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**Written Record**

45 years old



Responses of

SVAY Baurei (ស្វាយ ប្រីវី), alias Bau (ប្រូ)

Combatant in Office M-1

Of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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Additional Clarification

- 1960: Bau (ប្រូ) joined the CIA Governor of Siem Reap Province; currently unknown.
  - HÈM Kētsana (ហែម កេតសាណា), former Office Director, Interior Ministry; currently unknown.
  - YÈM Sarong (យ៉ែម សារ៉ុង), worked at the Statistics Ministry: currently unknown.
  - HING Kunthon (ហ៊ីង គុនថុន): former Ministry Chief, National Bank; currently unknown.

- 1968, Bau joined a French agency named Sedech (សេដេច), through the following persons:
  - Ms. CHÏN Hân (ជិន ហ៊ាន): former Central Commissar; currently unknown.
  - MEI Yea (ម៉ឺ យ៉ា) (French), a newspaper journalist.
  - Rïs (រិស) (French), Medical Staff; currently unknown.

The following person joined Sedech with Bau:

- CHEA Dèn (ជា ជេន), former gentleman; currently unknown.

SVAY Baurei (ស្វាយ ប៊ូរី), alias Bau (ប៊ូ),

Former Chief of the Prime Minister's Cabinet

Before arrest, a Combatant at Office Bâ-1 (មន្ទីរ ប៊ូ-១) in the

Information and Propaganda Section of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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#### Political Background

- 45 years old. Born in Sangkat Lekh 6 (សង្កាត់លេខ៦) in Phnom Penh (ភ្នំពេញ).
- In May 1975, when all the Cambodian Ambassadors were called to a meeting in Beijing, KÈV Meas (កែវ មាស) (former Ambassador to Beijing, who returned to Cambodia in 1975 currently, unknown) and who was in his old CIA string, introduced Bau to other CIA agents as follows:

- ME Thavi (មេ ថាវី), former Ambassador to East Germany; currently unknown.
  - CHEA San (ជា សាន), former Ambassador to Romani; currently unknown.
  - ĂNG Kimkhorn (អាំង គីមយន), former Ambassador to North Korea; currently unknown.
  - HUOT Sambath (ហ្គុត សម្បត្តិ), former Ambassador to Yugoslavia; currently, unknown.
  - Y Subkunthi (អ៊ី ស៊ុបគន្ធី), former Representative of the Front Information and Propaganda Office in Sweden. Returned to Cambodia in 1976; currently unknown.
- In May 1975, CHHUON Prasidh (ជួន ប្រសិទ្ធ), alias San (សាន) (former Minister of Liaison Affairs with the Front inside the country, currently, Political Committee of Office B-1, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and one of Bau's old CIA network) and NGAO Pın (ង៉ោ ពិន) (former Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, currently, an English Translator/Interpreter at Office B-1), and KIET Chhon (កៀត គុន), alias Mut (មុត) (former Minister of Industry, currently, a combatant in the Political Section of Office B-1 of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs), and ĂNG Kimkhorn, ME Thavi, HUOT Sambath, CHEA San and Y Subkunthi, were all at a Planning Meeting held in Beijing, when CHHUON Prasidh, alias San, proposed the following plans:
    - To have them infiltrate into Cambodia and investigate to find old CIA operatives in the country. After they found any of those operatives, they were to contact ỈN Tam (អ៊ិន តាំ), SĒK Sâm Iet (សេក សំអៀត) and the Thai CIA, along the border, to launch an attack to seize Battambang (បាត់ដំបង)

Province. When the fighting was successful, a new government would be set up in the province.

