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Confession of ĒNG Mēng Heang (អេង ម៉េងហ៊ីង),

alias Chhon (ឆ័ន), (working in the Ministry of Energy)

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Important

- Propose that the ministry review this document urgently in order to remove all of them and take control of the Ministry of Commerce and [illegible].

Summary

- From 1953 to 1965, ĒNG Mēng Heang, alias Chhon, was studying at the Faculty of Mechanics of the University of Kampong Cham.

- In late 1967, introduced by CHHUON Bunthai (ឈួន ប៊ុនថៃ) and YIM Sâmkol (យឹម សំកុល), ĒNG Mēng Heang, alias Chhon, joined the CIA.

- In 1970, ĒNG Mēng Heang, alias Chhon, became a third-year engineering student in the Faculty of Mechanics.

- In May, 1970, ĒNG Mēng Heang, alias Chhon, camouflaged himself within the Revolution in the North Zone along with Chhoeun (ឃៀន). (Pages 1 to 6).

- From May to October, 1970, ĒNG Mēng Heang, alias Chhon, was unable to communicate in writing with CHHUON Bunthai in Phnom Penh, so he lost contact with his CIA network.

- In 1971, Khuon (ឃួន) brought ĒNG Mēng Heang, alias Chhon, to work with him. (From pages 6 to 11).

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- In November, 1976, Chhon was startled after Angkar removed Vèn (វ៉ែន), and he contacted Chhoeun, Kun (គុណ), Mân (ម៉ែន) and Hăk (ហាក់) to seek solutions.

- In December, 1976, after Angkar removed Nhèm (ញ៉ែម), Chhon realized that his networks had been discovered, but Chhoeun and Doeun (ឃៀន) kept encouraging him to go all out to build more forces. (Pages 151 to 162).

- In late December, 1976, Chhon brought up a plan with Hàng (ហ៊ង) plotted to go on the attack to build traitorous forces and destroy oil for January, 1977.

- On 8 January, 1977, Chhon visited the North Zone, and Khoem (ខឹម) introduced the North Zone military plot to him. According to the plan, if armed uprisings broke out in Phnom Penh, the traitorous networks in the North Zone would take control of the Zone leadership apparatus and convene a meeting of the district committees to make an announcement.

- In Phnom Penh , with the backing of Doeun, Chhon got in contact with various places in order to grasp the situation.

- On 25 January, 1977, Chhon reviewed the traitorous activities with Comrade Hàng , Ministry of Energy. (From pages 162 to 174)

Interrogator

PRĂK Khân (ប្រាក់ ខន)

[Signature] 24 February, 1977

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Biography

I- Personal Information:

His original name, ĒNG Meng Heang, was changed to Chhon. age 32, a married Khmer citizen, he was born in Stueng (ស្ទឹង) village, Ponhea Kraek (ពញាក្រែក) district, Kampong Cham province, the East Zone.

Currently, he is the chief of the Energy Management Office [Thâ (ថា) 28] and deputy chairman of the Energy Committee; he was recently arrested by Angkar.

II- Political Background:

- In 1953, he attended Bampenhvichea (បំពេញវិជ្ជា) primary school in Krouch Chhmar (ក្រុងច្រាំង) district, Kampong Cham province.

- In 1957, he attended Bampenhvichea primary school in Stueng village, Popel (ព្រៃព័ទ្ធ) commune, Ponhea Kraek district, Kampong Cham province.

- In 1959, he attended Suong (ស្វែង) secondary school, Kampong Cham province.

- In 1962, he attended Kratie (ក្រាំងច័ន្ទ) high school.

- In 1963, he obtained a secondary school diploma.

- From 1963 to 1964, he studied at Kampong Thom high school.

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... and he advised Comrade Sè (សែ) at the office to prepare delicious fruit frequently, if possible, for the Vietnamese Liaison Committee to gain their favour.

* The next morning, I saw Pha (ផា) (the secretary of Krouch Chhmar district) contact Khuon. That evening, Khuon organized a small party at which the guests chatted and recalled their memories during the era of political struggle. After the party, they started their work I had no grasp of that., but before leaving, Khuon told me, “He is one of our partisans in the East Zone, and he has been one of my close friends since the era of political struggle. He has come to discuss the plan about which I informed you yesterday.”

The next morning, Khuon left for Sectors 42 and 41 bringing the performing arts team with him.

I went to contact Chhum (ឈុំ) at that time.

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As instructed by Khoun, I regularly collected and stored medicines, weapons and ammunition received from District 65, which was under Chhum's direct control, at the office. District 65 was able to provide me with those materials because they received some of them from the Vietnamese Liaison Committee, whose office was located in Preaek Sangkae (ព្រែកសង្កែ) near Chhum's office and bought the rest from Vietnamese troops and merchants.

