if they
- 22 found that I made a mistakes, then they <would> purge me from the
- 23 Party's rank, <so we had to be loyal to the Party>, and <we
- 24 should not have any connection> with CIA or KGB agents, and that
- 25 was what we called the internal purges within the Party.

- 1 <However, > ordinary people <> would not be aware of such fact. <I</pre>
- 2 have no idea about the purges at the base areas>.
- 3 Q. Was killing enemies considered to be a part of the purging
- 4 process?
- 5 A. You're asking me whether killing enemy was also referred to as
- 6 purging. What I said is that during the Party's meetings, usually
- 7 if Party members were found not to be loyal to the Party, then
- 8 they would be purged. However, your question is rather from a
- 9 different perspective.
- 10 [11.34.05]
- 11 Q. My question is: When members were asked to purge internal
- 12 enemies, would that include them being authorized to kill
- internal enemies; yes or no?
- 14 A. It's beyond my understanding. Only the senior cadres could
- 15 instruct lower cadres to implement or to take an action and only
- 16 the Party knew who traitors were because people at the lower
- 17 level did not dare to act without permission, even people <at the
- 18 lower level> from the same village <> did not even dare to speak
- 19 to one another as we were afraid that we <would be> accused of
- 20 colluding with one another.
- 21 MR. SMITH:
- 22 Thank you, Witness.
- 23 Mr. President, this morning, I think the Prosecution started
- 24 asking questions at 9.30. I would ask that if possible, the
- 25 Prosecution and civil parties receive a half an hour to make up

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- 1 for that discussion at the beginning and so my request would be
- 2 that we would finish 30 minutes into tomorrow morning, if Your
- 3 Honour pleases.
- 4 [11.36.07]
- 5 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 6 Thank you. It is now appropriate for lunch break. We'll take a
- 7 break now and resume at 1.30 this afternoon.
- 8 Court officer, please assist the witness at the waiting room
- 9 reserved for witnesses during the break time and invite him back
- 10 into the courtroom at 1.30 this afternoon.
- 11 Security personnel, you're instructed to take Khieu Samphan to
- 12 the waiting room downstairs and have him returned to attend the
- 13 proceedings this afternoon before 1.30.
- 14 The Court stands in recess.
- 15 (Court recesses from 1136H to 1332H)
- 16 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 17 Please be seated. The Court is now in session.
- 18 The Chamber would like to inform the parties and the public that
- 19 this afternoon, Judge You Ottara is is back on the Bench and the
- 20 floor is now given to the International Deputy Co-Prosecutor to
- 21 resume the questioning. You may proceed.
- 22 [13.33.39]
- 23 BY MR. SMITH:
- 24 Good afternoon, Mr. President, Your Honours, and counsel and good
- 25 afternoon, Witness.

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- 1 Q. Witness, before we had lunch, you were explaining to the
- 2 Judges how CPK cadre were afraid not to protest or, sorry, were
- 3 afraid to protest the teachings in the "Revolutionary Flags" in
- 4 relation to enemy policy.
- 5 I'd now like to ask you a question as to whether or not the CPK
- 6 cadre were afraid of each other. I think you may have said
- 7 something about this before lunch, but were cadre afraid that
- 8 other cadre would report on them for possessing or having some
- 9 enemy traits?
- 10 [13.35.11]
- 11 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 12 Please hold on, Mr. Witness. You may proceed now, Koppe.
- 13 MR. KOPPE:
- 14 Yes, thank you, Mr. President. I object to this question because
- 15 it's asking the witness to speculate. He can only say something
- 16 about what he, himself, experienced or what other cadres told
- 17 him. Asking a general question about how cadres felt is
- 18 requesting for speculation.
- 19 BY MR. SMITH:
- 20 I mean this witness was a cadre, was in the CPK at the time. He
- 21 went to lots of meetings. He had a lot of opportunity to make
- 22 observations to this fact. I think he can speak to this. Perhaps
- 23 it's just a rephrasing of the question.
- 24 Q. I'm happy to rephrase it, Your Honour, to say along these
- 25 lines, from what you observed, from what you heard, were other

- 1 cadre afraid of each other, from you -- what you factually saw?
- 2 [13.36.36]
- 3 2-TCW-1005:
- 4 A. Based on my actual experiences and to my understanding, for
- 5 instance, the cadres from the Southwest Zone who were sent to
- 6 Sector 505 in Kratie, so if that happened, the cadres in Kratie
- 7 would be afraid of the cadres from Southwest Zone, <and vice
- 8 versa>, so they did not trust each other <because they were
- 9 introduced to the Party by different people>. And as I said, this
- 10 is my understanding. When I was moved to live in another
- 11 location, I was afraid of the cadres over there as well.
- 12 Q. And why were you afraid of other cadres; what did you think
- 13 would happen to you?
- 14 A. For instance, I was moved from Takeo to Kratie. <While
- 15 driving> the trucks which transported the ammunition <to the
- 16 battlefield to fight against "Yuon">, there <was wood laid along
- 17 the National Road, and those trucks were sometimes fired at; so
- 18 no one trusted each other. Here, I am talking about what happened
- 19 in the army, but I do not know what happened in the base areas>.
- 20 So in fact, we were afraid of one another and I believe -- I
- 21 think that the cadres over there did not trust us from the
- 22 outside and we had the same feeling because the other cadres in
- 23 that location thought that we did not fight <the Vietnamese> hard
- 24 enough.
- 25 [13.38.38]

- 1 Q. And just to be clear, are you saying that when you went to
- 2 Kratie, other cadres from other places accused you of not
- 3 fighting the Vietnamese hard enough; is that correct?
- 4 A. My explanation is that we were at our location <since> 1977,
- 5 and when we were defeated by the Vietnamese in 1978, <the new
- 6 forces who were sent there in '78> accused us of not defeating
- 7 the Vietnamese. <So it meant that they did not trust us>. I am
- 8 speaking about this in the context of military.
- 9 O. And just following that up, when you moved to Kratie and you
- 10 were involved with the fighting against the Vietnamese, did other
- 11 cadre accuse you of being traitors because you didn't fight --
- 12 they thought you didn't fight hard enough; is that right?
- 13 A. I was not accused by any leaders; however, as I said, <when
- 14 there were intense clashes>, we did not trust each other. For
- 15 example, the soldiers in the sector or in the centre could not
- 16 hold back the Vietnamese, so we were sent to help and reinforce
- 17 them.
- 18 < From '77 to mid '78, we were not yet accused of not fighting
- 19 against the Vietnamese, but in late 1978, the situation became
- 20 intensified <>, <the> Vietnamese were fighting us so intensely,
- 21 and <we could not counter-attack the Vietnamese successfully, so
- 22 they> started not <trusting> us, <and they accused us of not
- 23 fighting against the Vietnamese. However, since I was a
- 24 subordinate, I was not accused of that. It was the senior cadres
- 25 who were accused of that. > And I believe that I have already

- 1 answered in the previous written records about this issue.
- 2 [13.41.29]
- 3 Q. Thank you and I'll ask you some questions about that in the --
- 4 in a moment, but what I'd like to ask you now is when you held
- 5 your meetings, when you went to meetings, when you were at the
- 6 Kiri Vong district and when you were at the Angkor Chey district
- 7 in the Southwest Zone -- so this is before you went to Kratie in
- 8 1977 -- when you went to those meetings, were you asked or
- 9 requested to participate in self-criticism sessions where you
- 10 would state your biography and answer questions from others as to
- 11 your background? Were you asked to do that at some of those
- 12 meetings?
- 13 [13.42.45]
- 14 A. In fact, self-criticism did take place every meeting among the
- 15 low-level cadres and also the senior-level cadres; we all were
- 16 criticizing each other to improve our work performance <for the
- 17 people and the Country>. For instant, <> they would discuss how
- 18 much fuel I used riding my motorbike and also driving the vehicle
- 19 <per day> and how much time I spent during the mission to deliver
- 20 the messages and letters.
- 21 And usually, self-criticism and criticism took place <at> every
- 22 meeting and a livelihood meeting would happen <within> the bigger
- 23 meeting later on.
- 24 I am speaking in the name of the low-level cadres, <I did not
- 25 attend any meetings with senior cadres>, so it happened as I

- 1 said. For example, the meeting would be convened among 100 <or
- 2 150> people, <and we were divided into small groups> and usually
- 3 there were <12 people in a group, including a chief. We
- 4 criticized> one another in order to improve and refashion
- 5 ourselves. So again, self-criticism and criticism did happen in
- 6 all meetings, be it small or big.
- 7 [13.44.32]
- 8 Q. Thank you and if I can read to you your statement in relation
- 9 to one of these self-criticism sessions and ask you to comment on
- 10 it and this is at E3/10622; E01170587 (sic) to 88; and Khmer,
- 11 01136708 to 09; and there's no French translation.
- 12 And this is what you said: "After the meeting, there were
- 13 three-day meetings within groups and self-criticism. During the
- 14 self-criticism meetings, there were question and answer sessions.
- 15 For example, I volunteered to be questioned. I had to report
- 16 everything I had done. If I was found to have relatives staying
- 17 in Phnom Penh, I would be regarded as having affiliation with the
- 18 CIA. If I had relatives who had come from Kampuchea Krom, I would
- 19 be regarded as having affiliation with the Vietnamese KGB. My
- 20 mother was removed from her position because my aunt was from
- 21 Phnom Penh. Those who were evacuated from Phnom Penh were
- 22 regarded as the 17 of April People."
- 23 So my question is: If another cadre at a self-criticism session
- 24 -- sorry, I'll retract that. In relation to enemies or enemies of
- 25 the CPK, who were perceived to be enemies of the Communist Party?

