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To Angkar 870:

[I would] like to report on general situation and work in the zone in the following:

I. Following my meeting with Angkar, [I] returned and went to work in Regions 5, 3, 1, and 4. On May 10, [I] met and worked with comrades of the Permanent Organizational Assignment Committee. During my meeting with them, I reported about the recommendations of 870, and then [we] reviewed situations in the zone as follows:

1. Review internal and external enemy situations:

External enemies [outside the country]: Over the past ten days enemies gradually launched shells into our northern territory on O Chrov. At Malai Mountain and Thmar Puok likewise, they dispatched their spies to commit activities; however we open fire, killing [many of them] and seizing four guns. On May 5, 1978 [enemy] plane(s) infiltrated in our territory as far as Samraong Sub-district, Sisophon District. On May 6, 1978, there were plane(s) flying by passing from Samlaut [District] to Pailin in the direction toward Thailand. There has not yet been any phenomenon in the gateway accessing back and forth from Koh Kong.

Internal enemies [inside the country]: Given the situation in which there were some enemies penetrating the country from outside, the enemies led and encouraged people to flee away. In regions, external enemies came in on May 5 and succeeded in encouraging and moving some people away with them. However, when they were trying to escape away with 40 people, we smashed all of them, with the only two that had escaped being under our further pursuit. In Region 5, 4 and 3, likewise, there were sort of people movements [by enemies], though we smashed most of them. They could rarely make it to either escape or enter. Besides, there were [enemies] secretly moving from one place to another. Looting still existed. There also occurred commission of moral offenses. There was subversive propaganda with my name being used in their propaganda to people: "Flee out [of the country] and build up troops to liberate [the country]: King, religion, market, money and ownership revive". Also, cadres in some collectives (Region 5 from Northwest) committed acts of hiding rice without giving it away to people. As for this problem, I have already had it solved.

Measures: Prevent it more carefully; be more highly vigilant; smash invasive enemies; successively sweep all destructive elements; and prevent all acts of secret moving and looting.

2. People's living conditions: In the zone, shortage occurred in Regions 1, 4 and 5, of which the most shortage-hit was Region 5, then Region 1 and Region 4. It was said that the entire four district of Region 5 faced shortage. But, I have met with Comrade Rin and proposed him to review all the harvested rice to see what it lacked, how many months the paddy rice would ripe, and what the rations were. As for ration, in the long future, there will [have to] be one and a half of cans [empty condensed-milk can] of rice [to be provided to one person], but for the immediate future, there will [have to] be [only] one can of rice [to be provided to one person]. [We found out that] the given rice [by Angkar] would be running out by May 10 [1978] and [people] were eating some rive seeds.

-Region 4: In the long future, there will [have to] be two of cans of rice [to be provided to one person], but for the immediate future, there will [have to] be [only] one and a half cans of rice [to be provided to one person]. [We found out that the rice given by Angkar] will be running out by June 1978. In July 1978, there will be time for rice, maize and bean [harvests] again. Therefore, the shortage prevailing in Region 4 lasts over half a month and can be settled.

-Region 1: In the long future, there will [have to] be one and a half of cans of rice a day [to be provided to one person], but for the immediate future, there will [have to] be one and a half cans of rice a day [to be provided to one person]. [We found out that] in some places [the rice given by Angkar] will be running out by mid-June and some others after the end of June. In some places it is until early July or mid-July that rice will ripe in addition to subsidiary crops like maize, potato.

Measures to be taken: Try to settle the matter of food supply by providing people with a ration of as much as limited by Angkar as two or two and a half cans of rice [a person] in the long future, and one and a half cans of rice [a person] in the immediate future; this include subsidiary crops potato, maize and bean.

Besides, such matters as clothing, malaria and dwelling must be gradually addressed. As for fish and meat, it must be managed to have enough of them as well.

Notification: As for Region 5, Comrade Rin has not grasped the statistics of rice, for in stance how many [tons] of rice have been produced. Further inquiry and investigation are underway.

3. Planting and building in all areas:

-During these past days there have been heavy rains gradually throughout places. Now there is enough water in rice fields for the start of planting activities.

-Rice planting for the first time [the first of the two times of rice planting that is conducted twice a year] of the year must also be promoted to as much the level as planned. This first-time rice planting must be completely done by the end of May or the beginning of June 1978. Then, rainy-season rice planting must be vigorously conducted in a great hurry starting from mid-June 1978; the first-time rice planting must also be harvested at that time. Some of the rice seeds [which will not have to be transplanted] have already been sowed. In all regions, fairly much soil in rice fields has been tilled.

-Jute seeds have been sowed and some have already grown. By May 15, an organizational assignment committee meeting will be held. [Then], a grand total of amounts of which crops--jute, cotton and sugar can--have been planted will be shown [in the meeting]. Various other crops have gradually and continuously been planted.

-As for those whose task is to assign work forces, they have organized much better this year than in last year. It is seen that the work has been done not only better but more speedy as well. More attention has also been paid this year than in the last year on arranging embankments, digging canals, flattening soil, and putting fertilizers in rice fields.

-Water reservoirs in Region 5: Trapeang Thmar water reservoir has been promoted. The construction of a water reservoir located from Sreng Bridge to as far as Tuol Phnom Srok has nearly been finished, and only its sluice gate has yet to be done. The constructions in Region 13 will have to be done in May or early June 1978: 3 [water reservoirs] at Stung Mongkul Borei, 1 in Stung Sisophon. As for the plan and statistics of rice to be exported in 1978 and 1979, [I] will report it later.

-As for building Prayuth dam at Stung Sangke, I will go to assign and have it done in this late May.

-At Bassak (Maong) Comrade Phi said that [building a dam] will also be completed in June.

-The construction in Battambang must be finished in June as well, which most of the work has yet to be done if compared with other places.

4. Management of work process and building up of key cadres:

Strengthen, as recommended by Angkar, zone, region, district and collective cadres. Those cadres, who are not responsible, loyal and constantly close in the investigation with the revolution, must deal with the party's guidelines.

[I] will sum up and report to you later on the statistics of building party's core cadres and progressive mass cadres. As a matter of leadership, Angkar's core [cadres] hold the responsibility in some districts, and progressive mass [cadres] hold the are responsibility in some collectives. Educating is also constantly advisable. It is seen that they have performed their tasks fairly well. Much more attention must be paid to the maximum to those cadres who still have weaknesses. For instance, help must be constantly provided in Regions 1, 4 and 5.

Addition: Important are big stations [water reservoirs]—one located between Watt Ta Mim and O Dambang, one near Battambang market, and another one at Rong. These three stations have already been done and can function now.

That is all. Please, Angkar, give ideas and advice.

With very high respect,

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