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To: Chris Fontaine, the Independent Florida Alligator, c/o Campus Communications Inc., P.O. Box 14257, Gainesville, FL Tel: 904-376-4458 Fax: 00-1-904-376-4467

Dear Chris Fontaine:

In answer to your questions: You will gather information in English or where needed we will let you use one of our Khmer reporters. You need to read as much as possible before you come. You must read Nayan Chanda's Brother Enemy, David Chandler's The Tragedy of Cambodian History and Brother Number One. The more homework you do before you come here the less time you and we will have to waste getting you up to speed. I will send you a copy of the Post but please know that you can also pick up the Post on the internet (for the present) because someone in the U.S. is stealing the paper and running the entire text of each issue. The address is: <http://www.vais.net/~tapang/ppp/index.html> . National Geographic articles will only be mildly useful. You can get a visa upon arrival at the airport for \$20; bring 10 passport size photos, they need three at the airport. Just ask for a tourist visa when you arrive and we'll take care of the rest later. Its hot here all the time. Bring clothing as light as possible and be prepared to sweat a lot. You should bring some short sleeve shirts, sneakers or comfortable shoes, bathing suit, light pants, shorts, sun glasses, and a collapsable umbrella. You can stay in a hotel for \$250 a month which is quite reasonable, easy to secure, air-conditioned with a frig in the room and generally safe (or cheaper if you want to rough it). You can string for American papers but we get to run your copy first. You should also look into some kind of insurance policy that includes medivac coverage. This is not meant to worry you but the health care is so dismal here that if anything serious happens, like a concussion from a simple motorbike accident you will need to be treated in Thailand. As far as security I've lived here four years and can tell you all you need to keep safe. In general I feel safer here than in New York or Miami. Sorry to be so brief. We're in a bit of a rush here as usual. Let me know if you have any more questions any time.

Sincerely,

Michael G. Hayes
Publisher & Editor-in-Chief

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