- 1 And perhaps let me start first with the Vietnamese viewed to be
- 2 enemies of the Communist Party of Kampuchea?
- 3 [13.47.08]
- 4 A. Back in the regime -- again, I'm speaking in the context of
- 5 <the> military, soldiers had to defend the territory or the
- 6 country and if the Vietnamese had encroached on Cambodia, we had
- 7 to defend <it>. And there were purges happening <within> the
- 8 regime and perhaps I <did not talk> about it in the written
- 9 record. For example, <some soldiers> shot their own arms and then
- 10 <those> injured soldiers <were> sent <for hospitalization at the
- 11 rear>. And there were situations <where> <those> soldiers,
- 12 themselves, created <chaotic> situations <such as saying that
- 13 their injuries were more severe that they really were>, so <those
- 14 few soldiers > had <an> impact <> on <100 or 200 other > soldiers
- 15 <who were at the front battlefield. So those soldiers needed to
- 16 be purged. > And if you want to put further questions, you could
- 17 do so.
- 18 [13.48.28]
- 19 O. Were Vietnamese civilians living inside of Sector 13, were
- 20 they viewed to have enemy traits or be enemies? I'm now talking
- 21 about Vietnamese civilians.
- 22 A. I do not really understand your question. I do not know what
- 23 happened in the context of people back in that regime. <> But in
- 24 the context of cadres, in the case of Keav, Keav disappeared
- 25 <because of, perhaps, his heavy accent. That was a particular

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- 1 case. > I do not know what happened to the people since I was not
- 2 regularly assigned to be involved with people.
- 3 <> Uncle Keav and Sieng <had heavy accents, and> they
- 4 disappeared. Sieng was <secretary of Kaoh Andaet district> and
- 5 Keav was the deputy of Sector 13. And they disappeared. <When I
- 6 was young, I used to serve> meals to Keav and again, I do not
- 7 know what happened to people on the ground.
- 8 Q. When you say you don't know what happened to people on the
- 9 ground, are you saying -- as far as the general population that
- 10 was living in Kiri Vong, that was living in Angkor Chey, are you
- 11 saying you don't know what may have happened to some of those
- 12 people in terms of whether they were being classified as enemies
- 13 or not?
- 14 A. (Microphone not activated)
- 15 [13.50.55]
- 16 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 17 Please observe the microphone, Mr. Witness.
- 18 2-TCW-1005:
- 19 A. In terms of the general population, I do not really know what
- 20 really happened to them in the whole sector <13> of Takeo. I can
- 21 only answer <within> the realm of my knowledge.
- 22 BY MR. SMITH:
- 23 Q. Thank you and that's all we're asking you to do.
- 24 Were -- people from Kampuchea Krom living in your districts or in
- 25 the sector, were they viewed as being enemies or having enemy

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- 1 traits when you were there?
- 2 2-TCW-1005:
- 3 A. I once visited my district, perhaps, in 1978. Kampuchea Krom
- 4 people were seen joining the army. <I saw them at Saom when> I
- 5 went to visit my mother <for a few days> at Kiri Vong <hospital>.
- 6 Kampuchea Krom <people were part of Ta Prach's (phonetic)
- 7 regiment, but I did not know the purpose of that>. To my
- 8 understanding, they spoke with accent and I do not really -- I
- 9 cannot say for sure what happened to them since I did not witness
- 10 the real situation.
- 11 [13.53.04]
- 12 Q. Thank you. And the reason why I ask you this is because you
- 13 said to the investigator -- when I just read it out to you --
- 14 that at the self-criticism session, if you said you had relatives
- 15 who had come from Kampuchea Krom, you would be regarded as having
- 16 affiliation with the Vietnamese KGB; so why did you say that?
- 17 A. I may have listened to the question <incorrectly>. You were
- 18 asking me about <that issue in general.> If the question is to
- 19 focus on the <meetings, I can follow your question. For those
- 20 whose relatives were from Phnom Penh that's> the 17 April
- 21 People, <they> <could be discussed during the> self-criticism
- 22 <sessions or the livelihood meetings. In my previous statement, I
- 23 stated what you just read to me>. For example, during the <>
- 24 self-criticism <sessions,> they would <discuss those whose>
- 25 relatives <were> Kampuchea Krom <or 17 April people. Here, I am

- 1 speaking about the meetings that took place for the Party
- 2 members, youth league members and progressive persons, but I do
- 3 not know what happened to people at the base areas>.
- 4 [13.54.45]
- 5 <I can only say about the> self-criticism <sessions, the
- 6 livelihood meetings or groups> meetings <that took place for>
- 7 low-level cadres, <that for instance, if I said I had relatives
- 8 who came from Phnom Penh or from Kampuchea Krom, I would be
- 9 implicated as having an affiliation with> the CIA <><, for
- 10 instance>. <>
- 11 Q. That's right. I know it's difficult to find the framework as
- 12 to these discussions because it happened a while ago, but I'm
- 13 using some information that you have given the investigators as
- 14 to what you said or what you thought were enemy traits back in
- 15 the Democratic Kampuchea period.
- 16 You said that New People may be implicated at these
- 17 self-criticism sessions. Were New People viewed to have enemy
- 18 traits because they had come from the cities and were supporters
- 19 of the previous government and ideas like capitalism; was that
- 20 why New People would be implicated because of those associations?
- 21 [13.56.59]
- 22 A. On this particular matter, I can understand some of it. <That
- 23 issue was frequently mentioned during cadres'> meetings. Cadres
- 24 from the province, <from the sector and> from the district would
- 25 divide people into different categories; for example, <17 April

- 1 people were categorized as capitalists since they were part of
- 2 the previous regime, and for those who had links with the
- 3 Vietnamese were considered KGB agents>; that subjects were
- 4 discussed in those meetings. We heard from one another and people
- 5 who were considered in the aforementioned categories <were not
- 6 trusted>.
- 7 Q. And those -- from what you saw back then, from those people
- 8 that were implicated as New People or implicated as having
- 9 affiliations with the Vietnamese, what would happen to them? What
- 10 would happen after the implications were made, from what you saw?
- 11 A. If there were implications, <they would be in danger>. The
- 12 <cadres at the commune and <village levels > would no longer
- 13 trust those individuals, <and they would be in trouble>, and some
- 14 would have disappeared.
- 15 My aunt, who is now living in Phnom Penh, <> still bears the
- 16 grudge against me. <During the regime, my aunt was part of the 17
- 17 April people, and her husband was arrested>.
- 18 If there had been <an> accusation against any individuals, those
- 19 individuals would have been in danger. And again, as I said, as I
- 20 raised in the example, if <people or cadres> fell into <those
- 21 two> categories, they would be in <a> dangerous situation.
- 22 [13.59.48]
- 23 Q. And from what you saw or from what you heard from others,
- 24 would that dangerous situation -- the people that fell into those
- 25 enemy categories, would that include them being killed for being

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- 1 placed in those enemy categories?
- 2 A. I did not see that in person because I, myself, <was> not
- 3 <involved> with the people on the ground. I was at the
- 4 battlefront, so I was not aware of what happened and only when I
- 5 returned to the rear, I heard <that> this person died or that
- 6 person disappeared.
- 7 Q. In Kiri Vong -- in Kiri Vong district, was there a main
- 8 security centre or re-education centre for people that were
- 9 implicated as being enemies?
- 10 [14.01.21]
- 11 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 12 Witness, please hold on and Counsel Koppe, you have the floor.
- 13 MR. KOPPE:
- 14 Yes, I think it's about time I should start objecting to the
- 15 questions of the Prosecution on this subject. We are in the
- 16 internal purges section. I know Prosecution has, in itself, a
- 17 wide possibility to ask questions on other subjects; however, no
- 18 security centre in Kiri Vong or any other district other than
- 19 Tram Kak is part of the scope of this trial, so now to ask the
- 20 witness to give information about security centres in Kiri Vong
- 21 and place it in a very broad perspective of enemies, of New
- 22 People being enemies is going far beyond the scope of this trial;
- 23 specifically, beyond the scope of this section. The witness
- 24 should be asked questions about "internal purges within the
- 25 ranks"; that's what the subject is of today. So I object, as of

