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- 1 PROCEEDINGS
- 2 (Court opens at 0903H)
- 3 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 4 The Court is now in session.
- 5 According to our schedule, today hearing, we're going to hear
- 6 documents being put before the Chamber by the prosecutors.
- 7 Without further ado, we would like to hand over to the
- 8 Co-Prosecutors to present the documents before the Chamber.
- 9 [09.05.14]
- 10 MR. ABDULHAK:
- 11 Thank you, Mr. President. Good morning, Your Honours, counsel,
- 12 members of the public. As the President just indicated, we will
- 13 continue our presentation of documents which we consider
- 14 important for this trial segment, and in particular in relation
- 15 to the pre-1975 role of Khieu Samphan.
- 16 And by way of a general road map, perhaps, for today, I might
- 17 indicate that I will finish in approximately 20 minutes, and then
- 18 my colleagues will continue with a presentation of documents
- 19 relating more specifically to Ieng Sary's role in the pre-1975
- 20 period.
- 21 I indicated yesterday that I only had more record to present to
- 22 Your Honours; it is a video file. This is found at E109/2.3. It
- 23 was proposed as evidence both by us and by the civil party Lead
- 24 Co-Lawyers. The documentary is approximately 90 minutes long. I
- 25 will only show five brief segments which are relevant for the

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- 1 purposes of the present discussion.
- 2 And by way of background, the documentary was produced by a
- 3 Swedish Swedish company. It's directed by David Aronowitsch and
- 4 Staffan Lindberg. Its summary indicates that it was prepared over
- 5 a period of 18 months, during which time the authors and the
- 6 producers followed Khieu Samphan, and that appears in the
- 7 footage. The latter parts of the footage actually follow Khieu
- 8 Samphan's arrest and include some footage of the proceedings.
- 9 [09.07.11]
- 10 Without further ado, I will now go to the first segment. And just
- 11 before we play that segment, I'll just indicate two matters:
- 12 first, interpretation will be provided, so, if all participants
- 13 simply stay on their channels, interpretation will be provided in
- 14 the relevant languages, depending on the original language; and,
- 15 secondly, the footage does include voice-over by the directors,
- 16 and we're not purporting to present to Your Honours or the public
- 17 that the Co-Prosecutors necessarily want you to take this
- 18 voice-over into account. It is simply included because we didn't
- 19 want to cut segments where there's a continuity of video material
- 20 and then statements by the Accused himself.
- 21 So, with that general note, I will go to segment number 1. It is
- 22 approximately one minute and 50 seconds long. It deals primarily
- 23 with Khieu Samphan's background as a politician before 1975, and
- 24 it includes some contemporaneous footage of him in 1974. If we
- 25 could have segment number 1, please?

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- 1 [09.08.27]
- 2 (Audio-visual presentation)
- 3 "[Narrator, in English:] The Khmer Rouge was a very secret
- 4 organization. Their top leader, Pol Pot, was unknown to the
- 5 world. He wanted to rule in the background and needed a public
- 6 face, someone the people and the world could trust; Khieu
- 7 Samphan.
- 8 "In the Swedish television archives, we find film footage where
- 9 Khieu Samphan is introduced as the leader of the Khmer Rouge:
- 10 "(No interpretation)
- 11 [09.09.48]
- 12 "Through his reputation and charisma, Khieu Samphan gave the
- 13 revolution in Cambodia a more human face. But behind his smile,
- 14 1.7 million died of famine, executions, and torture.
- 15 "Did Khieu Samphan let himself be entirely controlled by Pol Pot,
- 16 or was his role more important than he wants to admit to the
- 17 world?"
- 18 (End of audio-visual presentation)
- 19 [09.10.20]
- 20 MR. ABDULHAK:
- 21 And that concludes segment number 1.
- 22 I'll just note that that colour footage was from a visit to Hanoi
- 23 in 1974, and I dealt yesterday with another document which
- 24 reported that visit -- or the trip of Khieu Samphan and Ieng Sary
- 25 in 1974, which, again, according to the case file, included the

