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H.E. Em Sam An
H.E. Hu Sok
Secretaries of State
Ministry of Interior
Kingdom of Cambodia

Your Excellencies:

By this letter I would like to request that you expedite the application requests for new passports for two reporters at the Phnom Penh Post.

The two reporters in question are Mr. Ker Munthit and Mr. Sou Sophornnara. Both Mr. Munthit and Mr. Sophornnara have been invited to attend journalism training programs this coming May. Without their passports, they will regrettably have to pass up these important opportunities to improve their professional skills and thereby contribute more significantly to the development of a responsible press in Cambodia.

Mr. Munthit has been invited by the Foreign Correspondents Club of Thailand to attend a three-week training seminar in Thailand starting on May 15, 1995. Mr. Sophornnara has been invited by the Singapore-based Asian Mass Communication Research and Information Centre to attend a three-day Consultation in Hanoi starting on May 18, 1995 which will bring together journalists from all over Southeast Asia to discuss the role of the media in promoting national development.

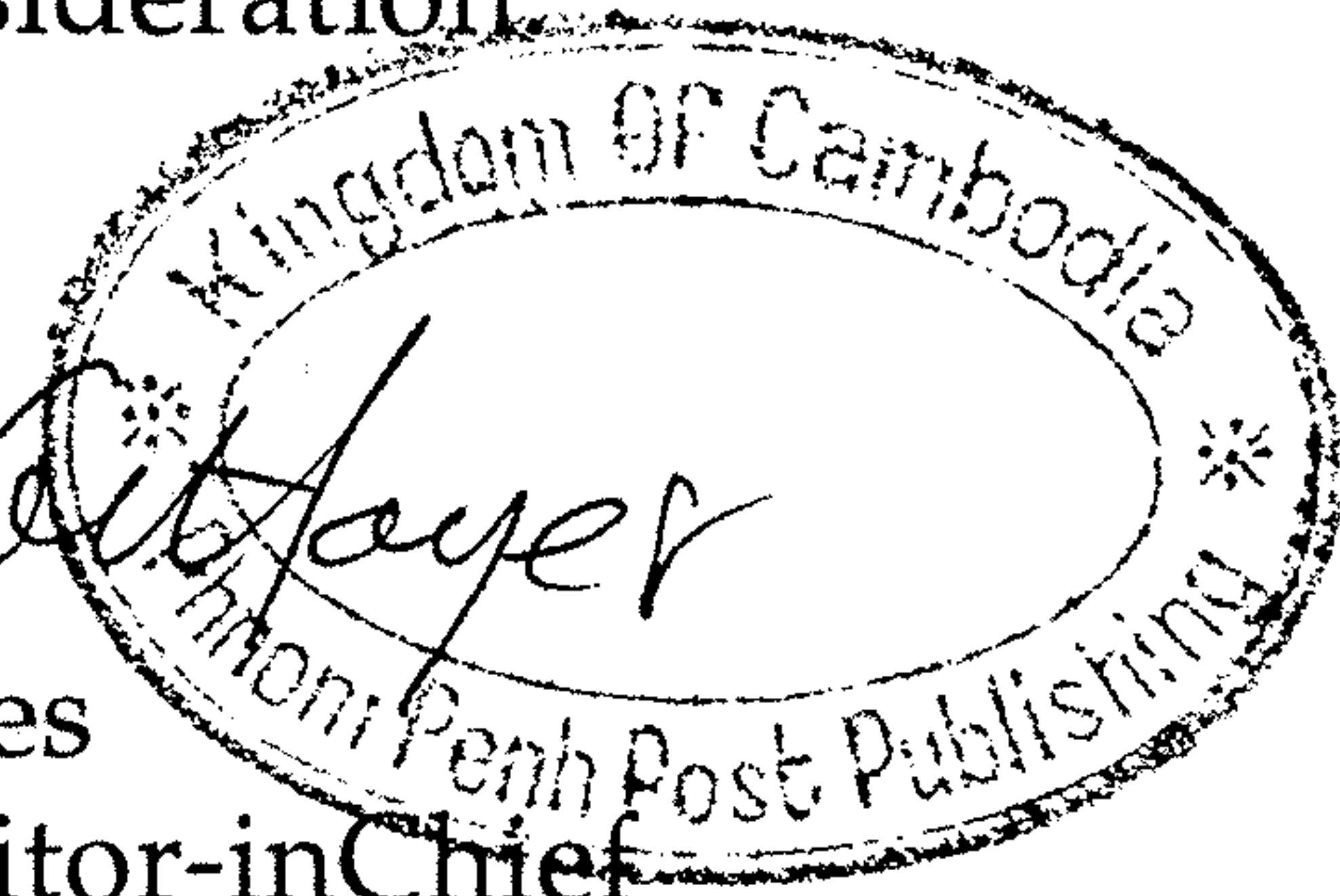
Thank you in advance for your assistance in helping upgrade the professional skill levels of these two Cambodian journalists.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,



Michael G. Hayes
Publisher & Editor-in-Chief



cc: H.E. Ieng Mouly,
Minister of Information