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- 1 now, to the line of questioning.
- 2 [14.02.35]
- 3 MR. SMITH:
- 4 Your Honour, I won't be spending an awful lot of time on this.
- 5 This is an issue of credibility of the witness. It also relates
- 6 to purges themselves. People that were purged, as Your Honour has
- 7 heard, in this case, have ended up at security centres. It
- 8 relates to the issue of the enemy policy in general.
- 9 I would understand my friend's remarks if I was discussing a
- 10 security centre not included in the indictment for about half an
- 11 hour so, but just to ask him was he aware of a security centre in
- 12 a district, I think it would be incomplete not to be able to ask
- 13 these types of questions. It's certainly not a focus of the
- 14 examination and it certainly won't be.
- 15 So perhaps with that in mind, if I can just ask him those --
- 16 these brief questions and then I will certainly continue on.
- 17 [14.03.47]
- 18 BY MR. SMITH:
- 19 O. Mr. Witness, were you aware of re-education centres in Kiri
- 20 Vong district?
- 21 2-TCW-1005:
- 22 A. In Kiri Vong, to my knowledge, <there was a security centre>
- 23 at Preah Theat pagoda; however, personally I did not enter the
- 24 area. <But I saw a person who was in charge of the security
- 25 centre came> to Ta Tom's house <frequently. Ta Tom alias Tem,

- 1 secretary of Kiri Vong district, was my uncle. That> centre at
- 2 Preah Theat pagoda <was> in <Kouk Kruos village, Kouk Prech>
- 3 commune.
- 4 Q. Also in Tram Kak district, were you aware of a re-education or
- 5 security centre named <Krang> Ta Chan?
- 6 A. No, I am not familiar with <Krang> Ta Chan. I was in Angkor
- 7 Chey and in Kiri Vong, but I did not know about its existence in
- 8 my own native village. I was asked that question before, but I
- 9 somehow did not know about it.
- 10 As I said, I moved out of my native village to another area and
- 11 I did not know about the existence of that centre.
- 12 [14.05.48]
- 13 Q. You said that Kiri Vong had a security centre where people
- 14 were detained. From your understanding, in Sector 13, did each
- 15 district have a security centre to detain people that were
- 16 considered to be enemies or have enemy traits, from your
- 17 knowledge working in the Southwest Zone?
- 18 A. I can say that for the areas that I never went to, I could not
- 19 tell you whether there was such a centre; I only knew about the
- 20 areas that I lived in. < In Kiri Vong district, there was a
- 21 security center, but other than that I do not know>.
- 22 Q. Thank you and just to finish this topic briefly, were people
- 23 in your sector that were former Lon Nol soldiers, officers, or
- 24 civil servants that worked with the former Lon Nol government,
- 25 were they viewed to be enemies or have enemy traits in the eyes

- 1 of the Communist Party of Kampuchea, from what you could observe?
- 2 A. Talking about the Party rank, no. If you talk about social
- 3 classes, for example, the capitalist class, at the beginning of
- 4 the regime in 1975 when a regime changed, those people were
- 5 categorized as New People -- that is, 17 April people, and they
- 6 were labelled as such after the country was liberated.
- 7 That's all I can say.
- 8 [14.08.37]
- 9 Q. So are you saying that all the soldiers and government
- 10 officials and servants from within the Lon Nol regime or the Lon
- 11 Nol government -- sorry. I will have to repeat that.
- 12 Are you saying then that government officials and soldiers,
- 13 officers and civil servants from the Lon Nol government, they
- 14 were classified as New People or were they classified
- 15 differently?
- 16 A. As I have just said, after the 17 April, they were considered
- 17 New People, <and the Base People supervised the New People>. It
- 18 means that they were not in the same status as the Base People.
- 19 The New People sought assistance from the Base People and when
- 20 things did not <work out>, it fell apart. And I do not think
- 21 there <was> any such written rule at the time but that is based
- 22 on my observation.
- 23 [14.10.03]
- Q. Thank you. And you've just mentioned that you weren't so
- 25 familiar with what was happening to the general population but

- 1 you were more familiar with what was happening to -- in the
- 2 military.
- 3 And if I can ask you this question that after you left for Kratie
- 4 in 1977, did you hear that there were a number of arrests of
- 5 people in leadership positions in Kiri Vong district and the Kaoh
- 6 Andaet district?
- 7 A. I had some grasp of the situation after I had left for Kratie.
- 8 I heard that the Kiri Vong district secretary and the secretary
- 9 of Kaoh Andaet district had been arrested.
- 10 Q. The -- you said earlier that the Kiri Vong district secretary
- 11 was Ta Tom. Why was he arrested?
- 12 A. I believe I made that statement already. He was implicated in
- 13 a number of matters. And I don't recall everything that I
- 14 mentioned in my previous statement. However, I stand by my
- 15 previous statement that I made, probably in 2013. And please
- 16 refer to my previous statement, and I stand by it.
- 17 [14.12.26]
- 18 Q. Thank you. I will refer to that now and this is at E3/10622;
- 19 English, 01170590; Khmer, 01136712 to 13; and no French ERN.
- 20 This is what you said about Ta Tom. You said, in answer to a more
- 21 broader question:
- 22 "Do you know the reason why they were arrested?"
- 23 And you said at answer 71: "No, I don't. According to the Party's
- 24 policy, those who were affiliated would be arrested. Ta Tom was
- 25 said to have been affiliated with the KGB. Ta Tom had joined the

- 1 struggle in 1966 but had been to Vietnam many times. Later Ta Tom
- 2 became closer to Ta Mok and then controlled Kiri Vong district."
- 3 Does that refresh your memory that Ta Tom was arrested because he
- 4 was affiliated with the KGB due to his visits to Vietnam?
- 5 [14.13.59]
- 6 A. Yes, I stand by my previous statement although I cannot recall
- 7 everything that I said a few years ago.
- 8 Tom was also my <uncle> and I did not know <what> offences he was
- 9 accused of committing.
- 10 And not only him, but Sieng from Kaoh Andaet was also taken along
- 11 with him. <Ta Khem, Ta Keav and> Ta Ngoy <were> also taken, and
- 12 that's what happened.
- 13 And, yes, the excerpt that you read out jogs my memory.
- 14 Q. And if I can refresh your memory in relation to another person
- 15 that you raised in relation to being arrested from the Kiri Vong
- 16 district, and you refer to a person called Ta Nam and the
- 17 reference is E3/9835; English, 00982718; Khmer, 00975770; and in
- 18 French, 00980804. I'm sorry, Witness, for all of these numbers
- 19 but we need to record these numbers for our record.
- 20 You state this: "Ta Nam was Yeay Khoeun's husband. He was a
- 21 Cambodian who went to study in Vietnam during the war and he was
- 22 a Sector 13 military commander but because his biography stated
- 23 that he was from North Vietnam, Ta Mok removed him from his
- 24 military position in 1975."
- 25 You then said: "Ta Nam was not swept clean along with the other

- 1 Cambodians from Vietnam because he was Yeay Khoeun's husband. So
- 2 he survived."
- 3 "After Ta Nam was removed from the military what did he do?"
- 4 The answer was: "One day when I was transporting vegetables, I
- 5 saw him taking cattle to eat grass. I stopped and talked with
- 6 him. Ta Nam disappeared at the same time as Ta Tom in 1978."
- 7 Do you know Ta Nam and did he live in Kiri Vong district?
- 8 [14.17.14]
- 9 A. Yes, after you read the excerpt it refreshed my memory. Ta Nam
- 10 was <a> military commander of Sector 13. His wife was Khoeun, not
- 11 Khon (phonetic), as you pronounced. He was later on removed
- 12 because he was affiliated with those coming from Hanoi and he was
- 13 replaced by Phan. He was reassigned to live in Kiri Vong with his
- 14 wife, who was a member of the Kiri Vong district committee
- 15 <working with Tom, > and he disappeared at the time that Tom
- 16 disappeared.
- 17 Q. And I'd like to ask you what you meant by he was not swept
- 18 clean along with the other Cambodians, Cambodians from Vietnam,
- 19 because he was Yeay Khoeun's husband so he survived.
- 20 When you say -- when you used the words "he was not swept clean",
- 21 do you mean that he wasn't killed? Is that what the words "not
- 22 swept clean" mean?
- 23 [14.19.02]
- 24 A. I used the words "swept clean" and that is upon your
- 25 interpretation. <I would like to clarify that Nam was removed

- 1 from his military commander position, and he was reassigned with
- 2 his wife to Kiri Vong district to tend cattle there. <He was part
- 3 of a regiment since the time before I joined the military, but>
- 4 he was <removed from his position> in 1975 because he was
- 5 implicated amongst those coming back up from Vietnam. And as I
- 6 said, his wife was a member of the Kiri Vong district committee.
- 7 I don't know what else I can add to clarify any confusion because
- 8 he was later on swept clean along with Ta Tom in 1978.
- 9 O. I think that you just clarified the term there. So that when
- 10 you say someone is swept clean, you are saying that someone was
- 11 killed; is that correct?
- 12 A. Yes. It means as you have just stated.
- 13 Ta Nam and his subordinates may have not <been> swept clean at
- 14 the time and later on that happened. I cannot say whether my
- 15 memory serves me well now but I agree with you when a person or a
- 16 group of people were swept clean, it means they had to be gone.
- 17 [14.20.57]
- 18 Q. And if I can ask you to comment on this document that is on
- 19 the case file and it is a copy of a "Revolutionary Flag" issue
- 20 number 6 published in June1977, I am referring to E3/135;
- 21 English, 00142912; Khmer, no translation; French, 00487736.
- 22 And this is what this "Revolutionary Flag" magazine states in
- 23 June '77:
- 24 "In the first half of 1977, we managed to sweep clean networking
- 25 enemies burrowing within. Drawing from such experience, we do not

