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Minutes of the
Meeting of the Standing Committee
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Agenda: Issues of aids from Sweden and Yugoslavia

I. Reporting by comrade Vãn

1. Aid from Sweden:
 - Swedish government has planned to aid Angola, Somalia and Cambodia in 1976-77 with a total of 180 million kronas or 40 million dollars.
 - To Cambodia, the amount is not clear yet; but probably 5 million dollars.
 - Besides the issue of aid, Sweden raises the issue that its airway company requested to fly over our aero space through the previous way: Bangkok to Hong Kong over Cambodia.
 - They say their aid is unconditional.
2. Aid from Yugoslavia:
 - Aid us 4 million dollars. But they have spent 1 million dollars to buy blankets and medicines. 15,000 blankets have been sent through Beijing. They asked whether we have received them yet.

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- Therefore, there are remaining 3 million dollars. We can use for buying other merchandises from Yugoslavia. We can buy anything we want or materials for repairing the hydro-electricity power station in Kirirum (គីរីរម្យ).
- Yugoslavia does not mention about the debt owed by Sihanouk regime.

II. Analytical Opinions of Angkar

1. Characteristics of Aids from Sweden and Yugoslavia

A. Political Viewpoints: In order to receive the aids, we need to select the independent countries, namely countries that are satellite to neither the United States nor Soviet.

With these kinds of countries, we have force on the international stage. The United States wants to suppress us. The Soviet also wants to suppress us through Vietnam. Therefore, we have to have friends in the world; the friends that are in any league. Comparably, Sweden is much better than France or Belgium. In Latin America, Mexico is also good. Cuba is our friend but of Soviet's side.

Through this view, Sweden has influence in all fields in the world. We can closely communicate. We do our best to closely communicate as foreign friends but not revolutionary friends.

B. Military and Economic Viewpoints: Also see that no force to invade us. We also make friends in the world.

Normally, in the capitalist country, it always has CIA or

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Soviet's agents that sometimes its government is not aware of. But after monitoring their general policy, it is alright.

2. Based on this view we can accept their aids
They say that their aids are unconditional. However, any aid is conditional; for instance, they want to influence or get support from us. But this issue is alright. Therefore, anything that serves our revolution, benefits our revolution we can take and thank them.

III. Plan to Use Aids for Buying Materials

We accept and use aids along with our goal in order to serve:

- People's living conditions
- Agricultural production
- Transportation
- Country defence

In these parts, we also have to concentrate and take only important things. We do not scatter because aids are limited.

In this regard, we plan to purchase following merchandises:

1. From Sweden: request to buy the following materials:
 - Hoes: 500,000 cost: 1.5 million dollars
 - Diesel engines of 30-50 horsepower: 400 units cost: 1.2 million dollars

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- Engines and rice huskers of 100 horsepower: 50 units cost: 0.5 million dollars
- Tractors of 30-50 horsepower: 100 units cost: 1.0 million dollars
- Dump trucks: 50 units cost: 0.5 million dollars
- Medicines: DDT, Antibiotic, influenza tablets and energy tablets
cost: 0.5 million dollars
- Other spare parts cost: 0.2 million dollars

Total: 5.4 million dollars

2. From Yugoslavia: request to buy the following materials:

- Medicines the same types as mentioned above: cost: 1.0 million dollars
- Hoes: 400,000 cost: 1.2 million dollars
- Diesel engines of 30-50 horsepower: 200 units cost: 0.6 million dollars

Total: 2.8 million dollars