Besides, I obtained some weapons and ammunition from Keam (គាម), in Chamkar Leu district, Roadh (រដ្ឋ), in charge of military logistics and Khoem (ខឹម), in Baray (បារាយ) district and the current chief of the Ministry of Public Works in the North Zone.

It is noted that, in early 1973, Vèn was transferred by Angkar from Preaek Prasab (ព្រែកប្រសប់) district to Chamkar Leu district to take charge of some communes and monks' affairs in the zone. Chètr (ចៃត្រ), who had been trained by Tim (ទឹម), was in charge of Preaek Prasab district and was currently in the North Zone.

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... and in the future, when we appointed them as cadres in local areas and in ministries, they would become our core forces.

By that time Khuon had already appointed Ngim (ងឹម) as his courier to deliver letters long-distance via motorbike. In 1971, Ngim was staying with Preab (ព្រែប), who was then the chief of the Sector 31 Economics Committee. Later, during the initial organization of H-83 Office, Preab transferred Ngim to Khuon, who then assigned Comrade Sè (សៃ) to train Ngim. After Ngim stayed with Khuon for a while, Khuon usually brought Ngim along on his trips. I had always received secret letters from Khuon via Ngim. Ngim was instructed and enticed by Khuon during his stay with Khuon in mid1973.

In mid 1973, after the death of Comrade Sè , Khuon appointed Comrade Thi (ធី) (an indigenous minority citizen) as the office chairman, me as deputy office chairman, Comrade Phēng (ផេង) (an indigenous minority citizen) as a member and Comrade Bun (ប៊ុន) (a medical practitioner) also as a member.

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“This is our work plan for the immediate future, which you, comrades, have to be well informed of and implement effectively. Absolute secrecy must be maintained; do not tell anyone about it. As for your personal activities, the members of the Transportation Unit should seek new ways to impact the Party’s food supply plan and work harder to mobilize more forces within this unit by recruiting Comrade Mach (ម៉ាច) as a core member.”

Then I returned to the office and invited Comrade Mach, Comrade Chôt (ចៅត) and Comrade Thuon (តួន) to a meeting. At the meeting, I disseminated the above-mentioned plan, as explained by Khuon, and raised new plans to be carried out in the Transportation Unit. I directed them to carry out the following traitorous activities. First, they should encourage young drivers to enjoy driving freedom so as to undermine and disrupt the transportation of food supplies for the people. Secondly, they should also encourage drivers in the driving unit to drink alcohol. Thirdly, they should support drivers to ask for permission to visit their families. I further reminded them that they had the responsibility to encourage the masses to participate in such activities.

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In early July, 1975, I brought my wife with our little baby to live with me in Phnom Penh.

I requested Khuon to assign some work to her. However, at that time Khuon told me she had to rest for a while, and he would assign work to her later. At that time, I told my wife to help with the kitchen work and advised her to develop good relations with the three or four other kitchen staff members with the aim to entice them to carry out traitorous activities in the future, and my wife agreed to do so.

I later convened a meeting with Comrade Mach, Comrade Thēt (ថៃត) and Comrade Thuon to review our work. At that time, Comrades Mach, Thēt and Thuon informed me that in the previous month they had conducted many traitorous activities. They had encouraged drivers to drive fast, thus causing three trucks to crash, and had actively encouraged drivers to visit their families frequently.

Then I introduced Tha (ថា) and Ruon (រួន) to Mach so that they could cooperate with one another because Ya (យ៉ា) had confirmed that he had instructed them already, so they could be assigned to assist with the work in the Transportation Unit. Finally, I told them to work harder to mobilize more forces in this unit.

In mid July, I met with Comrade Phin (ភីន), who informed me that he had indoctrinated Pon (ប៉ុន) and Poek (ប៉ែក). He added that Khuon had instructed these two men already, but Khuon directed him to further instruct them so that they could be assigned to help with the registry work at his office.

Besides, he stated that he had total trust in the combatants who were working with him such as Sokh (សុខ) and Chên (ចិន). (Poek, Pon, Chên, and Sokh are currently working at the Ministry of Commerce).

Then I went to meet with Kun (គុណ) to follow up Chheang's (ឈាង) activities. Then Chheang told us that he had already received instructions from *Brother* Khuon, and he was currently focusing on the Phsar Chas (ផ្សារចាស់) target. He said that *Brother* Khuon regularly followed up on his work in this unit and had directed him to strengthen the existing forces and hide some materials in warehouses without reporting it to Angkar. He said that *Brother* Khuon had transferred to him several cadres such as Comrade Chheang (working in the Ministry of Commerce), Comrade Chhum (ឈុំ) (working in the textile factory), Comrade Mol (ម៉ុល) (working

in the state warehouse), Comrade Tau (តូ) (working in the textile factory), Comrade Monh (ម៉ុង) (working in the textile factory) and Comrade Thên (ថែន) (working in the Ministry of Commerce, but removed by Angkar). He added that he trusted these cadres.

