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To Brother M-870 and Brother Vi with respect,

We would like to report about the result of the 24 January meeting with a Vietnamese [delegation]:

1. There were six in the delegation headed by Leu Yang, Deputy Chief of the Zone's military [Vietnamese side]. He told [us] that [his colleague named] Phu was sick and could not come. But we noticed that they [were supposed to have chief of their Zone's military head the delegation to meet us but] changed [from the head of the delegation to Deputy Chief of the Zone's military] because we changed from Cadre of the Regiment to Chief of Zone's military. He [Leu Yang] is old and has very deep thoughts.

2. In the meeting, they let us introduce ourselves first. I gave a speech according to what Angkar had advised by emphasizing the situation in 010b. After [I] finished my speech, they strongly accused us stressing that we violated their sovereignty moving many kilometers into their territory in 010a, 01 Ob and 010c. They said they gave [us] a lot of concession by conceding to withdraw completely from 010a and instead gathering their forces to base in 010b. They said that in 010b, we moved in very far [into their territory but in fact] only 2 km to 3 km from O Sedthei. [They said] their forces could not tolerate any more. We suggested that we should take the map as the base for the discussion. But they strongly refused. They said the map is imperialistic. The imperialists drew it just for us to have conflicts. And [the only matter] they raised [was] for us to move out of 010b immediately. After a long persevering argument, they agreed to look at the map. We showed our territory and their territory of 010b [on the map]. After they saw it, they cooled down their behavior by saying that there is a possibility of confusing the demarcation of the territory. They suggested that we should review our territory. They said that there is only a small possibility of a mistake because their heavy artillery division's estimation is rarely mistaken. I also confirmed that our side is not mistaken because that place has been our support base since the time of political struggle.

In the end [we] decided to send comrade Deng and one of their cadres to meet at the 010b in order to negotiate and closely examine the real situation. It was noted clearly in the agreement that either side camping at the wrong site had to withdraw immediately to its own territory. We suggested measuring from O Sedthei to the conflict borderline by taking the map as a base. They were quiet and agreed to this point. So, the representatives who were appointed from both sides

went over to 010b this past January 25th. Their [representative] went their way and ours went our way. Meanwhile, a cease-fire was an order at every front line.

3. The problems about the people: They acknowledged that our people escaped to their side. Those people are gathered in the old place Yalay and Dakkeu. We tried to ask them to return those people back, [we do not know] whether they return them or give us permission to bring them back. They disagreed and stated that our cadres should go to educate those people. They will give us permission to educate them. If the people agree to return, [they] will let them return. If the people refuse to return, [they] will let them stay. They said that they would report it to the Committee to make a final decision. We agreed at this point (--illegible--)

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About the problem of the people in Saob Village: They protested that those are Vietnamese people, and asked us to return [those people] back to them. If the people refuse to return, they asked [our permission] to go and educate those people by themselves. They said that after those people are given back and if Cambodia does not let them return to Saob Village, they will agree on that. They will find a place that does not have any involvement with Cambodia for those people to live. And if [we] give those people back, we have to be responsible for their damaged property. We decided to wait until we report it to the Chief of the Zone's military.

4. The problem of Route 19: They protested that we are six kilometers inside their territory. They told us to move our base back to O Yadav. We verified that our base is two and half kilometers inside our territory. If it is not clear, [they] should look at the map. They refused to do that. We argued back and forth, then [we] decided to stop [the argument] at that point and we will discuss that matter when we meet next time.

5. They disagreed upon the arrangement for people to go and look at the border marks of both sides. But [we] agreed to cooperate with each other to build guard paths along the border, and [each side is] not allowed to cross the other's path. Also [we] decided to create a temporary border path according to the guard stations along the border, and wait for the Center's plans in order to avoid conflict with each other.

6. The argument was very difficult. They put a lot of pressure on us. But we managed to maintain our standpoint and we had much confidence because [our reasons] are superior to them, especially after we showed them our map. We were able to keep the atmosphere of solidarity. We assumed that we achieved good success for the first step.

We will send the final agreement of the meeting to Angkar. This final agreement does not satisfy us; but [we] think it is important to let it happen for the first step, that is why we agreed on it.  
[We'd] like to ask for more advice from Angkar for the clarification.

Notice:

- 010a is the target in Saob Village
- 010b is the target in O Vay
- 010c is the target in Route 19

Wishing brother happiness and success

With respect

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