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- 1 countries of China, Vietnam, North Korea, Albania, and a number
- 2 of African countries.
- 3 The next segment is a little bit longer; it's three minutes and
- 4 55 seconds. Again, we didn't cut it because there are a number of
- 5 parts where Khieu Samphan is speaking about his early life. And
- 6 there is some voice-over, but we keep the segment as one because,
- 7 contextually, I think it only makes sense if you view the whole
- 8 portion.
- 9 If we could have segment number 2, please?
- 10 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 11 You may proceed.
- 12 [09.11.38]
- 13 (Audio-visual presentation)
- 14 "[Interviewer, interpreted from French:] When did you meet the
- 15 most radical Cambodian students in Paris?
- 16 "[Mr. Khieu Samphan, interpreted from French:] They met me at the
- 17 airport. The most radical ones were the ones who came to see me.
- 18 "[Interviewer, interpreted from French:] Were Pol Pot and Ieng
- 19 Sary in that group?
- 20 "[Mr. Khieu Samphan, interpreted from French:] No, Pol Pot had
- 21 already gone back. I didn't meet him in Paris, but Ieng Sary
- 22 presided the Marxist meetings. Back in those days, we were
- 23 comrades, everybody: the Africans, non-Africans, Madagascans,
- 24 Moroccans, Tunisians; we were all comrades, friends. There was
- 25 really an atmosphere of international brotherhood, all the

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- 1 comrades of the world together. It was a fight against
- 2 colonialism. The students wanted independence.
- 3 "My ambition was to return to Cambodia and do something useful
- 4 for my country.
- 5 [09.13.22]
- 6 "[Narrator, in English:] When Khieu Samphan returns to Cambodia,
- 7 he has a Ph.D. in Economics. In his thesis, he argued that
- 8 Cambodia must be self-supporting and free from foreign influence.
- 9 His ideas became important for the Cambodian communists, but back
- 10 then, he wanted to change his country with politics in a
- 11 non-violent way.
- 12 "Prince Sihanouk rules in Cambodia. Sihanouk unexpectedly chooses
- 13 Khieu Samphan as one of his ministers, but Khieu Samphan is too
- 14 radical. When the security service tries to arrest him, he
- 15 escapes to the communist rebels in the jungle, the Khmer Rouge.
- 16 "[Mr. Khieu Samphan, interpreted from French:] I left Phnom Penh
- 17 quite simply to save my life and to put myself under their
- 18 protection. I saw that they were fighting for the same
- 19 objectives, more social equality and independence for the
- 20 country. But for them, this couldn't be obtained without
- 21 violence.
- 22 "[Narrator:] In 1970, Sihanouk is overthrown in a coup d'état by
- 23 General Lon Nol, who is supported by the U.S.
- 24 "[Mr. Khieu Samphan, interpreted from French:] When did I accept
- 25 the use of violence to change society? It was when the United

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- 1 States of America used Lon Nol to occupy our country, to use our
- 2 country as a pawn in their strategy in the war against Vietnam.
- 3 We had to resist."
- 4 (End of audio-visual presentation)
- 5 [09.14.29]
- 6 MR. ABDULHAK:
- 7 Your Honours, that concludes the second segment.
- 8 And it just occurs to me it might be helpful if I indicate the
- 9 starting times of these segments. The second segment starts at 13
- 10 minutes and 47 seconds -- 13 minutes and 47 seconds. And the
- 11 first segment, the preceding segment, started at eight minutes
- 12 and six seconds.
- 13 The next segment is starts at 19 minutes and 15 seconds. It is
- 14 a two-minute-and-45-second segment. It deals with the U.S.
- 15 bombings of Cambodia and the unification, if you like, of the
- 16 forces of the then-Prince Norodom Sihanouk and the Khmer Rouge,
- 17 as well as Khieu Samphan's role in that -- in that process.
- 18 If we could play segment number 3, now, please?
- 19 [09.16.26]
- 20 (Audio-visual presentation)
- 21 "[Narrator, in English:] The U.S. bombings make the Khmer Rouge
- 22 more popular. more people join to overthrow the U.S. supported
- 23 government.
- 24 "[Mr. Khieu Samphan, interpreted from French:] At that time,
- 25 there were two forces that mattered: primarily, Prince Sihanouk,