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After meeting with Comrade Nhèm, I went to meet Comrade Thung (តុង) (a cadre at the office whom I had built). At that time, Comrade Thung said that Nhèm had transferred all the forces which had been mobilized from the zone office to the oil refinery, except for the female squad, which was under the direct control of Comrade Yan (យ៉ាន) and Comrade That (ថាត). Nhèm directed him to instruct these two men, and Nhèm and he were currently doing that. (Comrade Yan is currently working for the Ministry of Energy at the Preaek Phnov (ព្រែកព្នៅ) warehouse, and Comrade That is working in the Ministry of Commerce). Comrade Thung said that the forces which were currently under his control were all newcomers, so he had not learned much about them and was studying them.

- In August, 1975, Comrade Nhèm stirred up trouble between his combatants and the municipal military combatants. He also organized many parties for the cadres in Kampong Som (កំពង់សោម).

In late August, 1975, Khuon requested Chhăm (ឆាំ) to move from the North Zone to Kampong Som to assist Comrade Nhèm.

In early September, 1975, Comrade Nhèm, *Brother* Chhăm and I had a meeting to review the work of August, 1975.

As regards force build-up, Nhèm said that he had recruited Nil (នីល), Vuth (វុត) and Sàm (សម). He had been gradually indoctrinating and enticing them since they were on the battlefield by developing close relations, organizing drinking parties, providing material support and promoting their positions. They had developed close relations with him, and he enticed them through this method.

I said that I had already indoctrinated Comrade Ni (នី) (who is currently working for the Ministry of Commerce in Kampong Som) and was preparing to entice three other men, namely Soeun (ស៊ុន), Văn (វ៉ាន) and Chhay (ឆាយ). I had instructed them for a while, and they could be assigned to conduct traitorous activities within the next few months.

By that time, *Brother* Chhăm had not yet been delegated any task, but he commented that the ability of ...

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... from the North Zone to Kampong Cham to assist the work of Nhèm.

I early September 75, I, Comrade Nhèm, and Brother Chham met in order to examine the work of August 75.

Speaking of building forces, Nhèm brought up that he had personally built Nil, Vuth and Sâm. He had been gradually educating them since back when they were on

the battlefield and had attracted them emotionally through drinking and eating and giving them materials and promoting them in rank and duties. The loved and respected him very much, and though this he attracted them.

As for me, I brought up that I had educated Comrade Ni (now at Kampong Cham Commerce) and along with him three others named Soeun, Văn, and Chhay, only preparing them, but had educated them some, and perhaps in three or four months we may be able to assign them.

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... and two boat engines. Then I prepared the materials and equipment for him, but, I have not heard from him so far. Thus, we had no alternative but to wait for he was the one in charge of communicating with the disloyal forces in the border areas.

Then I reported to him on the situation in Kampong Som, informing him that we had promoted well our activities among cadres and combatants and, this month, had recruited four cadres, namely Comrade Vuth (working at Kampong Som port), Comrade Nil (working at Kampong Som port), Comrade Săm (working at Kampong Som port) and Comrade Ni (working for the Ministry of Commerce). I added that we had the potential to recruit more forces.

At the end, Khuon reminded me to strive to recruit more forces, to cooperate well with Comrade Nhèm and to keep secrets.

After the meeting with Khuon, I took the time to meet with Comrade Hâng (ហង់). At that time, Comrade Hâng said, “As regards the activities at the oil refinery,

Bang Khuon has done regular follow-ups and given instructions. On the one side, we have to strive to take control of oil (production) so as to serve our future plans. In

other words, we have to try hard to build more forces to secure our control of the oil refinery, and, on the other side, we have to destroy some oil (supply) in order to disrupt and undermine the nation-building efforts and fuel security within the city.” Comrade Hàng added that he had also instructed some female combatants to take control of oil depots, namely Lim (លីម) (working at an oil depot in Kampong Thom), Li (លី) (working at an oil depot in Ruessei Keo (ឫស្សីកែវ)), Kēng (កេង) (working at an oil depot in Ruessei Keo (ឫស្សីកែវ)) and Ri (រី) (working at an oil depot in Kbal Thnal (ក្បាលថ្នល់)). As regards these activities, he had sliced open oil pipes, damaged oil pumps, connected wrong oil pipes to spoil oil quality and etc. He had carried out all these activities persistently and effectively.