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- 1 just see movement; their biographies are also our target. Who
- 2 contact who, with introduction from who, [...] we know their
- 3 circles, sources, where we can conduct a search. Thus,
- 4 biographies are in our firm grasp, we will be confident in the
- 5 quality of our cadres and Party candidates."
- 6 My question to you is: What is written in this "Revolutionary
- 7 Flag" magazine? Does that accord -- do you agree with what they
- 8 have stated in the magazine? And I am referring to where they
- 9 state, "In the first half of 1977, we managed to sweep clean
- 10 networking enemies burrowing within."
- 11 Do you agree with that statement that, at that time, there was a
- 12 sweeping clean of enemies within the Party?
- 13 [14.23.14]
- 14 MR. KOPPE:
- 15 Just a small remark; no objection, but did the prosecutor just
- 16 say there was no Khmer translation, because we have the Khmer
- 17 original.
- 18 MR. SMITH:
- 19 I did say that and my notes say that, but as I said it, I
- 20 realized that probably that would not be the case. So I would
- 21 appreciate it. Do you have the reference?
- 22 MR. KOPPE:
- 23 Well, it's E31 -- E3/135. I do not have the exact ERN now, but
- 24 there is the original Khmer version.
- 25 [14.23.43]

- 1 BY MR. SMITH:
- 2 My apologies, Mr. President, Your Honours, and I will get that
- 3 reference for you shortly.
- 4 Q. So, do you agree that in Sector 13 there was a sweeping clean
- 5 of networking enemies from what you observed before you left to
- 6 Kratie in March 1977?
- 7 2-TCW-1005:
- 8 A. It seems that there <was> no sweeping <anyone> clean before I
- 9 left for Kratie. However, from my knowledge, there were
- 10 reassignments or a reshuffling of some <cadres within> the
- 11 district levels, <and the sector level. They were transferred
- 12 from one place to another place; however, regarding the purges,
- 13 it is beyond my knowledge. > And only later <on, in late '77, >
- 14 when I visited my village I <learned that there were many people
- 15 disappeared>.
- 16 And please refer to my previous statement.
- 17 [14.25.10]
- 18 Q. Thank you.
- 19 And I was going to discuss with you the arrests of members from
- 20 the Kaoh Andaet district and Sector 13 committee about that time.
- 21 You provided information about that in your statements, and
- 22 particularly at E3/10622; English, 01170590; and Khmer, 01136712
- 23 to 13; and no French.
- 24 And I think you mentioned some of these people earlier but,
- 25 rather than ask you questions about what you said in your

- 1 statements in relation to that, I would like to ask you some
- 2 questions in relation to the transferring of cadre from the
- 3 Southwest Zone to other zones in the country. And perhaps if I
- 4 refresh your memory as to what you said and then if I can ask you
- 5 some questions about that?
- 6 And I refer to E3/9513; English, 00982700 to 01; Khmer, 00975688
- 7 to 90; and French, 00980789 to 90; and you state -- and you are
- 8 referring to 1977: "At that time", and this is answer 89 (sic),
- 9 "At that time people in the Southwest Zone heard from and told
- 10 one another about the sending of cadres to various zones. We knew
- 11 that when Ta Mok sent people from the Southwest Zone to other
- 12 zones those cadres were good cadres."
- 13 [14.27.16]
- 14 And then you talked about Im Chaem and Nhen going to the
- 15 Northwest Zone.
- 16 My question is: Why were cadres from the Southwest Zone being
- 17 sent by Ta Mok to other zones around Cambodia in 1977? Why was
- 18 that done?
- 19 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 20 Witness, please hold on.
- 21 And International Counsel for Khieu Samphan, you have the floor.
- 22 MS. GUISSE:
- 23 Yes, thank you, Mr. President. I am objecting to the way that
- 24 question was phrased.
- 25 The International Co-Prosecutor based himself on an excerpt from

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- 1 a book but the witness did not say <in his own statement> that Ta
- 2 Mok had decided to assign people from the Southwest elsewhere. So
- 3 before having him comment on this, we should be sure that he knew
- 4 about this and then have him elaborate on it. But having him
- 5 comment on the work of an author without him saying that he <was
- 6 aware of> this information <himself, that> I have a problem with.
- 7 So I object to the way the question was phrased.
- 8 [14.28.43]
- 9 MR. SMITH:
- 10 Your Honour, the author of this book is the witness. It is the
- 11 150 pages of statements that he has given the investigators at
- 12 the ECCC and DC-Cam. The document number was E3/9513; that's the
- 13 witness' statement.
- 14 MR. KOPPE:
- 15 But I think, Mr. President, the Prosecution said in question and
- 16 answer 89 there is no such thing. I think he was referring to
- 17 question and answer 4, just for the record.
- 18 MR. SMITH:
- 19 Okay. Yes, that must have been my mistake.
- 20 This has come from the statement of this witness to DC-Cam. It's
- 21 not from a book.
- 22 [14.29.41]
- 23 MS. GUISSE:
- 24 Indeed, it's my mistake. I heard <1593>, which is a book from
- 25 Kiernan. I'm sorry.

- 1 BY MR. SMITH:
- 2 Better memory than mine.
- 3 Q. So Witness, perhaps if I can just repeat the question, your
- 4 statement to DC-Cam, you said: "At that time people in the
- 5 Southwest Zone were being sent by Ta Mok to other zones."
- 6 Why was Ta Mok, if you know, why was he sending cadres from the
- 7 Southwest Zone to the other zones around Cambodia? Do you know?
- 8 2-TCW-1005:
- 9 A. I did not have a detailed understanding of the matter.
- 10 However, I have my own view. For example, Im Chaem came from the
- 11 same native village <as me> and she was assigned to the Northwest
- 12 Zone. And <1 leaned> that Ta sent her to the Northwest Zone and
- 13 other cadres also repeated the same line that they were sent to
- 14 other zones by Ta. And they did not say whether it's an issue of
- 15 trust that they were sent to other zones.
- 16 [14.31.25]
- 17 Q. And again, if I can refresh your memory, and I refer to a
- 18 statement, your statement E3/10622; English, 01170597 to 98;
- 19 Khmer, 01136725 to 26; and no French unfortunately; this is what
- 20 you said in answer to the question, or the question was put:
- 21 "You said that Yeay Chaem was transferred to the Northwest Zone.
- 22 Do you remember if there were any other people from the zone,
- 23 sector, district, commune or village level, apart from Yeay Chaem
- 24 who were moved there too?"
- 25 And you said at 137: "No, I don't. I only heard about Yeay Chaem.

- 1 When she went there, she also took her relatives such as Pak and
- 2 Reth who were their step siblings and Sokh along with her."
- 3 [14.32.39]
- 4 Question: "Do you know why Yeay Chaem was transferred to the
- 5 Northwest Zone?
- 6 "Ta Mok ordered this.
- 7 "Why did Ta Mok send Yeay Chaem to the Northwest Zone?"
- 8 You said: "I don't know. I only heard that there were traitors
- 9 whose positions had to be changed."
- 10 Does that refresh your memory as to certainly why Im Chaem and
- 11 any others that may have gone to the Southwest -- to the
- 12 Northwest Zone, were sent there to change positions because
- 13 traitors were there?
- 14 [14.33.34]
- 15 A. After you enlightened me on the matter, I could recall that. I
- 16 can understand it.
- 17 For instance, some cadres needed to be removed or purged, so the
- 18 new cadres from somewhere else would be sent for replacement. And
- 19 usually the <new> cadres would bring along their relatives and
- 20 siblings. <They said that Ta sent them there.>
- 21 <Since> you have brought up the matter, I am able to provide the
- 22 response to you. I did give my answers to the person from the
- 23 DC-Cam. He did not record it on paper but my voice was recorded
- 24 at the time.
- 25 I agree with what you stated, Mr. Co-Prosecutor. I may have

- 1 forgotten some part of my statements.
- Q. No, that's fine. There is a lot to remember.
- 3 Did that -- are you saying that cadres were sent to other zones
- 4 as well, as well as the Northwest Zone, to deal with the issue of
- 5 traitors as well or do you only know about the Northwest Zone?
- 6 A. To my knowledge and also to my observation informally, there
- 7 were purges of cadres. That happened because they did not trust
- 8 one another. For example, the cadres from the Northwest were sent
- 9 to replace those from the Southwest and vice-versa, one replace
- 10 another and the other one came to replace other cadres and then
- 11 they disappeared. <I do not know what happened to those who
- 12 disappeared. Only in '79, while we were fleeing did I learn that
- 13 people had disappeared.>.
- 14 I may have forgotten what I <remembered> at the time. <As> time
- 15 passed by, cadres did not trust one another.
- 16 [14.36.18]
- 17 Q. Thank you. I would now just like to ask you a question about
- 18 how much power Ta Mok had in the Southwest Zone. You said that Ta
- 19 Mok was the Southwest Zone secretary, and perhaps to assist you
- 20 in focussing the question or focussing the answer, I'd like to
- 21 refer to your answer at E3/10622; English, 01170592; Khmer,
- 22 01136715 to 16; and there is no French.
- 23 And this is what you said in relation to Ta Mok's authority: "In
- 24 the Southwest Zone, Ta Mok was the one who could decide instead
- 25 of Ta Saom who did not dare to oppose. Ta Mok usually selected