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- 1 with his national authority and international authority, but he
- 2 had no army; and, secondly, the Khmer Rouge forces, the only
- 3 force that was capable of offering Cambodian resistance inside
- 4 the country.
- 5 "But how could you bring the two forces together? You had to find
- 6 a link to unite them; and that link was me. Why me? I was the
- 7 only one who was recognized by the Prince, from time to time,
- 8 because of my integrity. And I was chosen by Pol Pot to unite
- 9 these two forces.
- 10 [09.17.52]
- 11 "[Narrator, in English:] Khieu Samphan convinces Sihanouk to
- 12 leave his exile and come to meeting in the Cambodian jungle. He
- 13 succeeds in getting the Prince to support the Khmer Rouge.
- 14 Sihanouk's support gives the movement legitimacy in Cambodia and
- 15 abroad. Pol Pot is at the meeting, but in the background, and he
- 16 does not reveal to Prince Sihanouk who he really is.
- 17 [09.18.26]
- 18 "In 1974, Khieu Samphan goes to Beijing where Sihanouk meets him.
- 19 Khieu Samphan is received as a great leader. He has now fully
- 20 assumed the role as the top leader of the Khmer Rouge. Pol Pot
- 21 acts in the background. This play will go on for 25 years, for as
- 22 long as the Khmer Rouge exist.
- 23 "[Unidentified speaker, interpreted from Khmer:] United -- has
- 24 just come our victory and authority for Cambodia and the
- 25 Cambodian people."

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- 1 (End of audio-visual presentation)
- 2 [09.19.28]
- 3 MR. ABDULHAK:
- 4 Thank you. That was the third segment.
- 5 The next -- the remaining two segments which I will play deal
- 6 more closely with the relationship between Khieu Samphan and Pol
- 7 Pot. And we present these two segments because both -- one of the
- 8 themes which which we've been discussing yesterday and today is
- 9 well, in our submission, is a -- was a close and continuing
- 10 relationship of men and others -- and women in the leadership of
- 11 the CPK, including Khieu Samphan.
- 12 If we could play the fourth segment? I'll just indicate this is
- 13 at 23 minutes and 25 seconds of the documentary. It is only one
- 14 minute and eight seconds long. And if we could now play that
- 15 fourth segment, please?
- 16 [09.20.20]
- 17 (Audio-visual presentation)
- 18 "[Mr. Khieu Samphan, interpreted from French:] I am the link
- 19 between the Prince and the Khmer Rouge. Pol Pot was a leader who
- 20 knew well how to analyze the situation. I respected him a lot. I
- 21 can't spit on Pol Pot's grave to save my own skin. I will say
- 22 what I saw and what I think. I will say it before the Court. I
- 23 have to say that Pol Pot was a patriot. He wanted to pull his
- 24 country out of poverty. He hoped to defeat poverty with his
- 25 ultra-radical politics, but he failed. Now, it's over."

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- 1 (End of audio-visual presentation)
- 2 [09.21.32]
- 3 MR. ABDULHAK:
- 4 That was the fourth segment.
- 5 And the fifth and final segment starts at 41 minutes and 28
- 6 seconds of this documentary. It is two minutes and 57 seconds
- 7 long and, as I indicated, it continues on this theme of a close
- 8 relationship between Khieu Samphan and Pol Pot, which, of course,
- 9 we have submitted goes back well before 1975. If we could play
- 10 segment number five, please?
- 11 [09.22.28]
- 12 (Audio-visual presentation)
- 13 "[Mr. Khieu Samphan, interpreted from French:] When he came to
- 14 work in Pailin, he stayed here. I followed him all the time, like
- 15 a shadow.
- 16 "[Interviewer, interpreted from French]: What did he say during
- 17 these meetings?
- 18 "[Mr. Khieu Samphan, interpreted from French:] He talked about
- 19 the current political situation and about patriotic awareness in
- 20 combination with the awareness of the class society, the Party,
- 21 sacrifice, heroism. He demanded of all the cadres that they live
- 22 and think like peasants, and I did my best, but I couldn't do it.
- 23 Then there were the problems with the Marxist contradiction.
- 24 Everything is still, yet everything changes. The Party is
- 25 everything (sic). Do you think like that nowadays? Because, in

