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To: Phnom Penh Post at CM17

Dear kathleen:

just checking in with your new email. It really is amazing and a great way to get copy, information, save money on telephone, etc. Also, the authorities have a very difficult time reading it without sophisticated processes which the cambodians are not genetically able to do.

I hope my story was ok, although i am little bit frustrated at the editing--especially because i spent many, many hours on compiling some of the info that was deleted, i think, because my final version was never read--only the draft which should have been discarded. Anyways, these things happen. But I was hoping that alot of the detail on the origins of the split would be left in. It was summarized in editing to the point of not being very valuable. Also a lot of the KR quotes were taken out. I think that while they may seem boring to some the beauty of the Post is that it is a paper of historical record and that is stuff nobody has ever seen. I think your readers want to see that kind of detail.

But i know that it was really long and alot space was indeed devoted and that if anyone on the planet needs a good editor to take out my redundancies etc that would be me. However, on my final version that I think was never read by Jason (or at least only partly incorporated in the earlier rough ,according to my analyzing his edited version) I actually did a good job editing out all the redundancies and very carefully crafted sequence of events. I noticed that alot of typos and other stuff from the first version were left in, and that version was suppose to have been thrown away and not used. One of the problems, frankly, is that I think that Jason and Mathew just don't get it sometimes on the byzantine complexities of the KR andd cambodian politcs, and in the editing process they insert personal conclusions or misunderstand signifance of information. They tend to be not very serious analysts, and unfortunately that is exactly what the paper needs. Oh well, i really am not bitching, just thinking aloud. I guess editing is a painful process for any writer, even a good editing job.

all is well here. I had a private meeting with the mongolian prime minister last night and then a reception at the mongolian embassy. Me and the mongols are very tight. I will be going ice fishing in mongloia this winter. Also i will be going to australia in december and then up to cambodia, thailand and hopefully will see you there. I very much enjoyed seeing you in august and hope next time we will have more time. Don't foreget to enjoy yourself every once in a while.
much love to you, kathleen, and stay in touch on this email