- 1 his relatives to control the district and other sectors."
- 2 Why did you say that Ta Saom -- that your view was that Ta Saom
- 3 would not dare to oppose Ta Mok? Why would he not dare to oppose
- 4 him?
- 5 A. Allow me to elaborate the matter. I was close to him so I know
- 6 about it.
- 7 Ta Saom's house was located in the East and Ta was in the West.
- 8 Whenever Ta made mention about a reshuffle of cadres, Uncle Saom
- 9 would be silent and did not dare protest.
- 10 I was a messenger located outside of the meeting's venue with the
- 11 defence guards. I could hear the content of the discussion <and>
- 12 whatever decided by Ta would never be protested to by Uncle Saom.
- 13 [14.39.04]
- 14 BY MR. SMITH:
- 15 Your Honour, on this topic -- well, on this topic I just have two
- 16 more questions. It would take about five minutes but if you
- 17 prefer me to break, I will break. Thank you.
- 18 O. I would like a short answer to this.
- 19 Was Ta Mok a powerful leader in the Southwest Zone from your
- 20 observations?
- 21 2-TCW-1005:
- 22 A. All I know is that I would like to respond in short. Ta was
- 23 able to <be> in charge of everyone, <whether> the soldiers or
- 24 ordinary people. Soldiers and people loved him, to my
- 25 observation, since I was the resident in the sector. Whatever he

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- 1 said was liked by the soldiers.
- 2 You may correct me if my answer is wrong.
- 3 Q. From what you know, from what you observed, did Ta Mok have
- 4 the power to sweep people cleanly away in the areas that you
- 5 worked? Did Ta Mok have the power to order the killings of
- 6 enemies in Sector 13 from your observations and from your
- 7 knowledge from speaking to other cadres?
- 8 [14.40.57]
- 9 MR. KOPPE:
- 10 I object to this question, Mr. President. Again, the Prosecution
- 11 is equaling (sic) purging or sweeping clean, I think that's the
- 12 same word in Khmer, with killing.
- 13 There is lots of evidence that suggests that purging is a
- 14 qualifying measure and not necessarily implies the killing of
- 15 cadres.
- 16 BY MR. SMITH:
- 17 Your Honour, I just use the terms that the witness used that
- 18 sweeping cleanly away means to kill. That's what the witness has
- 19 stated. So I don't think there is any confusion there.
- 20 Q. I just wanted to know whether or not Ta Mok, from his
- 21 knowledge, had the power to order killings.
- 22 [14.41.53]
- 23 2-TCW-1005:
- 24 A. Generally speaking, I do not know in detail about the orders
- 25 to kill someone. However, there were orders from him to the

- 1 soldiers to engage in fighting <against the Vietnamese>. And as
- 2 for orders of killing, I have no knowledge of them.
- 3 Mr. Co-Prosecutor, you may review from my written records of the
- 4 interview, I have never made mention about the orders of killings
- 5 by Ta -- him. But I did make mention about the orders to soldiers
- 6 to be engaged in fighting against the Vietnamese.
- 7 Q. And just one last question on this subject.
- 8 As you were in the Khmer Rouge during that period operating as a
- 9 messenger, I would like you to comment on whether or not -- I
- 10 would like you to comment on this document. It's a decision
- 11 issued on the 30th of March 1976. It's a decision of the Central
- 12 Committee of the Communist Party of Kampuchea and it's entitled
- 13 "Decision of the Central Committee Regarding a Number of Matters"
- 14 and the document is E3/12; English, 00182809; Khmer, 00000758;
- 15 French, 00224363; and I'll briefly read. The document says: "The
- 16 right to smash inside and out"--
- 17 [14.43.46]
- 18 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 19 Please hold on, Mr. Co-Prosecutor.
- 20 Anta Guisse, you may proceed.
- 21 MS. GUISSE:
- 22 Thank you, Mr. President.
- 23 I have an objection to the way the question has been put. The
- 24 witness is <being> asked to comment <by stating that> he was a
- 25 messenger but I don't see how the fact of having been a messenger

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- 1 is connected to a decision of the Central Committee. The premise
- 2 seems to be faulty.
- 3 So basically, <the witness> is <being> asked to speculate. So the
- 4 way the question was put is problematic in <terms of the quality
- 5 of the witness>. So I object to that.
- 6 [14.44.32]
- 7 BY MR. SMITH:
- 8 Your Honour, perhaps if I can just finish the -- I mean finish
- 9 the quote and then ask the question and then I would ask Your
- 10 Honour to rule on that then. But I haven't actually asked the
- 11 question yet.
- 12 Okay.
- 13 Q. And the document says:
- 14 "1. The right to smash inside and outside the ranks.
- 15 "Objective:
- 16 "1. That there is a framework in absolute implementation of our
- 17 revolution;
- 18 "2. To strengthen our socialist democracy;
- 19 "All this to strengthen our state authority.
- 20 "If in the base framework, to be decided by the Zone Standing
- 21 Committee.
- 22 "Surrounding the Centre Office, to be decided by the Central
- 23 Office Committee.
- 24 "Independent sectors, to be decided by the Standing Committee.
- 25 "The Centre Military, to be decided by the General Staff."

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- 1 And so my question is: When you were working in the south -- in
- 2 Sector 13 after the 30th of March 1976, were you aware of the
- 3 authority of a zone standing committee to be able to smash inside
- 4 and outside the ranks?
- 5 [14.46.09]
- 6 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 7 Please hold on, Mr. Witness.
- 8 You may proceed now, counsel.
- 9 MS. GUISSE:
- 10 My objection <remains> the same after the complete question <put
- 11 by the International Co-Prosecutor>. My objection is even
- 12 <further> supported by the fact that <earlier> the witness said
- 13 himself that he did not know how orders were decided. So here,
- 14 again, the witness is being asked to speculate so I object to the
- 15 question.
- 16 [14.46.32]
- 17 JUDGE FENZ:
- 18 Can I just say something? Because we are getting into the parties
- 19 speculating on when the witness speculates which is getting
- 20 weird, so may I try something?
- 21 Witness, generally you are not supposed to speculate. Speculation
- 22 means, roughly, guessing about facts you don't know about. So for
- 23 any answer that you give, you should not guess. Your answer
- 24 should be based either on your own observations or on something
- 25 somebody told you. If the second is the case, tell us.

- 1 So if you generally understood whatever the question is, you must
- 2 not guess. If you don't know an answer, say I don't know the
- 3 answer.
- 4 I think that should take care of it.
- 5 [14.47.50]
- 6 BY MR. SMITH:
- 7 Q. So Witness, just briefly, at that time after 30th of March
- 8 1976, were you aware of the authority of the Standing Committee
- 9 to smash people inside and outside the Party ranks?
- 10 2-TCW-1005:
- 11 A. I would like to respond in short. I do not know about that --
- 12 that is to say, the decision of the upper level since I was in
- 13 the lower level.
- 14 MR. SMITH:
- 15 Thank you for your indulgence, Your Honour.
- 16 [14.48.45]
- 17 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 18 Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Witness. It is now break time.
- 19 And before the break, the Chamber would like to inform the
- 20 parties that <the issue related to the four documents requested
- 21 by the Co-Prosecutors for admission in order to be used during
- 22 the examining of Witness 2-TCW-1005, document> E319/48/1 has been
- 23 solved and the information has been circulated to <the> parties
- 24 <already.> For clarity and to allow the trial to proceed
- 25 smoothly, I instruct the counsel for Mr. Khieu Samphan to review

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- 1 <> the email by the Chamber and, please -- and you will be given
- 2 opportunity to inform the Chamber after the break.
- 3 The Court will now take a short break and the Chamber will resume
- 4 at 15 past -- at 10 past 3.00.
- 5 And Court officer, please assist the witness during the break
- 6 time in the waiting room and please come back at 10 past 3.00.
- 7 You may now have the floor, Judge Lavergne.
- 8 [14.50.15]
- 9 JUDGE LAVERGNE:
- 10 Yes. To clarify things, I believe that you were notified this
- 11 afternoon during the hearing, of the documents that were attached
- 12 and whose admission was requested by the prosecutors. Maybe you
- 13 can take a look at these documents before you take the floor.
- 14 MS. GUISSE:
- 15 You are asking me, therefore, to look at the documents during the
- 16 break. Okay.
- 17 MR. SMITH:
- 18 Your Honour, just briefly for planning purposes, we requested
- 19 earlier whether we could have an extra half an hour tomorrow
- 20 morning. We are just wondering whether that request is accepted
- 21 or not?
- 22 [14.51.01]
- 23 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 24 Your request is granted and the Court is now in recess.
- 25 (Court recesses from 1451H to 1512H)