- To have them assume positions of Revolutionary authority to make it easy to distort the Party line.
- To have them recruit CIA forces and destroy Revolutionary materials.
- In September 1975, Bau and his family, along with one of his CIA operatives named KÈV Meas (former Ambassador to Beijing, returned to Cambodia in 1975; currently unknown) to infiltrate into the country. In October 1975, KIET Chhon, alias Mut, came to tell Bau to move to the Northwest, and he would contact him. On 30 October 1975, *Angkar* removed and sent Bau and his family to a State Farm located in Bavel (ប្រវាំង) District, Sector 3 of the Northwest.
- In February 1976, Sou (ស្នំ) (Committee [Member] in Sector 4, prior to his arrest) went to see Bau in Thma Koul (ថ្មីក្បាល), located in Bavel District, and told Bau that he knew Bau was a CIA operative because KIET Chhon, alias Mut, had told him. Sou, later, introduced Bau to another CIA operative working at State Farms named Hun (ហ៊ុន) (history unknown; Deputy Chairman of State Farms in Thma Koul of Sector 3 since 1976; currently unknown.) Sou asked Bau to keep in contact and cooperate with Hun to take action to destroy food supplies and recruit CIA operatives.
- In February 1976, Bau met with Hun at Hun's home. Hun introduced Bau to another CIA operative named Saom (ស្នំ) (former student. Current Chairman of Farms in Veal Trea (វាលត្រា) in Sector 3), so it would be easy for them to keep in contact with one another to destroy food supplies.

- In March 1976, Bau and Hun recruited the three following operatives by focusing on property rights and position as well as social status in the past regime:
  - Ban (ហ៊ាន), former soldier. Current Chairman of the Tractor Ploughing Section of State Farms in Thma Koul.
  - Chhorn (ឈ័ន), former [illegible] of State Agriculture. Chairman of the Seed Section of State Farms in Thma Koul from 1976; currently unknown.
  - Mın (ម៉ឺន), former house builder. Chairman of the Plantation Section of the Agricultural Site in Thma Koul; current whereabouts unknown.
- In April 1976, Bau met with Hun and Saom at State Agriculture. Saom introduced him to the following CIA operatives, so that they could contact each other to take action to destroy rice and the dams.
  - Chor (ជ័), former Student. Chief of the Animal Raising Section of the Agricultural Site in Veal Trea of Sector 3 since 1976, [whereabouts], currently, unknown.
  - Lāk (ឡាក់), former Secretary of the Farms in Thma Koul. Chief of the Rice Production Section of State Agriculture located in Prasat (ប្រសាត) since 1976; current whereabouts unknown.
- In April 1976, Hun called Bau to his home, located at the Agriculture. At the time, he met with Ban, Saom, Chor and Lāk. Hun and Bau proposed the following plans:
  - Destroy dams.
  - Destroy rice and kill pigs by any means.
  - Incite conflicts between the people and the Party.

- In April 1976, Brother Nhim (បង ញឹម) gathered those living abroad for a visit to the Northwest Zone in Sector 5. At the time, Bau met with his old CIA operatives including, ME Thavi, ǺNG Kimhorn and CHEA San. upon arrival at the Cheh Mountain (ភ្នំចេរ) and Kambao Mountain (ភ្នំកំបោ) Dams, located in Preah Netr Preah (ព្រះនេត្រព្រះ) District, Bau met with his old CIA operatives including, Hoeng (ហឿង), Committee [Member] in Sector 5. At nightfall, Hoeng brought Sou and Vanh (វ៉ាញ) (Committee [Member] in Sector 1) to see Bau, ME Thavi, CHEA San and ǺNG Kimhorn in Svay Sisophon (ស្វាយស៊ីសុផុន). Hoeng introduced Vanh to those CIA operatives. Bau later introduced Hoeng, Vanh and Sou to other CIA operatives such as ME Thavi, CHEA San and ǺNG Kimhorn. Then Hoeng proposed the following plans:
  - Launch fighting to seize Sisophon and Battambang Town in late 1976 or early 1977. The major forces launching the fighting would be those of ǺN Tam and SĒK Sām Iet. The Thai side would only provide weapons and ammunition and take action to incite looting and open fire along the border.
  - Hoeng's forces would launch the fighting from Thma Puok (ថ្មពួក) and Paoy Paet (ប៉ោយប៉ែត) toward Sisophon while Chhean (ឈាន) would liberate Battambang Town.
  - After the fighting was successful, a new government would be set up in Battambang.
  - Sou would be contacting Thai CIA operative Colonel Chhleut (ឆាឡើត), in Aranh (អារ៉ាញ), to receive weapons and ammunition supplies.
  - Destroy food supplies and irrigation systems.

