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H.E. Tran Huy Chuong  
Embassy of the Socialist Republic  
of Vietnam  
436 Monivong Blvd.  
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Kingdom of Cambodia

Dear Ambassador Tran:

As we have spoken about many times in the past three years, I have a keen desire to visit your country, however due to the burdens of running this newspaper I have never quite been able to get away from the office long enough to do so.

At last, I've managed to find some free time to make a trip to Ho Chi Minh City and hope to do so to be able to witness the upcoming celebrations there on April 30. In this regard, I am writing to request your assistance in expediting journalist visa applications for myself and two other journalists who will be joining me on the proposed visit to your country.

The other two journalists are Mr. Stefan Ellis, who has just returned to Cambodia on a short-term assignment for the Post. Second is Mr. Brian Hansford who is a correspondent here in Phnom Penh for the Bangkok Post.

Accordingly, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Hansford and I would like to request two-week journalist visas which would enable us to cross into Vietnam at the Bavet/Moc Bai land border on April 26, 1995. We would expect to return to Cambodia in the same manner.

For your information, Mr. Ellis is an American citizen with passport # Z7051593; Mr. Hansford is a British citizen with passport # 447317U; my own is U.S. passport is # Z7150988.

Ambassador Tran, I realize that this request is being made on short notice, but please accept in advance my gratitude for any assistance you might be able to provide.

Please also accept the assurances of my highest and sincerest consideration.

Sincerely,

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