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His Majesty
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Your Majesty:

Please accept my sincerest and most profound gratitude for your comments to H.E. Julio Jeldres in response to his faxed August 25 letter of concern about the possibility of legal action by the Royal Cambodian Government against the Phnom Penh Post.

While I appreciate Your Majesty's situation vis-a-vis the Royal Government, please rest assured that your words and opinions carry great moral suasion both here and abroad. Most importantly, my own Cambodian staff members, who are working so diligently against great odds to help produce a balanced and responsible newspaper, were comforted by your sage remarks.

While the ultimate future of the Phnom Penh Post is still a question with uncertain answers, we will, as long as possible, endeavor to serve our readers in a responsible manner. At the very least, whatever happens, I can draw comfort from the fact that for the last three years thousands of Khmers, both here and abroad, have thanked me profusely for the journalistic work we have done.

In this regard, Your Majesty, let me reiterate my deepest appreciation for the concern you have expressed about the press situation here in the Kingdom.

With my sincerest respects,



Michael G. Hayes

Publisher & Editor-in-Chief



Norodom Bihanouk
King of Cambodia

à Mr. Michael Hayes
Publisher & Editor-in-Chief
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Mr Editor,

Je vous remercie infiniment de votre noble lettre que je viens de recevoir cet après-midi.

J'espère que le Gouvernement Royal du Cambodge se montrera finalement bienveillant à l'égard du PHNOM PENH POST.

En tout état de cause, j'agirai, en temps opportun, pour qu'une solution honorable soit trouvée au "problème" existant entre le GRC et le PPP.

Le Gouvernement Royal du Cambodge saura sans doute montrer à la nation et à la communauté internationale qu'il reste et restera fidèle à l'esprit et à la lettre de notre Démocratie libérale, authentique telle qu'elle se précise dans notre Constitution de 1993.

Pour ce qui concerne le PHNOM PENH POST, il est certes très indépendant vis-à-vis de notre régime et de notre leadership. Mais il a la réputation d'être intellectuellement honnête.

Veillez agréer, Mr Editor, l'assurance de ma haute considération.

Phnom Penh, le 14 Septembre 1995