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The following is our most current compilation, principally from FBIS reports, of the names and identities associated with the FUNK/GRUNK. We have acquired some biographic data on the nature of the contrived character of this organization. Most of the second rank of members listed below are known as anti-Sihanouk and Khmer Rouge, and in several cases are out-and-out Communists. The balance has apparently shifted from the Sihanouk entourage to the Khmer Communists if, indeed, Sihanouk has ever had control. (Of the 40 names listed, at least nine were among 34 persons publicly described as leftists, extreme leftists, and subversives in 1962 and, as such, were dared by the Prince to form a government. The nine indicated have asterisks after their names.) The gradual increase in the number of young students to Peking also indicates the GKR has a long way to go to gain complete control, and influence over the Khmer student population abroad.

THE FUNK/GRUNK ORGANIZATION

1. Norodom Sihanouk, Chief of State and Chairman of FUNK.
2. Penn Nouth, Prime Minister of GRUNK and Chairman of the FUNK Central Committee.

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3. Khieu Samphan*, Vice Prime Minister, Minister of National Defense, Commander-in-Chief of the Cambodian National Liberation Forces.

NOTE: The latter assignment was reported in July 1971. Khieu Samphan was believed executed by the Royal Khmer Government in 1967.

4. Hou Youn*, Minister of Interior, Communal Reform and Cooperatives.

NOTE: Reportedly killed in 1967 by the Royal Khmer Government.

5. Hu Nim*, Minister of Information and Propaganda.

NOTE: Also reportedly killed in 1967.

6. Sarin Chak, Foreign Minister. Member of FUNK Politburo.

NOTE: The former Khmer Ambassador to the UAR who rallied to Sihanouk, he is presently roving GRUNK Ambassador.

7. General Duong Sam Ol, Minister of Military Equipment and Armament. Member of FUNK Politburo.

NOTE: Duong Sam Ol visited Moscow and Tashkent September 1-10, 1971, at the invitation of the Soviet Africa-Asia Solidarity Committee. A favorite in Sihanouk's Phnom Penh entourage, Duong Sam Ol was promoted to General in 1965.

8. Thiounn Mumm, Minister of Economy and Finance and member of the FUNK Politburo.

NOTE: Well-known Communist sympathizer, one of the first Khmer to go to Paris for advanced education (1946); fell in with Communist student activities. Married to a French woman. One of Communists who penetrated Khmer Democratic Party in 1954, returned to France in 1956. Thiounn Mumm's elder brother, Thiounn Thioeurn, was Chief Medical Doctor in Khmero-Soviet Friendship Hospital and disappeared from Phnom Penh in the fall of 1970.

9. Huot Sambath, Minister of Public Works, Telecommunications, and Reconstruction; concurrently GRUNK Ambassador to Yugoslavia and Bulgaria, and member of the FUNK Politburo.

NOTE: One of the five ambassadors to rally to Sihanouk after his deposition, Huot Sambath has been the Khmer permanent representative to the UN as well as Foreign Minister.

10. Chan Youran, Minister of Public Education and Youth and member of the FUNK Politburo.

NOTE: A former personal secretary to Sihanouk, Chan Youran served as counselor of Embassy in Paris in 1962, and became Royal Ambassador to Senegal, Guinea, and Mauretania with residence in Senegal.

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Chan Youran rallied to Sihanouk immediately following March 18, 1970

11. Chea San, Minister of Justice, member of the FUNK Politburo.

NOTE: Chea San is the former Royal Ambassador to Moscow, and one of five to rally to Sihanouk.

12. Ngo Hou, Minister of Health, Religion, and Social Affairs.

NOTE: Sihanouk's personal physician and a leading sycophant, Ngo Hou was formerly Commander of the Royal Khmer Air Force and is now reportedly in Paris.

13. Keat Chhon*, Secretary of the FUNK Politburo, Minister Delegate to the Prime Minister.

NOTE: An engineer, as well as a former Royal Minister of Commerce and bon vivant, Keat Chhon is commonly believed here to have defected under pressure from the Communists who recalled his debt to them, incurred in his student days in France.

14. Thiounn Presith*, Minister for the Coordination of the National Liberation Struggle. Alternate member of the FUNK Central Committee.

