

To Whom It May Concern:

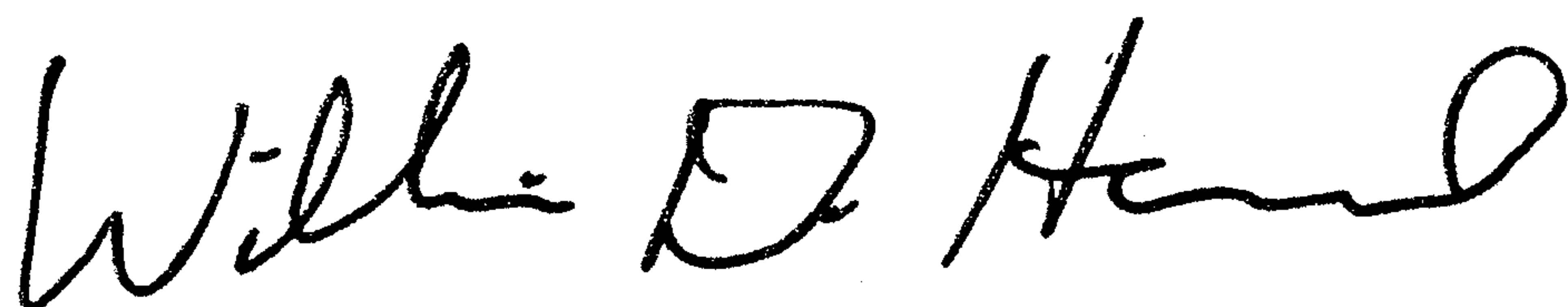
It has been my great honor and pleasure to have been acquainted with H.E. Hor Namhong since the early 1980s.

While I have no personal knowledge of conditions at Boeng Trabek or H.E. Hor Namhong's actions during the period in question, over the years I have had occasion to speak with several individuals who were detained there or in similar camps under the Khmer Rouge. Their personal accounts, shared with me in private conversations, are consistent with Dr. Jennar's account.

Even without information from these private sources, it is clearly absurd to suggest that H.E. Hor Namhong had any meaningful leadership role at the Boeng Trabek center. As Dr. Jennar correctly observes, the Khmer Rouge would not have given any significant decision-making authority to an intellectual with such a complete lack of revolutionary credentials. Indeed, the Khmer Rouge were characterized by deep distrust and suspicion even among their most hardened and devoted revolutionary cadre. It is inconceivable that they would have given any meaningful authority to someone of H.E. Hor Namhong's background.

The fact that a victim survives a disaster does not constitute evidence that the victim caused the disaster!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William D. Herod". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "William" being the most prominent.

William D. Herod

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