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- 1 principle, you are not supposed to react when something happens,
- 2 you're not supposed to feel joy or regret. Try and analyze the
- 3 event coldly, find what is negative, what is positive for the
- 4 movement, and then try to take the right actions. I can see him
- 5 all the time in the Cardamom Mountains, here and there. I have
- 6 his image in my head.
- 7 "[Interviewer, interpreted from French:] Do you miss Pol Pot?
- 8 "[Mr. Khieu Samphan, interpreted from French:] Because he was
- 9 such an exceptional thinker."
- 10 (End of audio-visual presentation)
- 11 [09.25.18]
- 12 MR. ABDULHAK:
- 13 And I think, the AV booth, that was the last segment which I
- 14 wanted to show you this morning, Your Honours.
- 15 And I will take one minute to briefly bring together the factual
- 16 matters which we submit -- are apparent from the materials we
- 17 presented yesterday and today.
- 18 In our submission, these documents show a long standing
- 19 relationship between Khieu Samphan and other key leaders of the
- 20 Communist movement. They contradict his claims, in our
- 21 submission, that he was a minister of defence of nothing, a claim
- 22 he made at the beginning of this segment. Again, in our
- 23 submission, and recalling the documents, the public appeals that
- 24 we quoted from yesterday, the evidence, his contemporaneous
- 25 knowledge of the situation on the battlefield, of crimes being

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- 1 committed by Khmer Rouge troops, in fact, in our submission, they
- 2 indicate his endorsement of that brutality.
- 3 There was also a reference by Khieu Samphan, in one of the
- 4 interviews, to his knowledge of meetings prior to the evacuation
- 5 of Phnom Penh.
- 6 [09.26.30]
- 7 The "New York Times" article includes an apparent admission that
- 8 he participated in the decision to evacuate Phnom Penh, which,
- 9 again, that article indicates was a collective decision.
- 10 The materials also, and in particular the 2004 book, contain
- 11 extensive commentary by Khieu Samphan on the policies of enforced
- 12 collectivization and use of armed militia to execute enemies. Of
- 13 course, I'm paraphrasing his words, but they do appear in all of
- 14 the segments we quoted from yesterday.
- 15 Lastly, two matters.
- 16 In this video, we saw Khieu Samphan indicate that he accepted the
- 17 use of violence to achieve political aims in 1970.
- 18 And, lastly, the documents which my colleague referred to
- 19 yesterday indicate that he presided over a congress which reached
- 20 a resolution to execute the seven traitors, as they were referred
- 21 to by the leadership of the Khmer Rouge.
- 22 This concludes our presentation of relevant documents for Mr.
- 23 Khieu Samphan.
- 24 And with Your Honours' leave, I will now hand the floor to my
- 25 colleagues, who will deal with documents relating to Ieng Sary.

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- 1 Thank you.
- 2 [09.28.02]
- 3 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 4 Please proceed.
- 5 MR. CHAN DARARASMEY:
- 6 Good morning, Mr. President. Good morning, Your Honours. And good
- 7 morning, everyone. On behalf of the Prosecution, I would like to
- 8 move to the document relating to Ieng Sary.
- 9 Now, the Prosecution moves to the third part of its document
- 10 presentation relating to documents that are particularly relevant
- 11 in proving facts alleged in the historical background section of
- 12 the indictment.
- 13 We submit that this next group of documents will particularly
- 14 assist in proving Ieng Sary's association with participation in
- 15 and knowledge of the revolutionary movement in Cambodia prior to
- 16 and through the formation and activities of the Communist Party
- 17 of Kampuchea until the 17 of April 1975, when the Party gained
- 18 control over the entire country.
- 19 [09.30.03]
- 20 The documents selected to demonstrate this today are written
- 21 records of interviews either verbatim or in summary form which
- 22 Ieng Sary himself has given about his role and participation in
- 23 the CPK's rise to power from the 1940s until the 17 of April
- 24 1975.
- 25 These interviews provide a voice to the Accused, who, in his own