At the end, Comrade Hàng told me that Comrade Nat (ណាត) (who was his wife and my younger sister) had been assigned by Khuon to help with the work in the market and would be in charge of baking cakes for foreigners. Hàng added that he had also brought Srun (ស្រុន), one of my siblings, from the zone office to work with him and be in charge of transportation.

Since I did not meet with Srun at that time, I asked Hàng to ...

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.. to serve our plans. Therefore, it is imperative to build forces in order to guarantee control of oil, but furthermore it is imperative to prepare plans to destroy some oil in order to impact the work of building the country and in order to effect security in the city. Comrade Hàng clarified that in the past he had educated a number of female combatants for controlling the oil storage depots, including Lim (at the

Kampong Thom oil storage depot), Ly (at Reusei Keo), Kēng (at the Reusei Keo oil storage depot), and Ry (at Kbal Thnal). As for destruction, it was like making hoses leak, damaging pump motors, and using wrong hose connectors, for example, to damage the quality of the oil. We ordered all of this done continuously.

Finally, Comrade Hàng told me that Comrade Nat (his spouse and my younger sister) had been assigned by Khuon to help on the market side at the bakery site for foreign guests. Hàng stated that another of my younger siblings, Srun, had also been brought in by him from the Zone to help, and he was having Srun help in Transport.

Since I never got to meet Srun at that time, I sent word ...

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... the incitement of conflicts with other units, the organization of various entertainment activities in our ministry and the build-up of forces. We could perform these activities effectively because we all understood our respective tasks very well. Moreover, we had to further promote the effectiveness of our activities in the future. Our cliques here were the core forces in Kampong Som.

As regards the force build-up, Comrade Thung said that he had recruited Comrade That (a female cadre who is currently working in the Ministry of Commerce) by instructing her constantly and using *Brother* Khuon's name to entice her. He added he had not recruited Comrade Yan yet.

I responded, through Comrade Ni, that I had recruited three men about whom I had informed him before, namely Soeun, Chhay and Vǎn (who are currently working in Kampong Som).

Comrade Nhèm said that he had decided not to assign any work to Sean (ស៊ីន), Sou (ស៊ុយ) and Hong (ហ៊ុង) since he had to continue observing them for another month.

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... he had instructed Chẵm (ឆាំ) and was told to recruit Tē̃p (តេប) and Vi (វី) as well.

As regards the activities in Phnom Penh, Khuon said that, after Comrade Phin had left, Comrade Mi (មី) took charge of the N15 Office as Phin's replacement.

Currently, Comrade Mi was working out very well. He added, he had enticed Comrade Mi by developing close relations with him and giving him a promotion. Comrade Mi trusted him because Comrade Mi had known him since he was in Kampong Cham town during the era of political struggle (Comrade Mi used to work at the Technical School, but he was recently removed by Angkar).

After the meeting, he reminded me to travel to Kampong Som quickly in order to make arrangements to welcome a Chinese economic delegation.

After arriving in Kampong Som, I held a meeting with Comrade Ni, Comrade Soeun, Comrade Chhay and Comrade Vẵn to review the work. Comrade Ni said that he had already recruited Comrade Vorng (វ៉ឺង) and Comrade Lim. (Vorng and Lim were working at the port).

At the end, I encouraged them to recruit more forces and keep secrets.

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Along with this, I instructed them to stir up trouble with the neighbouring municipal military and to marry male and female combatants in our unit with those from Comrade Nhêm's unit.

In January, 1976, Nhèm's and my units created an atmosphere joyful parties and many entertaining activities and arranged the marriage of five or ten couples each time. We also stirred up constant disagreement between the combatants of the Ministry of Commerce and those of the municipality, the municipal military and the port.

Then I met with Lèn (ល៉ែន) (a female cadre who is currently working in the Ministry of Commerce) and Chăm (a female cadre who is currently working in the Ministry of Commerce) and directed them to entice Tệp and Vi. Tệp was working at the Ministry of Commerce, and Vi was working at the guest reception unit in Kampong Som. I also instructed Lèn and Vi to instruct other female combatants in that unit.

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Several days later, Khuon moved Chăm to marry Chheun (ឈឿន) (who was a combatant at his office and is currently working at the Ministry of Commerce), and transferred Ms. Sàm (a Chinese-Cambodian woman on the art team), who had been instructed by Khuon, to work with Lèn. Lèn and Sàm successfully enticed and recruited Tệp and Vi in late January, 1976.

In late January, 1976, Khuon assigned Comrade Thung to assist me with the work at the guest house. I assigned Comrade Thung to follow up on and strengthen the networks of Comrade Lèn, Sàm, Tệp and Vi and directed Comrade Ni to follow up on the networks of Chhay, Soeun, Vãn, Lim and Vorng.