NOTE: Brother of Thiounn Mumm, also longtime participant in the affairs of the "Union des Etudiants Khmer" in Paris. He was singled out by Sihanouk on several occasions for public criticism of his Communist sympathies.

15. Poc Doeus Komar, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs.

NOTE: Nephew of present GKR Ambassador to South Korea, Poc Doeus Komar served in the Cambodian Foreign Service in the USA, returned to work in the Inadana Jati Bank. He disappeared in 1967 after bank irregularities were revealed. He is married to a French woman.

16. Koy Thuon, Vice Minister of Economy and Finance.

NOTE: Married with children, Koy Thuon is one of the several progressive teachers who disappeared in the early 1960's. He is reportedly a friend of Tiv Ol from their days as teachers at the Kampong Cham Lycee. Koy Thuon disappeared in 1963 or 1964 from his post at the Pedagogical Institute in Phnom Penh. He reportedly has been seen in Kratie Province in July 1971 traveling by jeep and talking to villagers.

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17. Chou Chet*, Vice Minister of Public Health, Religion, and Social Affairs.

NOTE: A former student in Paris, associated with the Communist-dominated Khmer Student's Organization (formerly Union Des Etudiants Khmer, now Comite des Etudiants Cambogiens Outre Mer (CECOM).

18. Kong Sopha (AKA Kong Sodip), Vice Minister of National Defense.

19. Sok Thouk, Vice Minister of the Interior, Communal Reform, and Cooperatives. (VDCW VET)

20. Tiv Ol*, Vice Minister of Information and Propaganda.

NOTE: As noted above, a well-known and respected progressive teacher at the Kampong Cham Lycee. Tiv Ol had a verbal confrontation with Sihanouk at a Kampong Speu rally in 1963 and disappeared afterwards.

21. Hak Seang Lay, Undersecretary of Foreign Affairs, a former Khmer student in the USSR for at least seven or eight years.

22. Van Piny, Second Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs. Member of FUNK Central Committee.

NOTE: A 1965 graduate of the Royal School of Administration. Van Piny is from Battambang and together with H_or Nam Hong (another Third Secretary in the Royal Khmer Embassy in Paris) went over to Sihanouk in 1970. Because of his love of luxury and his complaints to friends of being poorly paid, he is believed to have succumbed to the monetary blandishments of the Communists.

23. Heng Pich, Undersecretary of State for Armaments and Military Equipment. Member of the FUNK Central Committee.

NOTE: A Sino-Khmer who was a former student in Moscow, Heng Pich is considered by one good source to be the most Pro-PRC partisan among all of the Khmer students trained in the Soviet Union.

24. Krin Lean, Undersecretary of State In Charge of the Prime Minister's Office, Member of the FUNK Central Committee.

NOTE: Another Khmer from the Moscow student contingent.

25. Chhin Chhun Leang, Charge d'Affaires of the GRUNK Embassy in North Korea.

NOTE: A Sino-Khmer who studied for a number of years in Moscow.

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26. Chhin Kok Hor, Secretary of the FUNK Embassy in Cairo.

NOTE: Another Moscow graduate with a Russian wife. Chhin Kok Hor accompanied Sarin Chak and Chan Youran to the Lusaka Non-Aligned Conference in 1970.

27. Penn Nhach, Secretary General of the GRUNK Foreign Ministry.

NOTE: The youngest son of Penn Nouth, Penn Nhach abandoned his post of secretary of Embassy in the GKR Embassy in London in July 1971, probably for personal and not ideological reasons. Penn Nhach is married to a European, who, according to his brother here, is "anti-Communist because her family had lost everything to them after World War II".

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28. Ly On, "Member" of GRUNK

NOTE: A Khmer Krom who has been studying in France for the past ten years, Ly On is remembered as a poverty-stricken but excellent student in the Sciences.

29. Sisowath Methavi, Director of the Chief of State's Office.

NOTE: Brother of Sisowath Sirik Matak, Methavi served concurrently as Ambassador to East Germany and Military Attaché in Paris. He is married to "Nanette", Monique's oldest sister.

