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5TH CAMBODIAN NATIONAL CONVENTION

July 7, 1993

Mr. Michael Hayes
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Dear Michael:

On September 11-12, 1993, representatives of some 230,000 Cambodians in the United States, and those around the world will gather in Washington, DC at the 5th Cambodian National Convention.

The Convention will be hosted by the Cambodian Network Council (CNC), a non-partisan and non-profit organization established to promote the well-being of all Cambodians. CNC is engaging grassroots leaders to forge a new consensus on the strategy for collaboration in community empowerment, and to strengthen leadership resources and opportunities for self-sufficiency. It is also managing a development project in Cambodia.

With the theme: "Cooperative Leadership for a Better Society: Preparing for the Challenges of the 21st Century," the 5th Cambodian National Convention will bring together participants of diverse professional backgrounds to share their perspectives and experiences in the areas of education, health and economic development, as well as the current democratic changes in Cambodia.

I am pleased to invite you to speak at the Convention. We would be very grateful and honored if you could accept this invitation and send us a copy of your bio and a photo for publication in our program by the end of August. We will follow-up with you shortly to confirm your participation.

Sincerely,

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August 5, 1993

Mr. Sichan Siv
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Dear Sichan:

I just received your letter four days ago and please know that I am indeed honored to be invited to speak at the upcoming 5th Cambodian National Convention. Thank you for thinking of me and the Phnom Penh Post.

As your letter does not mention anything about covering the expenses for attending this conference, I assume that the Convention organizing committee is unable to offer any assistance. I can readily appreciate your constraints.

Alas, we here at the Phnom Penh Post are also operating under fairly severe financial constraints and in the absence of any outside support I would be unable to attend this august event. I trust you can appreciate my situation; we are still a new publication and are just making ends meet from month to month. At the very least, we can take some satisfaction that we have been in the black for the last 10 months and remain so.

There is one thing that I can offer to the convention that may be of some use. With your permission I would like to send you 200 copies of the latest issue of the Phnom Penh Post for free distribution to participants at the conference. After one year of publishing I am still surprised that of the 230,000 Cambodians you mention who live in the U.S. I think we have only about 40 Khmer subscribers on our rolls.

Thank you again for thinking of me. I hope you are well, hope you are recieving you copy of the paper on a regular basis, and look forward to seeing you again out here in Phnom Penh in the near future.

Sincerely,

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Sept. 4, 1993

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Dear Sichan:

I just sent you on Aug. 3 by air express mail one box of the latest edition of the Phnom Penh Post with about 220 copies enclosed. Each paper has a flyer inside with instructions on how to subscribe to the paper.

The box was sent with the company OCS (Overseas Courrier Service), a Japanese firm. Their office address in Wash., DC is: OCS America, Inc., Room 1186, National Press Bldg., 529 14th St., NW, Wash., DC. Tel: 703-528-4500 (although this quite doesn't make sense as 703 area codes are in Virginia, right? so maybe they have moved offices.) The package is addressed to you c/o Cambodian Nat. Convention, 713 D St., SE, Wash., DC 20003. OCS told me that it will only take three or four days to get to your office.

In any event, the OCS waybill no. is 888-046-481-280. It left Phnom Penh on Malaysian Airlines. MAS' Air Waybill no. is 232-8556-6515.

I hope the papers arrive alright and that you can make them available to the attendees at your upcoming convention. Feel free to use leftover copies as you see fit.

By the way, if you know anyone who would be willing to write an article summarizing the convention's proceedings we would be happy to consider running an article in the Post. We pay $50 for articles (minimum 800 words), which isn't much but is all we can afford. In fact, better yet, it would be great to have a piece from you summarizing the sentiments of the convention while also including an overview of what the drift in U.S. policy on Cambodia is in Washington. Alternatively, if there are conference resolutions or other materials that we could use to write something ourselves we would be delighted to receive them.

I hope everything goes well.

With best wishes,

Michael Hayes
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