In late January, I met my wife and asked her about Lin (លីន). My wife said that she had just had the nerve and managed to indoctrinate her recently and added that currently Lin and she were instructing other people. I advised her to be cautious

and carefully observe and select the people to be instructed. I added that the instruction should be carried out gradually, not in haste.

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Many cadres from the Ministry of Commerce at Kampong Som attended the conference at the Ministry of Commerce which was held in around February (I could not remember the exact date). At that time, realizing that Angkar would also attend the conference, Khuon made arrangements to show Angkar the progress of the Ministry of Commerce by arranging that the chiefs of each section report on the accomplishments of the ministry rather than weaknesses.

When the conference ended, Khuon called me to meet with him. At that time he told me, "Currently, Angkar is very satisfied with our ministry. As you can see, during this conference, Angkar praised us highly. Angkar trusted our key cadres, so we will be able to carry out our underground activities for a long time. This is our long-term plan."

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... mistrust. Some educated them a bit at a time, feeling them out, not forcing them.

On the occasion of the Commerce Conference during approximately February (I cannot recall clearly), a number of Commerce cadres from Kampong Som were in attendance. At the time, Khuon knew Angkar would participate and set up conditions to do whatever necessary to have Angkar see State Commerce as making progress so that Angkar would have warm feelings. Part of that was preparing the chairmen of the various sections to report the progress within the Ministry more than the deficiencies.

When the conference ended, Khuon called me to work. At the time, he opined to me, “These days Angkar has very warm feelings toward our Ministry. Comrade, you have seen during this conference that Ankgar praised us a lot. So then, our important cadres have Angkar’s warmth, and this leads to our being able to embed for the long term. This is our plan for the long term.”

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Then Khuon added, “Yesterday, Brother Preab and Comrade Khoem came to meet with me. Seeing our good working arrangements at the Ministry of Commerce, he asked to stay here with me. He said that the situation here was safer because there had not been any proper organization yet in the North Zone. Because of apparent leaks, some cadres in the North Zone such as Vèn and Tēp were worried about their own safety. Angkar was tracking down the networks. Some others did not feel secure because Comrade Srēng (វ័នវង់) was also afraid of Comrade Pork (ព័ក), but the work and communication in the North Zone was proceeding normally. Regarding this issue, I have already strengthened the morale of Comrade Khoem and Preab, and I have also written a letter to boost the morale of Comrade Srēng.”

At the end, Khuon advised me to cooperate with Comrade Nhèm to make the work organization in Kampong Som as good as that in Phnom Penh, stating, “In Kampong Som, with Comrade Nhèm’s report, I have observed that lately we have full potential to expand our networks because we have taken complete control of key cadres.”

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After meeting with Khuon, I took the time to meet Comrade Mach, who was working in Land Transportation. Comrade Mach told me that, ever since he lost contact with me, his networks had reported to *Brother* Khuon directly, and Brother Khuon had advised him to perform two main tasks. The first was to work hard to fulfil revolutionary assignments well in order to gain trust from the Party, which, in turn, would assign us to carry out more assignments, through which we can expand our underground activities to destroy the Party in the long term. The second was to strive to mobilize forces in this transportation unit and carry out as many subversive activities as possible so as to undermine the Party's nation-building efforts. Those were his instructions. Mach said he had performed his tasks fairly well, and regularly reported to Khuon. Within this transportation unit, Mach had recruited two more cadres, namely Yorn (យ៉ុន) and Hēng (ហេង) (Yorn and Hēng are currently working in Land Transport.) Mach added that there remained ample opportunities to expand. Then Mach told me that Sal (សាល) (one of KÈB Nav's (កែប ណាវ) sons) was working at the office, responsible for lists, but he was not so influential.

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I instructed him to work hard to mobilize forces in the office as before. I advised him to work harder and directed him to complicate the registry work so that the work of the Ministry would also become chaotic. He had done so previously, and the Ministry had not found out. Thus, I instructed him to keep doing so.

At the end, I told Comrade Mach, "In Land Transport, I have noticed that certain cadres such as Comrade Lân (ល៉ាន), Comrade Dân (ដាន) and Comrade Min (មីន), who have been transferred by *Brother* Ya to *Brother* Sokh (សុខ), can be enticed easily. I recommend you try enticing them." Then Comrade Mach responded

that he would observe them first. Before leaving, I advised him to take care of Sal to prevent Sal from leaking secrets because Sal was talkative.

Then I went to meet *Brother* Chhoeun, working at the Assignment Office. He said that it was very easy to carry out these activities in his unit because most of the people there were his partisans, who had already been instructed and transferred by *Brother* Khuon, namely Tri (ត្រី), Pek (ប៉េក), Pon (ប៉ុន), Sei (សី), Chheang (ឈាង), Thân (ថân) and Thol (ថុល) (they all are currently working in the Ministry of Commerce).

