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His Majesty
Preah Bat Samdech Preah
NORODOM SIHANOUK VARMAN
King of Cambodia
Khemarin Palace
PHNOM PENH

Your Majesty

Fare
J. Sec. M. le Ministre hon.
Julio A. Jeldres

*Tu es cher Julio,
la nouvelle que vos voyez bien me
communiquez ici
m'attriste
beaucoup.*

THE PHNOM PENH POST

*Mais, comme nos leaders ne
m'écoutent pas,*

I am profoundly disturbed by the news, reported in all Australian newspapers today, that the Council of Ministers in Phnom Penh has decided to take legal action against the leading English language newspaper in Phnom Penh, The Phnom Penh Post, and two other local Khmer-language newspapers, Khmer Conscience and Morning News. *il ne m'est pas possible*

It is regrettable that the two Prime Ministers decided to take legal action against the Phnom Penh Post and the other two newspapers when they could have invoked their right to reply to the offending articles. Such an action does not enhance Cambodia's image abroad as a country that respects freedom of expression and freedom of the press but rather diminishes it

I enclose two of the reports appearing in Australian newspapers today for Your Majesty's information.

With my deepest respects

*de changer le cours de
cet événement.*
*J'aurais, cependant,
le fait et le devoir.*

[JULIO A. JELDRES]

*et amnistier
les journalistes
condamnés.*

Warmest regards. De respect affectueux.
J. Jeldres