- Recruit more forces.
- In May 1976, Bau, Hun, Ban and Chhorn recruited the two following partisans because both of them possessed free passes for travel and meals.
  - Hăk (ហ័ក់), former Vehicle Mechanic in Battambang. Chairman of the Ironsmith Section of the Farms in Thma Koul since 1976.
  - Yi (យី), former merchant. Chairman, Zone Sewing Section, in Bavel District since 1976; whereabouts currently unknown.
- In May 1976, Bau, Hun, Ban and Chhorn recruited another operative, named Sa At (សាអាត) (former rich peasant. Chairman of the Tractor Ploughing Squad of the Farms in Chrôy Sdăo (ជ្រោយស្ពឺ) since 1976; whereabouts currently unknown), because this person did not like collective living.
- In June 1976, Sou brought Măk (ម៉ាក់) (former status unknown. Chairman of the Model Cooperative in Paoy Sâmraong (ប្រោយសំរោង) in the Northwest Zone since 1976; current whereabouts unknown) to see Bau, Ban, Hun, Chhorn, Mĩn and Saom at the State Farm in Thma Koul. Sou introduced all of them to Măk, who was one of Sou's old CIA operatives, so it would be easy for Bau to keep in touch with Sou through Măk.
- In June or July 1976, Bau and Chhorn destroyed seven dikes somewhere to the west of the Farms in Thma Koul.
- In July 1976, during his visit to the dams in Bavel, Bau met with Hoeng, Sou and Vanh. Hoeng reminded him about the plan to attack Battambang in late 1976 or early 1977.

- On 8 August 1976, *Angkar* moved Bau to Chrang Chamreh (ច្រាំងចំរេះ) to Office M-1 (មន្ទីរម-១) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Bau was in contact with his old CIA operatives including, Y Subkunthi, ǺNG Kimkhorn, CHEA San and HUOT Sambath, and proposed plans to recruit CIA partisans and investigate to find more old operatives in order to destroy crops.
- In September 1976, Ms. Roeun (រឿន) (Economics Chairperson at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in charge of equipment purchase for embassies and, currently arrested) came to see Bau to ask about his well-being and livelihood. Ms. Roeun asked Bau whether he knew HING Kunthon. Bau told her that he did know him, and she told Bau that her views were no different from his. They, later, found out that they were both CIA operatives. Ms. Roeun told Bau to keep in touch with Chhây (ឆៃយ) (former status unknown. Deputy Chairman of Office M-1 at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs since 1977; current whereabouts ,unknown) to take action to destroy the crops and CIA forces. After Ms. Roeun had finished, Bau went to see Chhây to discuss issues with regard to crop destruction. Chhây introduced Bau to the operatives at the Office Mor-1 as follows:
  - Aok (អក), former peasant. Chairman of the Duck and Teal Raising Section of Office M-1 since 1977; current whereabouts unknown.
  - Phēt (ផេត), former peasant. Deputy Chairman of the Plantation Section at Office Mor-1 since 1977; current whereabouts unknown.
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  - *Ta* Cheang (តា ជាង), former rich peasant. Chairman of the Carpentry Section of Office M-1 since 1977; current whereabouts unknown.
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- Sàl (សាល់), former rich peasant. Combatant in the Carpentry Section of Office M-1 since 1977; current whereabouts unknown.
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- Khē (ខេ), former status, unknown. Chairman of the Rice Production Section of Office M-1 since 1977; current whereabouts unknown.
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- In October 1976, Bau got in contact with [some of] his old Sedech operatives as follows:
  - SĂO Kimhong (សៅ គីមហុង), former Charge d'Affairs at the Embassy of the Congo, then a Combatant in Office M-1 since 1977; current whereabouts unknown.
  - Hor Namhong (ហ៊ុន ណាំហុង), former Ambassador to Cuba then a Combatant in Office M-1 since 1977; current whereabouts unknown.
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  - VĂN Pini (វ៉ាន់ ពិនី), former Cultural Advisor to the Embassy of France then a Combatant in Office M-1 since 1977; current whereabouts unknown.
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- Nou Pech (នូ ប៊ុច), former Ambassador to Chile then a Combatant in Office M-1 since 1977, recently, transferred to Office M-1; current whereabouts unknown.
- In October 1976, Chhây informed Bau about the plan to stage a coup in Phnom Penh in February 1977, to be led by Doeun (ខៀន) (Commerce Chairman), supported by the military forces from the old North Zone.
- In October 1976, Chhây introduced Bau to Bien (ហ៊ៀន) (former student then a staff member of the Protocol Section at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, prior to his arrest), who was in Roeun's old CIA network.

