



ROYAL EMBASSY OF CAMBODIA  
TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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The Honorable Dana Rohrabacher  
United States House of Representatives

Dear Representative Rohrabacher :

I am writing to provide you with the information I have regarding the new development in Cambodia. I hope it will assist you in evaluating the reports on Cambodia.

1. On Saturday 16 September 1995, the municipal court of Phnom Penh issued a court order to release six men who were charged of distributing anti-government leaflets last month.

2. As for the legal action against Mr. Michael Hayes, Editor in Chief of Phnom Penh Post, the complaint against him was filed by a private lawyer on behalf of a private citizen. The leak of the Hayes' story, which has been exploited far out of proportion by the media, is both unfortunate and unattributable. So far there has been neither action nor notification by the plaintiff to advance the complaint.

3. The controversy involving the Buddhist Liberal Democratic Party (BLDP). The government has advised me that this matter is an internal problem of the BLDP, and is not an appropriate subject for government intervention.

I avail of this opportunity to stress that the freely-elected Royal Government is trying to build democratic institutions at the same time as it seeks to satisfy the hunger of its people; to expand the rights of individual citizens at the same time as it defends the nation against violent insurgents; to institute free market principles at the same time as it seeks to protect the country's fragile environment and assure that free markets benefit all of its people, not just the special interests.

My government and people are determined to build a stable, democratic Cambodia that respects human rights. In closing this letter, I would like to reiterate my desire to maintain full and open communication regarding matters of concern to our two governments and peoples.

Sincerely Yours,

Var Huoth  
Ambassador