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He added that he had also instructed other people like Dei (ដី), Thor (ធុ) and Sēng (សេង). Then *Brother* Chhoeun asked me about the situation in Kampong Som. I informed him that it was easy to conduct activities because I had taken control of all the committees. At the end, Chhoeun told me that *Brother* Khuon was in trouble because his affairs with women in the art team had been uncovered, and Angkar was tracking this case. Almost everyone at the Ministry of Propaganda had known about this. It would be impossible for him to cover up this case now. Within the past several months, I have seen Comrade Na (ណា) (a physician in Kampong Som) frequently visit his house, and the combatants around him also witnessed this.

After chatting with him for a moment, I said good-bye and left for Kampong Som.

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When I arrived in Kampong Som, Comrade Nhèm convened a meeting with me, Chhăm, Mul (មុល), Muoy (មួយ), Vuth and Nhèm. The meeting mainly discussed the plots to build forces in each respective section.

After the meeting, I held another meeting with Comrade Thung and Comrade Ni to discuss the plot to build forces in March, 1976.

In March, 1976, Comrade Nhèm authorized my wife to take maternal leave. I asked him about the progress of force build-up. He replied, "During the past two months, I have not indoctrinated anyone because the medical unit has been reshuffled with all my old forces removed and the workplace relocated. Moreover, I have been busy with attending instruction sessions." He added he had informed Comrade Nhèm to help follow up with and further instruct Lin.

In April, 1976, Khuon telegraphed all the cadres at the Ministry of Commerce in Kampong Som to move to work in Phnom Penh.

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Comrade Chhay, Comrade Vorng, Comrade Lim and the networks of Comrade Lèn, Comrade Sâm, Tep and Vi were all under the direct control of Comrade Thung and reported to Comrade Nhèm.

At the end, I advised them to perform the work properly.

It is noted that, at that time, Angkar requested Khuon to transfer Chhăm to work in the office of the parliament.

Therefore, only Comrade Nhèm, Comrade Muoy, Comrade Vut, and Comrade Mol remained on the committee in Kampong Som.

After making all the arrangements and delivering all the assignments, Khuon telegraphed me to bring the radio-telegraph and Comrade Chhun along with me to work for the Ministry of Commerce.

As soon as I arrived in Phnom Penh, I met with *Brother* Chhoeun but not with Khuon because he was detained *by Angkar* that day.

The next day, Angkar announced in front of all cadres at the Ministry of Commerce at Borei Keila about ...

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In the end, Chhăm concluded that Angkar was aware only of Khuon's moral offences. I, at that time, adopted the stance and behaviour that Comrade Nhèm had recommended.

It is noted that between September and October, 1975, Khuon transferred three women on the art team, Mai, Chhên and Sei, whom he had educated, to the Ministry of Propaganda. The three women cooperated with another group of people that Khuon had previously transferred to the Ministry of Propaganda, which consisted of Khēng, Khom and Saut (all of whom were female cadres) and Chhèm, Lim, Kèv, Mâm, Lăt and Chhân (all of whom were young male cadres) to actively stir up trouble in the art unit of the Ministry of Propaganda. Later, Angkar transferred Kèv and Mâm from the Ministry of Propaganda to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Khuon transferred Chhèm and Hăk to the technical school, and Lăt to a cooperative in his hometown. (Angkar had removed Chhèm). Khuon kept in touch with the women whom he had transferred there, for one thing because of his affairs with them and for another because he needed to instruct them to stir up trouble at the Ministry of Propaganda.

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“I will bring some comrades to work with me in Phnom Penh and transfer some others to establish a network to carry out traitorous activities in Kampong Som under the supervision of Comrade Muoy (currently working at the port) and Comrade Vut, both of whom, according to Comrade Krĭn, are going to join the port committee. Comrade Thung will establish another network at the guesthouse because Angkar has transferred the place to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. I will also bring Comrade Ni to Phnom Penh and will ask him to hand over all his networks to Comrade Vuth, and they will report to me directly. This is my plan.” I agreed with Nhèm’s arrangements. At the end, he confirmed, “I will bring Comrade Mol, Sou and Hong to work with me.” (Sou and Hong are currently working at the Ministry of Commerce.)

Nhèm said that he had already discussed the plan with Comrade Chhoeun, and Comrade Chhoeun had already approved.

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... staying with Khuon’s spouse) said that Angkar would do nothing to Khuon and let him live a normal life because he had committed only moral offences.

At that time, I met Comrade Hăk (the director of the technical school). Hăk said that Doeun, who had frequently come to strengthen him on the situation, and had confirmed that Angkar was only aware of Khuon’s affairs, and as for betraying Angkar, they had no suspicions. Hăk further told me, “I have strengthened the networks at the school pretty firmly, with Chhèm (who has been removed by Angkar), Sâmbăt (working at the technical school), and Kou (working at the technical school) as core forces.”