- In October and November 1976, Bau, VĂN Pini, SĂO Kimhong and Hor Namhong destroyed ten rows of cabbage and eight rows of onions.
- In December 1976, Bau, CHEA San, ME Thavi and ĂNG Kimkhorn assigned Bien to contact Sou in Paoy Paet to inform him that the operatives in Phnom Penh planned to stage the coup in February 1977, so Sou would have to wait until the forces in Phnom Penh had begun their attack before he then could launch his attack towards Battambang and Sisophon. At the beginning of January 1977, Bien met with Sou in Phnom Penh and reported the details to him as planned.
- In February 1977, *Angkar* moved Bau to Office B-1 (មន្ទីរ ១) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, where he was in contact with his old network such as CHHUON Prasadh, alias San, KIET Chhon, NGAO Pın and Bien. In February 1977, while Bau was working in the Labor Section, Bien brought the following persons to see him behind Office B-1:
  - Lei (ឡី), former Professor then a combatant in the Protocol Section of Office Bâ-1 since 1977, current [status] unknown.
  - Măo (ម៉ៅ), former Professor then a combatant in the Protocol Section at Office Bâ-1 since 1977, current [status] unknown.
  - Long (ឡុង), a former professor then a combatant in the Protocol Section at Office Bâ-1 since 1977; current whereabouts unknown.
  - Long (ឡុង), former professor then a combatant in the Protocol Section at Office B-1 since 1977; current whereabouts unknown.
  - Thèb (ថែប), former professor then a combatant in the Protocol Section at Office B-1 since 1977; current whereabouts unknown.

Bien introduced Bau to all of the above to inform them that all of them were CIA operatives, so that it would be easy for them to keep in contact with one another to take action against the Revolution.

- In March 1977, Bau went to work in the Secretariat. CHHUON Prasih, alias San, informed Bau, KIET Chhon, alias Mut, UONG Sikoeun (អ៊ុង ស៊ីកៀន), alias Kung (កង់), AOK Sakun (អោក សាកុន), alias Mèn (ម៉ែន), and NGAO Pîn about the plan as follows:
  - The plan to stage the coup in April 1977, when *Angkar* comes to hold its Meeting. The military forces from the North Zone would be guarding and protecting them [the *Angkar* leaders], so these forces would infiltrate during the meeting and announce a new government led by new leaders.
  - Bau's forces would contact the embassies in Phnom Penh to ask them to recognize the new government.
- In April 1977, Bau met with Lei, Long Thèb and Mão at Office B-1. Bau proposed a plan for the four of them to seek out his old network. Lei and Long, later, came to tell Bau the operatives they could find were as follows:
  - CHUM Narit (ជុំ ណារិត), a former professor then worked at the Propaganda Ministry from April 1977; current whereabouts unknown.
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  - PHÔK Ki (ហោក គី), a former engineer at the Ministry of Public Works who then worked at the Ministry of Public Works from April 1977; current whereabouts unknown.
  - SREI Daung (ស្រី ដូង), a former engineer at the Ministry of Public Works, who then worked at the Ministry of Public Works from April 1977; current whereabouts unknown.
  - SIENG Pao Sè (សៀង ហ្គោសែ), a former cadastral conservationist. He then worked at the Ministry of Public Works from April 1977; current whereabouts unknown.
  - YIM Phâlla (យឹម ផល្លា), a former Engineer at the Ministry of Public Works then worked at the Ministry of Public Works from April 1977; current whereabouts unknown.