30. Suong Sikoeun, Member of FUNK Central Committee

31. Ker Meas, Ambassador to the PRC. Member of the FUNK Central Committee.

NOTE: Former manager of Sihanouk's residence in Phnom Penh, Ker Meas is one of those caught in Peking with Sihanouk's official party when the Prince was deposed.

32. Ker Chhieng, Chief of Protocol to the Chief of State.

NOTE: Son of Ker Meas, Ker Chhieng worked for the State Liquor Monopoly (SKD) in Cambodia.

33. Ang Kim Khoan, Ambassador to North Korea.

NOTE: Former Director of Cambodia's Tourist Service, Ang Kim Khoan is a wealthy Khmer who is viewed here as one of those among Sihanouk's entourage trapped against his will and would leave if he could.

34. Nguon Chen, Ambassador to Algeria.

NOTE: Known as a student in France prior to Sihanouk's deposition.

35. Bou Veng, Member of the Political Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

36. Ieng Sary, FUNK Envoy from the liberated zone.

NOTE: A Khmer Krom, known for his Communist associations, taught at a well-known Khmer Rouge center in a private secondary school (Lycee Kambu Bot). Ieng Sary took to the bush in 1963. His wife is Khieu Thirith (no relation to Khieu Sanphan), a well-known anti-American Communist who taught English in the Lycee Sisowath, and who was also principal of the Khmer English Lycee. Khieu Thirith also disappeared in 1964. Her sister, Khieu Pomnary, also a Communist, and who disappeared in 1963, has spent time in Hanoi. The brother of these ladies, Khieu Thaim, is considered pro-GKR and is presently Khmer Chargé d'Affaires in East Germany.

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37. Isoup Ghanty, Charge d'Affaires in Albania

NOTE: Of Pakistani descent, Isoup Ghanty married a minor Norodom princess when he was a national policeman and caught Sihanouk's eye as a horseman. He was sent to attend a third-rate school in France in order to raise his level of sophistication to a minimum acceptable level for association with the Court. He was subsequently assigned to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as a Conference Bureau Attache and then Third Secretary in Prague. Isoup Ghanty is best known for his takeover of the Khmer Embassy Chancery in 1970 causing no small embarrassment to the Czech government when it was forced to turn him out in favor of the GKR delegation.

38. In Sokhan*, Deputy FUNK representative in France.

NOTE: A well-known medical doctor with "progressive" leanings and a reputation for corruption. He has a French wife. In Sokhan worked in the Khmero-Soviet Friendship Hospital on tuberculars.

39. Ung Phung, Chief of Protocol, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

40. Mme. Sar Saroth, Chief of Private Secretariat of the Chief of State.

NOTE: Mopique's travel companion, formerly primary school tutor for Sihanouk's children.
We expect to hear shortly that Sisowath Duos Sidey, the second husband of Sihanouk's daughter, Princess Botum Bopha, has joined the organization. According to our sources here, Duos Sidey disappeared several weeks ago, headed for Paris via Bangkok. He was earlier associated with Khek Vandy and the Magasin d'Etat scandal (for which Khek Vandy was tried in absentia after he fled to Paris.) As an interesting aside, Ambassador Poc Thiounn, then in Tokyo, said in 1969 that Khek Vandy, operating a private secret police on behalf of Princess Monique, arrested Poc Doeus Komar (No. 15 above) and several others in the Inadana Jati Bank for failure to turn over funds to Monique.

Of the 11 original members of the FUNK Politburo (Penn Nouth, Chau Seng, Duong Sam Ol, Chan Youran, Chea San, Hou Yuon, Hu Nim, Khieu Samphan, Huot Sambath, Sarin Chak, and Thiounn Mumm), only the three "ghosts", Khieu Samphan, Hu Nim, and Hou You Yuon, represent the indigenous Khmer Rouge movement. Thiounn Mumm is viewed as a creature of the French and Chinese Communists and as such is probably the only key member of the "politburo".

However, each new convert and arrival in Peking will probably be given a role to play in the organization; particularly as members of the immediate Sihanouk entourage are pushed into the background or receive

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permission to depart. (While Chau Seng may act as a contact man in Paris, it is believed here that he was allowed to leave by the puritanical Chinese who couldn't tolerate some of his personal habits-like drug taking.)

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