- 1 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 2 Please be seated.
- 3 The Court is now back in session and before I hand the floor to
- 4 the defence counsel for Khieu Samphan to comment on the four
- 5 documents requested by the Co-Prosecutor -- and before I again
- 6 hand the floor to the International Deputy Co-Prosecutor and the
- 7 Lead Co-Lawyers to put further questions to the witness, we have
- 8 four oral rulings to issue.
- 9 First is in relation to a request made by the defence team for
- 10 Nuon Chea pursuant to Rule 87.3 and 87.4 of the ECCC Internal
- 11 Rules.
- 12 [15.13.37]
- 13 The Chamber notes that defence counsel for Nuon Chea filed a
- 14 written request under Internal Rule 87.4 -- that is, document
- 15 E424 on 20 July 2016 for the admission of one document -- that
- 16 is, E319/43.3.3, which, in its submission, is relevant to the
- 17 anticipated testimony of witness 2-TCW-1005. The Co-Prosecutors
- 18 informed the Chamber by email on 22nd July 2016 that they did not
- 19 intend to object to the request.
- 20 Having heard oral responses of the remaining parties, the Chamber
- 21 decides to admit E319/43.3.3 into evidence with E number
- 22 E3/10639. And the written reasons for this decision shall follow.
- 23 This is the second oral ruling on Internal Rules 87.3 and 87.4;
- 24 <the> request made during trial hearings.
- 25 The Chamber notes that the defence counsel for Nuon Chea filed a

- 1 written request under Internal Rule 87.4 -- that is, document
- 2 E415/1 on 13 July 2016 for the admission of the CV <and> an
- 3 article written by Henri Locard, 2-TCE-90.
- 4 [15.15.35]
- 5 By email on 15 July 2015 -- 2016, rather -- the parties were
- 6 informed that any responses to this request <was to> be filed in
- 7 writing on or before 22nd July 2016. The Co-Prosecutors filed a
- 8 written response on 22nd July 2016 and noted that they did not
- 9 object to the admission of documents pursuant to Rule 87.4, but
- 10 noted that the CV of Henri Locard had already been admitted into
- 11 evidence on 13 July 2016. The request with respect to his CV is
- 12 therefore moot.
- 13 No other responses were filed.
- 14 The Chamber notes that given the date of the article, this
- 15 request could have been made at an earlier date and emphasizes
- 16 that Rule 87.4 requests should be made as soon as possible.
- 17 However, having considered submissions by the parties on this
- 18 request, the Chamber considers that admitting the article written
- 19 by Henri Locard and published in February 2015 to be in the
- 20 interest of justice and that it may assist the Chamber in
- 21 ascertaining the truth.
- 22 The Chamber, noting the requirements of Internal Rule 87.4,
- 23 therefore decides to admit into evidence document E415/1.1.1.
- 24 This constitutes the Chamber's official response to the Rule 87.4
- 25 request in E415/1. The related Rule 93 request will be addressed

- 1 by written decision.
- 2 [15.17.53]
- 3 And another oral ruling on Internal Rules 87.3 and 87.4
- 4 requests, <> the Chamber notes that the Co-Prosecutors filed a
- 5 written request under Internal Rule 87.4, that is document E415/2
- 6 for the admission of nine chapters of 2-TCE-90, Henri Locard's
- 7 book, "Pourquoi les Khmers Rouges."
- 8 By email on 15 July 2016, the parties were informed that any
- 9 responses to this request shall be filed in writing on or before
- 10 22nd July 2016.
- 11 The defence counsel for Khieu Samphan filed a response on 22nd
- 12 July 2016, document E415/2/1. The Chamber also notes that the
- 13 Khieu Samphan defence has already filed a request on 11 May 2016
- 14 for the admission of sections of the 2013 edition of the book,
- 15 document E406, which was granted in E406/1.
- 16 In its response to E415/2 on 22n July 2016, the Khieu Samphan
- 17 defence amended its request to refer to the 2016 edition of the
- 18 book.
- 19 On 25th July, the OCP was asked by email to clarify which version
- of the book it relied on for its request E415/2.
- 21 [15.19.50]
- 22 Having considered the submissions of the parties, the Chamber
- 23 considers that admitting chapters 3 to 11 of 2016 edition of the
- 24 book "Pourquoi les Khmers Rouges" to be in the interests of
- 25 justice and that it may assist the Chamber in ascertaining the

- 1 truth.
- 2 The Chamber, noting the requirements of Internal Rules 87.3 and
- 3 <87.4> therefore decides to grant the OCP's request in regards
- 4 chapters 3 to 11 of the book "Pourquoi les Khmers Rouges".
- 5 Chapters 3 to 11 of the 2016 edition are assigned E number,
- 6 E3/10640.
- 7 The remainder of the request <insofar> as it relates to Michael
- 8 Vickery is moot, given that Mr. Vickery will not be testifying as
- 9 scheduled.
- 10 This constitutes the Chamber's official response to E415/2.
- 11 And the Chamber would like now to hand the floor to the defence
- 12 counsel for Khieu Samphan to make comments or observations on the
- 13 four documents that were not accessible this morning and that
- 14 were requested by the Co-Prosecutors.
- 15 You have the floor.
- 16 [15.21.38]
- 17 MS. GUISSÉ:
- 18 Thank you, Mr. President.
- 19 So on the four documents for <motion> 87.4 <regarding the current
- 20 witness>, we have no objection to the use or submission of these
- 21 documents, with the clarification that from what we have seen
- 22 there is only really one document which contains the annotations
- 23 of the witness <himself,> which is the map. The other <documents>
- 24 are annotations from <either> the Co-Investigating Judges, <who>
- 25 have indicated that these documents <were> used for this witness,

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- 1 and only one document, document <E319/48/1.3.3> which <contain
- 2 annotations made by> Son Sen alias Khieu, <and if I understood
- 3 correctly, one annotation submitted by the Co-Investigating
- 4 Judges. <In these conditions, there are no difficulties. But from
- 5 reading the motion, it clearly appeared to us that these
- 6 annotations were made by> the witness <on> the document. <Those
- 7 are just some clarifications, there are no difficulties with the
- 8 document itself being used.>
- 9 [15.23.02]
- 10 And I will take advantage of the fact that I have the floor to
- 11 ask for a clarification in the framework of the decisions that
- 12 were handed down. I did not hear an answer to the <motion> we had
- 13 submitted on the <nine> chapters of the book by Henri Locard that
- 14 the <International> Co-Prosecutor had asked for.
- 15 So<, given the fact that the expert witness examination is coming
- 16 up very shortly, > we <asked> which passages did the Co-Prosecutor
- 17 <plans on using> because all of the chapters together contain
- 18 more than 100 pages and for <the purpose of> preparation it would
- 19 therefore be useful to know which specific passages the
- 20 Co-Prosecutor intends to use.
- 21 JUDGE FENZ:
- 22 Is the Co-Prosecutor ready to answer this question before we
- 23 deliberate on the decision?
- 24 MR. SMITH:
- 25 Not right now, Your Honour, but we can provide them if the

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- 1 Chamber thinks it's necessary.
- 2 MS. GUISSE:
- 3 I would just like to clarify. I made an error. It is 250 pages
- 4 which were admitted.
- 5 [15.24.30]
- 6 JUDGE LAVERGNE:
- 7 If I am not mistaken, I believe we sent an email to the
- 8 prosecutor to ask what was the exact version that he expected to
- 9 use, the 2013 or the 2016 version, and did the <Co-Prosecutors>
- 10 answer this <email>?
- 11 MR. SMITH:
- 12 Your Honours, I believe -- I mean we would be wishing to use the
- 13 2016 version, but I can sort of give you more of an accurate
- 14 position first thing tomorrow morning.
- 15 JUDGE LAVERGNE:
- 16 I think that this is why we don't have a decision <yet,> because
- 17 we are <waiting> to hear from the Co-Prosecutors before making a
- 18 ruling <on both your motion and that of the Co-Prosecutors>.
- 19 (Judges deliberate)
- 20 [15.26.36]
- 21 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 22 Since there is no objection by <the> relevant parties and after
- 23 an observation was made by the defence counsel for Khieu Samphan,
- 24 the Chamber will issue an oral ruling concerning the request by
- 25 the Co-Prosecutors, pursuant to Rules 87.3 and 87.4.