- LI On (លី អ៊ុន), a former Student, who then joined a Rice Production Unit in the North Zone since 1977; current whereabouts unknown.
  - SÂ Sēng Li (ស សែងលី), a former student, who then joined a Rice Production Unit in the North Zone since 1977; current whereabouts unknown.
- In April 1977, Bau, AOK Sakun, alias Mèn, KIET Chhon, alias Mut, UONG Sikoeun, alias Kung, NGAO P̄n and Bien participated in a meeting to get the plans from CHHUON Prasidh, alias San, with the following contents:
    - Observe the Party's foreign political line, separating Cambodia from her friends and isolating Cambodia.
    - Contact the Yuon Embassy and report to them the situation in the country.
  - In April 1977, Bau met with CHHUON Prasidh, alias San, KIET Chhon, alias Mut, UONG Sikoeun, alias Kung, AOK Sakun, alias Mèn, and NGAO P̄n and assigned Bien to contact the Yuon Embassy with the following objectives:
    - Report to them that high-ranking leaders were all arrested by *Angkar*.
    - Ask the Yuon to forcefully take action along the borders to cause people living along the borders to lack food supplies, and then the people will have conflicts with the Party. It then will be easy for the Yuon to persuade the people to leave the Party.
  - In June 1977, Bau was listening to the radio and knew that the Organization of African Unity would hold a meeting in Libreville in Gabon on approximately the 23rd or 24<sup>th</sup> of June 1977, and the meeting among Heads of State of the Organization in early July 1977. Bau later informed San about the news, and CHHUON Prasidh, alias San, had a plan. They would not report it to *Angkar* until the meeting day was approaching, and, thus, the invitation message would be sent to them later than the meeting opening ceremony. Consequently, African countries would be disappointed in Cambodia. Afterwards, the message was not sent out soon enough for the opening ceremony of the meeting held in the African country.

- In November 1977, Bau, AOK Sakun, alias Mèn, KIET Chhon, alias Mut, UONG Sikoeun, alias Kung, and NGAO Pîn attended a meeting with CHHUON Prasidh, alias San. CHHUON Prasidh, alias San, told them that he had contacted the Yuon representative to the United Nations, and the Yuon representative had told him that they would invade more forcefully into Cambodia in late 1977 and early 1978. They added the forces inside the country would then stage a coup. The forces staging the coup would be the troops of the North Zone. With respect to foreign affairs, they would keep in contact with embassies in Phnom Penh and explain to them why Kampuchea's leaders needed to be changed and to ask them to recognize the new government in Cambodia.
- In December 1977, Bau, CHHUON Prasidh, alias San, AOK Sakun, alias Mèn, KIET Chhon, alias Mut, and NGAO Pîn held a meeting in which they decided to send UONG Sikoeun, alias Kung, to contact the Yuon Embassy to report to them that CHHUON Prasidh, alias San, and KIET Chhon, alias Mut, have already met with the Yuon representative at the United Nations and requested that the Yuon consider launching the fighting into Cambodia in late 1977 or early 1978.
- At the end of 1971, NGAO Pîn introduced Bau to another CIA operative named Voeun (វ៉ៃឡែន) (former Secretary of the Cambodian Embassy in Beijing and, currently, a cadre in the House Preparation and Rice Production Section of Office B-1).
- In February 1978, Bau, CHHUON Prasidh, alias San, AOK Sakun, alias Mèn, KIET Chhon, alias Mut, UONG Sikoeun, alias Kung, and NGAO Pîn assigned Voeun to contact the Cuban Embassy to suggest that it urge the Yuon to launch the attack into Cambodia quickly and in the near future. As assigned, Voeun went to contact the Cuban Embassy and saw their plans accomplished.
- In early March 1978, Bau, CHHUON Prasidh, alias San, AOK Sakun, alias Mèn, KIET Chhon, alias Mut, and NGAO Pîn assigned UONG Sikoeun, alias Kung, to contact the Laotian Embassy to urge Laos to launch the attack into

Cambodia across the border along Stung Treng (ស្ទឹងត្រែង), Ratanakiri (រតនគិរី) and Preah Vihear (ព្រះវិហារ) Provinces in 1978 at the same time as the Yuon attack.

- On 8 March 1978, UONG Sikoeun, alias Kung, went to contact the Laotian Embassy as planned above. On 10 March 1978, (I) was arrested by *Angkar*.

16 March 1978

Interrogator

[Signature]

Hong (ហុង)