In late April, 1976, after organizing the work in Kampong Som, Comrade Nhèm came to arrange the work at the office in Phnom Penh. At that time, I met with

Comrade Nhèm and Chhoeun and told them that I had learned about Khuon via Sâmbăt. Nhèm and Chhoeun said they had heard that news too and told me that we had to carry out our work more actively.

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Working with Brother Doeun, I felt secure because I had previously relied on Khuon entirely, but after losing him I seemed to feel unsupported. But, now I found new support. I discussed this with Comrade Hâng in order to boost our activities at oil depots. Comrade Hâng was happy and strived to perform traitorous activities more strongly again.

It is noted that in May, 1976, the Ministry established a child centre in Boeung Keng Kang Village, and I sent my wife, who had given birth half a month ago, to rest there.

Then I began carrying out these activities at the Energy Management Office. I sought to recruit forces and stir up trouble at the Ministry. In May, 1976, I started instructing Chhun and Khēng (the combatants who came with me from Kampong Som).

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Then I went to work with Comrade Hâng. I reported to him on the force build-up, "For the last five months, I have partly lured Comrades Chhun and Khēng. We may be able to assign work to them next month. I have also developed close relations with young combatants and gained their sympathy. I think we can lure more people in the future. I have also stirred up much trouble."

Comrade Hâng responded, “I have lured Nauy (working at Russey Keo warehouse) and reinforced the old recruits. We have also destroyed some amount of oil. The women I have recruited have breached oil pipes and misconnected pipes to spoil oil quality.

At the end, I advised him to strengthen Comrade Hāk and Bong, who were with him, to strive to build more people to expand our forces at the warehouse.

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I went to meet Comrade Suong at his home the next day to discuss the land for building a workshop and to learn about Comrade Suong’s view on the new situation, but Comrade Suong dared not to say anything to me. He did not mention any traitorous activity. He only chatted with me about Khuon’s affairs. I dared not ask him either.

At the end, I said goodbye to him. In fact, I knew that Suong had also been involved in traitorous activities because Brother Doeun had told me about him.

Let me clarify that, at that time, Comrade Nai, who was a deputy chairman of Comrade Suong’s brigade, was transferred by Angkar from this brigade to be in charge of tank units.

In early August, 1976, Comrade Khoem and Preap came to Phnom Penh again and stayed at my office. At night, we discussed the situation in Phnom Penh and the North Zone. The next morning, Comrades Khoem and Preap met with Brother Doeun at the Commerce Management Office.

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I also cooperated with them. Doeun asked Khoem and Preap about the situation in the North Zone. Khoem replied, “Our internal situation, especially the work assignment, has improved. Each section has worked smoothly and systematically. For example, I have set up an orderly network within my unit. We have continuously fomented anti-revolutionary movements and stirred up trouble among ministries and individuals causing chaos up to now. Comrade Srēng has also constantly reinforced the forces in Sector 41. According to him, the situation in Sector 41 has improved.”

Then Doeun commented, “Our internal situation in Phnom Penh and the North Zone are good, particularly as regards the recruitment and organization of forces. Another good point is that we have kept secrets well, so we have even more potential.”

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As regards the plan, Doeun said, “If the pace of development does not change, we will have created full preconditions by early 1977. We will prioritize armed uprisings in Phnom Penh because we have enough forces to do so, and the external forces will join us. Thus, in such a situation, we must strive to recruit more forces, one of our key duties, in each unit in order to gain mastery by the end of 1976. I have already discussed this issue with Comrade Srēng. The core forces in Phnom Penh are the combatants from Comrade Oeun’s, Comrade Suong’s and Comrade Nai’s military brigades. Comrade Nai has just been put in charge of a new tank unit. I have told him to strengthen his control and rapidly expand his forces. The forces in the ministries are secondary forces. The three brigades occupy half of Phnom Penh already, and we will be able to prevail with the support of the forces from the Ministry of Commerce and other ministries. However, now...

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Preap said that, in his ministry, he had lured Kēv, and he could entice more people.

In late August, 1976, I cooperated with Comrade Hāng to implement the plot that Comrade Doeun assigned to him, and I encouraged him to focus on recruiting more forces. I said, “I have recruited Chhun and Khēng. I have also instructed Chăn, San, and Phoeun, but I do not yet trust them. I will further instruct them. I have also stirred up trouble between the combatants at the office and Sat. Sat fomented disagreements among the workers at the Kbal Thnal warehouse, and this further led to the disagreements between the workers in the warehouse and those in the office.