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- 1 The Chamber notes that the International Co-Prosecutors filed a
- 2 written request under Internal Rules 87.3 and 4 on 18 July 2016.
- 3 That is document <E319/41/1> for the admission of four
- 4 attachments to statements of witness 2-TCW-1005. The Chamber
- 5 heard submissions by the parties on this request this morning.
- 6 Having heard the submissions by the parties on this request and
- 7 noting the requirements of Internal Rules 87.3 and <87.4>, the
- 8 Chamber finds that the proposed documents satisfy the criteria of
- 9 Internal Rule 87.4 and admits them into evidence with E numbers
- 10 as follows: E3/10635 for D119/84.1, E3/10636 for D119/85.1,
- 11 E3/10637 for D119/87/1, and E3/10638 for D119/85.2.
- 12 This constitutes the Chamber's official response to E319/48/1.
- 13 And I would like now to hand floor to the International
- 14 Co-Prosecutor to continue putting further questions to the
- 15 witness.
- 16 [15.29.14]
- 17 BY MR. SMITH:
- 18 Thank you, Mr. President, Your Honours, counsel and Mr. Witness.
- 19 O. Witness, you stated that in March 1977 you were sent to
- 20 Kratie, Sector 505; is that correct?
- 21 2-TCW-1005:
- 22 A. That is correct.
- 23 Q. And you've stated that you held the position of Deputy
- 24 Chairman of Division 117 in Sector 505; is that correct?
- 25 A. That is correct. The deputy chief of the office; not the

- 1 deputy chief of the division. The chief of the office is equal to
- 2 <the current general> staff.
- 3 Q. Thank you. And why did you go to Sector 505 in March 1977; why
- 4 were you sent there? Just briefly.
- 5 [15.30.40]
- 6 A. Because the Vietnamese <at the time were attacking us> from
- 7 all directions; that is why I was moved to that location to join
- 8 my uncle.
- 9 In fact, after I was moved to that location I was not working
- 10 <closely> with him, I was sent to the office of the division
- 11 instead.
- 12 O. And where was the office of the division located? Was it in
- 13 Kratie town?
- 14 A. It was <to the> north of Kratie city, <about 200 meters away>.
- 15 It was in Krakor close to Krakor Bridge and <there> was <another
- 16 one > near Preaek Chhloung, <which > was used to store ammunition
- 17 <for the battlefront>. The ammunition which was <shipped> from
- 18 Phnom Penh was stored at the warehouse <of Division 117's office>
- 19 in Krakor. Again, the office was <to the north> about 200 or 300
- 20 meters away from Kratie city.
- 21 [15.32.03]
- 22 Q. And you stayed in Sector 505 until the Vietnamese invaded; is
- 23 that correct? And then you went to the western side of the
- 24 country? Just briefly.
- 25 A. That is correct. It is in accordance with my previous

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- 1 statements.
- 2 Q. And, just briefly, can you say what job you did; what were
- 3 your duties in Sector 505?
- 4 A. I was in the office; Number 1, I was tasked with transporting
- 5 <stuff> from Phnom Penh to be provided to the soldiers <at the
- 6 battlefront such as ammunition, weapons, food and so on.>
- 7 Number 2, I was responsible for the radio operation <and telegram
- 8 communication when the divisional level cadres went to the
- 9 battlefront, > I was at the office in charge of the messages and
- 10 radio operation.
- 11 Number 3, whatever needed by the battlefront would be provided by
- me and I would take <corpses> from the battlefront to the rear.
- 13 <At> the time, the Vietnamese <were> really fighting <intensely>
- 14 against us.
- 15 [15.33.55]
- 16 Q. Thank you. I'm sure there's a lot of information that we could
- 17 discuss in this regard, but I just want to focus you, at the
- 18 moment, on some of the leadership in the CPK that worked in
- 19 Sector 505 at the time.
- 20 When you arrived, you said your uncle was in Kratie. What
- 21 position did he have in Kratie?
- 22 A. He was the Secretary of Snuol district and his office was in
- 23 Samrang. He left the army <of Division 117> and went to be in
- 24 charge of the district.
- 25 Q. Thank you. And who was the sector secretary of 505?

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- 1 A. The secretaries of Sector 505<, including> Moeun, <Khon>, in
- 2 hierarchical order <were in the sector level>. I was in <the
- 3 army> so I do not know for sure. Although Kratie city was a small
- 4 area, I could only learn so <much> information.
- 5 Q. I'm not sure if I heard you, but did you also say "Khon" or
- 6 "Phon"?
- 7 A. Khon.
- 8 [15.36.00]
- 9 Q. Thank you.
- 10 The division commander of Division 117, who was that?
- 11 A. The division commanders <were Rom>, Leang, and Nim. <They were
- 12 the> commanders of Division 117.
- 13 Q. Did you say one of the commanders was Leang?
- 14 A. In fact, at the time, the term "commissioner" was used. For
- 15 example, Rom was the commissioner, Leang was the commander, and
- 16 Nim was the member. So there was a group of three. Number 2,
- 17 Leang. Number 1 in the hierarchy was Rom.
- 18 Q. Did you know who the district secretary of Kratie district
- 19 was?
- 20 A. Kratie's secretary, to my knowledge, was Yeng at the outset.
- 21 He became the Secretary of Kratie after he left 117<, and he was
- 22 originally from Longveaek>.
- 23 [15.38.26]
- 24 Q. When you went to Kratie, you stated in your statement that a
- 25 sweeping-clean operation of Sector 505 was being conducted and

- 1 I'll refer you to your statement, to E3/9814 (sic); English,
- 2 00982728; Khmer, 00975783 to 84; and French, 00980813; and you
- 3 said this in answer to the question:
- 4 "Why did you know that Meas Muth had gone to Kratie and Stung
- 5 Treng in order to examine the situation of the border conflict
- 6 with the Vietnamese?"
- 7 You answered: "I learned that through a regiment of the navy that
- 8 was under the command of Pheap who came to help my Division 117.
- 9 At that time, a sweeping clean was being conducted."
- 10 Is that correct? When you were in Sector 505, there was a
- 11 sweeping clean operation of cadre in that sector when you were
- 12 there?
- 13 A. That is true. That is true. As I said <> in my statements,
- 14 there were two <cadres from the> district committees, <four from
- 15 Regiments, two from Divisions, and two from Sector committees>.
- 16 There was a reshuffle, new cadres went to replace the old ones
- 17 and the old ones were sent to Phnom Penh, <and after that they
- 18 disappeared>. That happened during the intensified situation
- 19 pursued by the Vietnamese or "Yuon"; <and at the time, "Yuon"
- 20 took over the whole Snuol district>.
- 21 Muth <went there as deputy commander. He> came from Kampong Som
- 22 together with <soldiers of a regiment, and he gave those soldiers
- 23 to Pheap. > I was not working close to him <and I did not see
- 24 him>, however, I <knew that> his army was based at <Kou Loab near
- 25 Sambok mountain>. For me, I was based close to the airfield.

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- 1 By then, <the> "Yuon" <had> already grabbed the territory at
- 2 Preaek Te (phonetic) <and Snuol district>; and, yes, that is the
- 3 statement that I made, Mr. Co-Prosecutor.
- 4 [15.41.36]
- 5 Q. And in your statement you talk about, you discuss an event
- 6 where you received an order for some senior leadership to be
- 7 flown to Phnom Penh.
- 8 Do you remember that event, and can you briefly describe what
- 9 happened when those senior leadership were being called for?
- 10 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 11 Mr. Witness, please hold on. You may proceed, Counsel for Mr.
- 12 Khieu Samphan.
- 13 [15.42.31]
- 14 MS. GUISSE:
- 15 Mr. President, I'll be very, very brief about this. Of course,
- 16 this is a general objection. I know that in light of the recent
- 17 decision that you issued following our request clarification with
- 18 regard to <your referral on> purges, you will reject it, but <I
- 19 need to make this objection for needs of the proceedings. > These
- 20 elements are not part of the Closing Order and therefore, in our
- 21 view, they are not included in the <scope of the> current trial.
- 22 So, we therefore object to the fact that Kratie be brought up
- 23 right now.
- 24 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 25 Judge Lavergne, you may proceed.

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- 1 JUDGE LAVERGNE:
- 2 Counsel Guisse, <are you> asking us to reconsider your request?
- 3 <I don't really understand,> because we already answered it, as
- 4 you know.
- 5 So is this a request for reconsideration and, if it is such, what
- 6 is the basis?
- 7 [15.43.22]
- 8 MS. GUISSE:
- 9 It's not a request for reconsideration. I started my objection<,
- 10 Your Honour, > saying that I knew you were going to overrule it.
- 11 <But since these were the records that were circulated,> I still
- 12 wanted to make the observation <and objection> during this public
- 13 hearing.
- 14 JUDGE LAVERGNE:
- 15 So therefore, there is no request?
- 16 MS. GUISSE:
- 17 It's only observation for the record.
- 18 [15.43.55]
- 19 BY MR. SMITH:
- 20 Thank you, Mr. President.
- 21 Q. Do you remember that event when the senior leadership was
- 22 called for and were sent to Phnom Penh on a plane? And if you
- 23 can, can you briefly describe it, please?
- 24 2-TCW-1005:
- 25 A. Allow me to expand a little bit further. I only saw the letter

- 1 from the airport. The letter states "M-870". I <actually read
- 2 the> letter <to Rom>, the divisional commander<>. We were told
- 3 that the airplane <> would land at 9 o'clock <to pick up 11
- 4 individuals to Phnom Penh including two cadres from sector>
- 5 committees, <four from the> regiments, two <from the> division,
- 6 and <two from the district committees. At the time, I saw the
- 7 letter indicated that M-870 invited them to work in Phnom Penh>.
- 8 I know about this because I received a letter and I, myself, read
- 9 the letter to the divisional commander. Thi and Kung, the
- 10 messengers of Muth, delivered the letter to <Rom. I know them
- 11 because they used to come to the office concerning telegrams. To
- 12 my understanding, M-870 was a state office of the upper echelon>.
- 13 That is what I learned.
- 14 After their arrival, they never returned to their original place.
- 15 <Nhan from Kampong Som was divisional commander>; Phon, <sector
- 16 committee>, came to replace Moeun; Pakk (phonetic), the Kratie
- 17 district committee replaced Yeng.
- 18 After <> all chiefs went to a meeting, I went to visit <Stung>
- 19 Treng and after my return, <I heard that> there was an event that
- 20 my leaders were considered betrayal.
- 21 [15.46.20]
- 22 Q. Thank you. And if I just refer to your statement at E3/9814
- 23 (sic); English, 00982728; Khmer, 00975783 to 84; and French,
- 24 00980813; just to put what you've said in context, you said:
- 25 "I remember that one day a messenger came from the airport to