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- 1 words, explains the history and structure of the CPK, his
- 2 knowledge of its ideological underpinnings and policies, his
- 3 association in formulating that ideology, his association with
- 4 its functional organizations and other leaders, plus his active
- 5 participation in the endorsement and implementation of those
- 6 policies.
- 7 A few of Ieng Sary's interviews given in the early 1970s to be
- 8 presented are all the more compelling as they were made while the
- 9 armed conflict between the CPK and the Lon Nol was occurring.
- 10 These interviews and ones made later during the late seventies by
- 11 Ieng Sary provide candid accounts from the Accused's, untouched
- 12 by revisionism that can occur later in the face of international
- 13 criticism of the policies implemented by the CPK and
- 14 consequential impending criminal prosecution for the crimes
- 15 committed in the DK period.
- 16 [09.32.33]
- 17 Other documents from Ieng Sary's co-accused and other
- 18 contemporaneous documents made at the time of the CPK's rise to
- 19 power will also be highlighted as they provide primary probative
- 20 evidence of his pre-1975 political and administrative activities
- 21 that aided the CPK's full takeover of Cambodia on the 17 of April
- 22 1975.
- 23 As we have submitted before this Chamber, documents produced
- 24 contemporaneously to the events on trial can be highly probative
- 25 in proving those events as the details are often comprehensive

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- 1 and recorded whilst the events are fresh in the authors' memory
- 2 and, in many cases, not affected by manipulation at a later date,
- 3 when those events are required to be recounted again for
- 4 particular purposes such as trial.
- 5 Your Honours, to provide an overview of the presentation, it will
- 6 be presented in three segments.
- 7 First, I will highlight the particular relevance of the Agreed
- 8 Facts, document provided by Ieng Sary, and then I will guide Your
- 9 Honours through one of the many interviews given by Ieng Sary
- 10 relating to the pre-1975 history, structure, policies and
- 11 activities of the CPK and Ieng Sary's role in them.
- 12 My colleague, Mr. William Smith, will then highlight other
- 13 interviews given by Ieng Sary where these many issues are further
- 14 elaborated on by him.
- 15 And to finish, we will indicate to Your Honours documents that
- 16 provide evidence of the extent of Ieng Sary's activities from
- 17 1970 to 1975, where much of his time was spent in Beijing,
- 18 representing the Communist Party of Kampuchea and actively
- 19 seeking support for its goals.
- 20 [09.35.45]
- 21 I will now turn to the first document, the document that has been
- 22 agreed, document number E9/21.3, dated the 25th of March 2011,
- 23 relevant page in English ERN 0065 again, E00656964 to
- 24 E00656981, which is the list of Agreed Facts provided by Ieng
- 25 Sary in this trial.

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- 1 Of course, I will not re-read these facts, as that was done last
- 2 week, in Court. However, I would like to briefly highlight to the
- 3 Chamber the documents' particular relevance and importance in
- 4 proving the historical background section of the indictment and
- 5 the pre-1975 section relating to the role of Ieng Sary in the
- 6 Communist Revolution and the CPK.
- 7 Ieng Sary's and other Accused's role and activities prior to 1975
- 8 is a significant issue to be decided in this case in order to
- 9 assist you in determining the Accused's responsibility for crimes
- 10 charged in the first trial.
- 11 [09.37.51]
- 12 Consequently, I would like to draw your attention to the
- 13 relevance of these Agreed Facts. Your Honours, through his Agreed
- 14 Facts, Ieng Sary traced the defining moments in the development
- 15 of the CPK leading up to 1975.
- 16 It was at the First Party Congress held on the 30th of September
- 17 1960 in Phnom Penh that the Khmer People's Revolutionary Party
- 18 became the Worker's Party of Kampuchea, a crucial moment in the
- 19 Communist party of Kampuchea history, which Ieng Sary confirms
- 20 was the real starting point of the Cambodian Communist movement.
- 21 The Agreed Facts show that Ieng Sary was at the heart of the
- 22 movement from the very beginning. Already a member of the Central
- 23 Committee, he was made a full-rights member of the Standing
- 24 Committee.
- 25 [09.39.12]

