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Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia

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# ត្រះ**រ**ទ្ធរសាធ្នេងអំស

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Written Record of Interview of Witness

The year two thousand seven, the month of December, the 17th day, at 9:30 hours at the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia

I, NGUON Im (NI) and Christian BAUDESSON (CB), Investigators of the Extraordinary Chambers, having been assigned by the Rogatory Letter of the Co-Investigating Judges, dated 27 November 2007,

Having seen the Law on the Establishment of the Extraordinary Chambers, dated 27 October 2004

Having seen Rules 24, 28, and 60 of the Internal Rules of the Extraordinary Chambers

With the presence of NIL Samorn, sworn interpreter of the Extraordinary Chambers

Have recorded the statements of SUONG Sikoeun ស្ដង ស៊ីកឿន (SK), a witness, who provided the following information regarding his personal identity:

Last name: SUONG ស្ដង

First name: Sikoeun ស៊ីគឿន

Alias: Kung គង់ or Thorn ធន.

 ឯភសារបានថតចម្លួចត្រឹមត្រូចតាមច្បាច់ដើម CERTIFIED COPY/COPIE CERTIFIÉE CONFORME
ថ្ងៃ ខែ ឆ្នាំ នៃការបញ្ជាក់ (Certiffied Date/Date de certification):
មន្ត្រី១ទូលបន្ទុកសំណុំរឿង/Case File Officer/L'agent chargé du dossier: SAMM RADA

Born on 15 December 1936 in Chrôy Âmpĭl ជ្រោយអំពិល Village, Châmbâk ចំបក់

Subdistrict, Prêk Prasâb ព្រែកប្រសប់ District, Kratie ក្រចេះ Province.

Nationality: Cambodian Occupation: At home

Father's name: SUONG Kăk សួង កាក់ (deceased)

Mother's name: NOU Ren § 158 (deceased)

Present residence at Kbal Spean ក្បាលស្ពាន Village, Malai ម៉ាឡៃ Subdistrict, Malai ម៉ាឡៃ

District, Banteay Mean Chey បន្ទាយមានជ័យ Province.

Wife's name: TAING Huy Eng តាំង ហ៊ុយអេង (living)

Children: 4

Previous crimes: None

Mr. SUONG Sykoeun was notified on 6 December 2007 in Malai District, and agreed to be interviewed at the ECCC on 17 December 2007.

- This person declared that he/she could read, write, and understand the Khmer, French, and English languages.
- This person declared that he/she could not read and write any other languages. Therefore, the original of this Written Record is written in the Khmer language.
- We advised this person that the taking of this statement is being audio or video recorded.
- This person told us that he/she had no relationship with the Charged Persons and Civil Parties.
- This person took an oath in accordance with the provisions of Rule 24 of the Internal Rules of the Extraordinary Chambers.
- We notified this person of the right against self-incrimination, in accordance with the provisions of Rule 28 of the Internal Rules of the Extraordinary Chambers.

#### **Question-Answer:**

NI: Please describe in brief your biography from childhood. In what schools did you study? Did you continue your education overseas? After completing your education, what units did you serve in?

SK: In 1945, I began school at the Chrôy Âmpĭl Primary School. I continued my elementary education in Chhlaung District. In 1950, I began studies at the Collège Preah Sihanouk in Kampong Cham Province. In 1955, I studied at the Collège Kâmpucheabotr in Phnom Penh, passed the Collège certificate, and continued my studies at the Lycee Sisowath. In 1956, I passed the examination for the French First Degree Secondary បាក់អង. In 1957, I received a French scholarship to study Civil Aviation at Ăkly អ៊ាលី,

near Paris. In 1958, I passed the French Second Degree Secondary បាក់ខុប, and began

studies at the Sorbonne in French Literature. In 1966, I received my baccalaureate in French Literature in Paris. In 1969, I received my master's degree in French Literature, and continued my doctoral studies in French Literature. After the 1970 coup, I joined the Kampuchean National Unification Front, and was the Director of the Information Office of the Front and the Representative for the Kampuchean Information Agency AKI stationed in France. In 1974, I worked at the Voice of the Front Radio in Hanoi, and then began work at B20 UDO (an office for receiving and managing the intellectuals from overseas) in Steung Trâng District.

NI: Please explain your jobs and what you did in the Foreign Ministry after 17 April 1975.

SK: After 17 April 1975, I came to set up the work site there at the Foreign Ministry along with H.E. Keat Chhuon កាត់ ឈន់ and an engineer from the Soviet Union named

Borei ប៊ីរី. At the time, I was responsible for being Chairman of Southeast Asia and Europe and Deputy Chairman of the Protocol Section, and Member of the Political Section. In June 1977, I was Chairman of the Propaganda and Information Section and later was Spokesman for the Foreign Ministry. At that time, the Foreign Minister was Mr. Ieng Sary.

NI: Please explain the management structure of the Foreign Ministry at the time. How many directorates and offices was it divided into? What were the jobs and tasks of each directorate?

SK: At that time, the Foreign Ministry was called B1 ប9. Mr. Ieng Sary was chairman.

There was a General Secretary and Office Chairman, Sau Hong ស្វ ហុង. This office was divided into: a Security Section with Phy Phuon ភី ភូន alias Cheam ជាម as Chairman;

Madame Sau Sè ស្វ ស៊ែ was Chairperson of the General Secretariat, Chairperson of the Protocol Section, and Secretray of the Party Branch. The General Political Section had leng Sary himself as the Chairman, and in it were a number of intellectuals like Aok Sokun ឱក់ សុកទ្ធ, Mr. Chuon Praseth ប្អូន ប្រសិទ្ធ, and Mr. Keat Chhuon, and others. The Propaganda and Information Section had me as its Chairman. In late 1977, Mr. Ny Kân sã ទំន was Chairman of the Protocol Section as the successor to Madame Sau Sè. Mr. Ny Kân had previously been a Sector Secretary in the West Zone. The Party Affairs Section had separate people in charge whom I did not know.

NI: Aside from Propaganda and Information Section affairs, what other affairs were you in charge of?

SK: I was responsible for the Kampuchean Information Agency, and was Chairman of the Foreign Language Broadcast Section of Democratic Kampuchea Radio, which included the Chinese, Vietnamese, French, and English languages. These broadcasts were recorded on cassettes and sent to the radio for broadcast. Another thing, I was responsible for arranging for the cadres and personnel of the Foreign Ministry to listen to

the education/training segment significantly of the Democratic Kampuchea Radio during 5-6 o'clock in the morning. As for the Information Agency, Pol Pot assigned me to be responsible, with demonstration/direction by Mr. Ieng Sary. As for the foreign language broadcasts and the morning education/training, I received instructions from Mr. Ieng Sary.

NI: Please examine this Democratic Kampuchea Foreign Ministry structure chart. Which points are correct and which points are incorrect? Whom did you know and whom did you not know?

SK: I have examined this table and see it as being mostly correct, but there are some units I don't know clearly, such as Unit 171. I only know that there was a security unit which had the task of protecting foreign ambassadors and embassies. (The details are in the Structure of the Foreign Ministry called B1, dated 17 December 2007, signed and thumb printed.)

- One copy of the written statement was provided to this witness.
- After it was read aloud the witness had no objections and agreed to sign or emplace thumbprint.

This task was completed at 4:45 hours on the same date.

Witness SUONG Sikoeun Interpreter Nil Samorn Investigators C. Baudesson, Nguon Im

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