Comrade Hāng mentioned that he had recruited key people in the warehouse such as Lim, Li, Nauy, Kēng and Ti (working at Kbal Thnal warehouse). I told

Brother Hăk to instruct them constantly. Comrade Bong has also recruited some forces including Măn and Nim. We still have the potential to recruit more forces.”

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Then I responded, “The networks in Kampong Som have not recruited more forces. They have the potential, but I have not been to Kampong Som lately because Comrade Ngim is there already. So far, he has worked with comrade Phin, but after Comrade Phim left, I have not received any news from him at all. I do not know how it is going. If I can visit there, I will organize the work there to make it consistent with that in Phnom Penh.”

Next, Comrade Hâng said, “During the past month we have destroyed two important motor-driven boats which are used regularly for transporting oil. The boats are being repaired now. We have also destroyed oil supply continuously.”

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... and Sèn.

In mid-September, 1976, I went to Siem Reap again to monitor oil pumping, during which I met with Vèn again. Vèn told me, “The networks in the North Zone have organized their work well, and so have my side and Comrade Srēng’s. Comrade Srēng said that his Sector 41 could be used as a base because he had already stocked a lot of food supplies. I am currently trying to recruit as many forces as possible. I have also instructed some combatants who have worked with me such as Comrade Riem (currently working at Sector 43 office), whom you also know.” As regards the plot, he stated, “The North Zone is ready. If the networks in Phnom Penh launch armed

uprisings, we will also do so in the North Zone. We will arrest (members of) the Zone's leadership apparatus and convene a meeting of all district committees to declare our victory. Those who surrender will be allowed to maintain their positions, while those who do not will be smashed."

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Chhăm said, "If Angkar arrests and takes Chhi to Santebal, he will reveal his connection with me in his confession. I am worried about this, but, when I think that Angkar has identified me as a loyal person since I joined the political struggle, I am a bit relieved."

I left Chhăm at 10 a.m.

Angkar arrested me at 2 p.m. on 26 January, 1977.

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The Fourth Set of Responses of ĒNG Meng Heang, alias Chhon

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The Plans

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. Vietnamese troops enter through the Northeast Zone and the East Zone. Our side in the East Zone, led by Chhouk and Pha, and those in the Northeast Zone, led by Ya, will launch armed attacks to seize control of state authority in both Zones.. We in the North Zone will start offenses at the same time. Some members under Khuon's control will convene a meeting of all cadres in the Zone and announce for them to follow us. We will execute those who are stubborn and replace those whom we do not trust with our people. Other military forces will be assigned to hold back the Nol groups in Kampong Cham, Kampong Thom, and Siemreap so that they cannot bother us. Moreover, Yat and his soldiers will open fire straight away at Angkar's site. If everything goes as planned at all four locations, we all must gather together in the North Zone and join to advance to liberate Phnom Penh and to liberate the Zones.

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Summary

The First Plot

- CHHUON Bunthai directed ĒNG Meng Heang, alias Chhon, to get acquainted with Châmraen students in 1968 in order to camouflage himself in the Revolution.

The Second Plot

- CHHUON Bunthai assigned ĒNG Mēng Heang, alias Chhon, to associate with the old revolutionary networks in the North Zone and to get along with them to gain trust from the Revolution in order to destroy the Revolution in the long run. (Pages 1-3)

The Third Plot

- In 1972, Khuon assigned Chhon to recruit forces and to stock food supplies, weapons and ammunition in order to carry out anti-party plots.

The Fourth Plot

- In 1973, Khuon directed Chhon:
 1. To continue implementing the plan of 1972,
 2. To agitate the masses to protest against the Party not negotiating with the Americans, and
 3. To encourage Ya's, Khuon's, Chhouk's and Yat's traitorous networks to launch armed uprisings when the Vietnamese troops come to help in 1973.

Short-term plans emphasized the following activities:

1. To strive to build more forces,
2. To reinforce support bases,
3. To destroy rice in base areas and in the units of each of the ministries,
4. To strive to build military forces to serve and to guarantee plans..

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Comrade Mâm told me about the short-term plans brought up in the Zone, which consisted of the following activities:

1. Striving to recruit more forces;
2. Reinforcing bases and stocking enormous food supplies, with Comrade Srēng in charge of doing so in Sector 41, and Comrade Khăn and Comrade Pech in the rubber plantations;
3. Planning to destroy rice in local areas by burning down cooperative and state rice warehouses and damaging state rice mills in local areas. This would undermine the Party's country-building efforts;

Our cliques in ministries and zones have to constantly destroy warehouses such as rice warehouses, oil depots and supply warehouses as well as cars and motor-driven boats.

4. Recruit more qualified military forces in each respective unit and ministry in order to ensure the accomplishment of the plots.

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