- 1 deliver a letter to Rom, the commander of Division 117, to have
- 2 him attend at a meeting in Phnom Penh. That letter said that an
- 3 aeroplane would arrive at 9 a.m. to pick them up. Rom ordered me
- 4 and the other people to arrange a vehicle to take him to the
- 5 airport and he told me read the letter that he had just received
- 6 that he had put on the table. I saw that letter was sent from the
- 7 Office 870. It said to send Rom and his deputy, Leang, along with
- 8 four people from the regiment, two from the district, two from
- 9 the sector, and one more division member to Phnom Penh. That
- 10 letter listed the names of 11 people who were called to attend
- 11 the meeting. The member of the Division 117 Committee named <Nim>
- 12 did not go with them."
- 13 My question is: Did you take -- or, firstly, how did you know the
- 14 letter was from Office 870? Was it signed; did it have a stamp?
- 15 [15.48.22]
- 16 A. To my knowledge, <if> the messages <were> sent from the
- 17 <airport, they would be sent in> telegrams. <At the time, there
- 18 was no stamp, > and <most of the time>, the messages of the
- 19 <upper> level were sent through <telegraph>.
- 20 Whenever <a message was sent from the airport and indicated
- 21 M-870>, we knew for sure that it belongs to M-870 <that is the
- 22 upper echelon. Only those who worked at the airport had authority
- 23 to receive the messages from the upper level. I am certain about
- 24 it because I used to work in the office>. There was no seal used
- 25 or stamp used <when divisional commander gave orders to the

- 1 regiment level; usually Rom <gave orders through radio</pre>
- 2 communication and name <or number> was made mention clearly <to>
- 3 the recipient.
- 4 And as for Nim, he was engaged in the battlefield and he could
- 5 not make it and came to Phnom Penh. So he was not able to come to
- 6 Phnom Penh.
- 7 [15.49.38]
- 8 Q. And in your statements -- you have about 150 pages of
- 9 statements -- you discuss who was on the list and who was on the
- 10 plane but, initially, I just want to ask you, on the order to
- 11 send them to Phnom Penh, did it say why they should be going
- 12 there? Did they say what the purpose of sending these to Phnom
- 13 Penh was?
- 14 A. If you asked me like that, I do not know how to explain. <What
- 15 I know was based on the telegrams. > And usually the wounded
- 16 soldiers were transported by airplane from <the battlefields in>
- 17 Ratanakiri and Mondulkiri, so if the meetings were to be
- 18 convened, those invitees would arrive by plane. And the invitees
- 19 included the divisional level, <regiments level, > and <sector
- 20 committee>; that communication was made through the telegrams,
- 21 <and the telegrams were sent through the airport.>
- 22 Q. Did you, to the best of your memory, did you or someone
- 23 contact these 11 people and take them to the airport and made
- 24 sure they got on the plane?
- 25 A. I saw them off. I sent all of them <including cadres from the

- 1 sector committee, divisional level, and regiments level, > I drove
- 2 all of them in several vehicles and we reached the blockade at
- 3 one <point>. Our vehicles were not allowed in. Then we dropped
- 4 them off and they walked beyond the barriers or the blockade.
- 5 Then I went forward to Mondulkiri for two nights and when I
- 6 returned, I learned that the senior leadership was arrested.
- 7 [15.52.38]
- 8 Q. You mentioned some of the senior leadership in Sector 505 a
- 9 moment ago. I just have some questions about those people.
- 10 So Sector 505 Secretary Moeun, to the best of your knowledge, was
- 11 he on the plane that day? Yes or no, if you're not sure, just
- 12 say.
- 13 A. I <am sure there were> Rom, two <new> district committees, two
- 14 sector committees, <and those from the regiments>. <But as far
- 15 as> Leang<, he went> first and after that, Rom. Leang came first
- 16 by <boat>.
- 17 Q. Leang, you said, was the deputy or commander of Division 117.
- 18 Did he go on the plane or did he go by sea (sic)?
- 19 A. I did not see Leang on the plane together with all of those
- 20 people. Leang went first, <> one or two days, before Rom.
- 21 Q. And do you know whether Leang, when he went a few days
- 22 earlier, whether he went on a plane or a boat or a car?
- 23 A. He did not go by car, he went by <boat>. He was on a ship
- 24 transporting <weapons, clothes>, the not-seriously wounded
- 25 soldiers, and also ammunition. And seriously wounded soldiers

- 1 were transported by <plane>.
- 2 [15.55.10]
- 3 Q. Thank you. And I'd like you to listen carefully now and just
- 4 say yes, no, or I don't know.
- 5 You said Rom was on the plane that day; is that correct?
- 6 A. Yes, he was on the plane on that day.
- 7 Q. Do you know whether Sector Secretary Moeun was on the plane
- 8 that day or not? Or if you're not sure, just say.
- 9 A. Let me clarify. I drove Rom and Yeng in the same vehicle; they
- 10 were friends, and Chen <alias Phoan; the three of us were in the
- 11 same vehicle with Rom>. Moeun was on the way with us as well, but
- 12 on that particular day, I was in a hurry so I left first. They
- 13 were <together with those from the regiment level> in the same
- 14 convoy <heading> for Phnom Penh.
- 15 [15.56.30]
- 16 Q. So the Kratie district secretary, Yeng, was on the plane that
- 17 day and you also referred to Chen. Is that alias Phoan, Is that
- 18 the secretary of Snuol district?
- 19 A. Chen alias Phoan was the Snuol secretary. He was in the same
- 20 vehicle.
- 21 Q. And the deputy secretary of Sector 505 or -- you said that
- 22 Khon, who was on the sector committee, was he on the plane that
- 23 day? Yes, no, or you're not sure?
- 24 A. As I told you earlier, I drove them off together with the
- 25 <sector> messengers <and those from the division>, and <> after I

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- 1 dropped my passengers off, I reversed on my vehicle and went
- 2 away. They <> may have been on the plane all together, <excluding
- 3 Leang. There were four from the regiment>, two from <the> sector
- 4 <committee>, two from the district <committee>, and <two> from
- 5 <the> division. And as I indicated earlier, Leang went to Phnom
- 6 Penh first.
- 7 Q. And do you know a person by the name of Svay Naunh, a chief of
- 8 Division 117?
- 9 A. I do not recall his surname, but his first name Nim member of
- 10 a division. I do <not> know the individual by the name Nam
- 11 (phonetic).
- 12 [15.58.57]
- 13 MR. SREA RATTANAK:
- 14 Mr. President, I would like to clarify the name Svay Naunh, the
- 15 name mentioned by the Co-Prosecutor -- the International Deputy
- 16 Co-Prosecutor.
- 17 BY MR. SMITH:
- 18 Q. Witness, does that name -- is that name familiar with you?
- 19 2-TCW-1005:
- 20 A. I do not know Nam (phonetic) but Nim. I heard the name Nam
- 21 (phonetic) was mentioned, but there was an individual by the name
- 22 Nim and <his wife's name was> Nam (phonetic).
- 23 [15.59.58]
- 24 MR. SREA RATTANAK:
- 25 The name is Svay Naunh. Are you familiar with this particular

- 1 individual by the name Svay Naunh?
- 2 2-TCW-1005:
- 3 A. <> I did not hear that <> name back then, and I do not know
- 4 whether that individual came through that location later on.
- 5 Naunh, no; no individual by the name Naunh. No. There was no
- 6 individual by the name Naunh.
- 7 MR. SMITH:
- 8 Thank you, Mr. Witness.
- 9 Mr. President, obviously we're finished for today. I would just
- 10 ask -- we lost a little bit of time with decisions and the
- 11 discussions on documents, and I would ask if we could have -- the
- 12 Prosecution and the civil parties -- just have until the end of
- 13 the first session tomorrow to resolve a couple of further details
- 14 with the witness? No more than the first session, Your Honour, if
- 15 that's acceptable.
- 16 [16.01.22]
- 17 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 18 Yes, your request is granted.
- 19 <It is now time for the adjournment> and the Chamber will resume
- 20 its hearing on 27 July 2016 at 9 a.m.
- 21 And tomorrow, the Chamber will continue hearing 2-TCW-1005.
- 22 Please be informed.
- 23 Witness, the hearing of your testimony has not come to a
- 24 conclusion yet, you are therefore invited to come and testify
- 25 once again tomorrow at 9 a.m.

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1	Court officers, please work with the WESU unit to send the
2	witness to the place where he is staying at the moment, and
3	please invite him into the courtroom tomorrow at 9 a.m.
4	Security personnel are instructed to bring the two accused, Nuon
5	Chea and Khieu Samphan, back to the ECCC's detention facility and
6	have them returned into the courtroom tomorrow before 9 a.m.
7	The Court is now adjourned.
8	(Court adjourns at 1602H)
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