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- 1 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 2 Mr. Ieng Sary defence counsel is on his feet. You may proceed.
- 3 MR. KARNAVAS:
- 4 Good morning, Your Honours, and good morning to everyone in and
- 5 around the courtroom.
- 6 For the last 15 minutes, we haven't heard a single document being
- 7 presented by the gentleman.
- 8 This is another opening statement. They had an opportunity to
- 9 give an opening statement; they will have an opportunity to give
- 10 a closing argument. But as far as I understand, the purpose of
- 11 the next day or two is not for the Prosecution to get up and make
- 12 speeches.
- 13 Now, if he wishes to point to a document, fine. He read what he
- 14 read last week. I did not object, we agreed to those facts. But
- 15 now he's simply making speeches. It's a waste of our time.
- 16 Either they pose documents or he should sit down.
- 17 [09.40.13]
- 18 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 19 The International Co-Prosecutor, you may respond.
- 20 MR. SMITH:
- 21 Good morning, Mr. President. Good morning, counsel. Good morning,
- 22 public.
- 23 Firstly, in relation to the attitude of the defence counsel, we
- 24 would submit that telling counsel to sit down in that method is
- 25 not appropriate behaviour in this courtroom.

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- 1 But addressing -- addressing his objection in substance, Your
- 2 Honours have said yesterday that the Prosecution was able to
- 3 present documents and explain and highlight the relevance and the
- 4 critical importance of them in this case.
- 5 [09.40.54]
- 6 As Your Honours are aware, the Agreed Facts document was a
- 7 document that was provided by the Defence to the Prosecution,
- 8 which was filed to the Court. Last -- my friend is correct, last
- 9 Thursday, my learned friend read out those agreed facts. However,
- 10 in terms of reading out the Agreed Facts, that's similar to what
- 11 was discussed yesterday, reading out any document without stating
- 12 the relevance of those -- of that document to this case.
- 13 So we would ask -- and this submission in relation to Agreed
- 14 Facts would take about another 10 minutes -- we would ask that my
- 15 national colleague be allowed to explain the relevance of those
- 16 Agreed Facts to proving aspects in this case. And particularly,
- 17 we're talking about the forced transfer from Phnom Penh and other
- 18 towns and cities in 1975. The Facts themselves, Your Honours,
- 19 does not spell that out. The Prosecution will not be taking up a
- 20 great length of time to do that, probably 10 minutes or so. Each
- 21 -- the relevance would be addressed at each step of the way.
- 22 [09.42.13]
- 23 But, Your Honours, we feel -- if the purpose of this hearing is
- 24 to demonstrate to the public the relevance of evidence in brief
- 25 form, we would like the opportunity to do that because,

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- 1 certainly, the documents in relation to Ieng Sary need to be
- 2 looked at in light of those Agreed Facts.
- 3 So, if Your Honours permit, we would like to do that for about
- 4 another five or so minutes, and then move on to the interview
- 5 which my friend had talked about. We don't intend to dwell. Thank
- 6 you.
- 7 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 8 The defence counsel for Ieng Sary, you may proceed.
- 9 [09.42.54]
- 10 MR. KARNAVAS:
- 11 The Prosecution drafted an Introductory Submission. After that,
- 12 you had an Investigative Judge or Judges go through the -- and
- 13 finally we're here. The public is well aware.
- 14 Last week, they read out the Agreed Facts. They had an
- 15 opportunity last week to go ahead and make any commentary. For
- 16 the last 15 minutes, we heard commentary.
- 17 What the international prosecutor is suggesting is that they make
- 18 another opening statement or closing argument. This is not the
- 19 purpose of the hearing.
- 20 Now, if they wish to present documents and read those documents,
- 21 we have no objections, but we do object to the Prosecution using
- 22 these hearings as a form of lobbying their case by making
- 23 speeches.
- 24 They can present evidence; that's what a trial is about.
- 25 Otherwise, we should simply sit down and just listen to the

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- 1 prosecutor give their closing argument, and you can just
- 2 deliberate; there's no reason to go forward with any more
- 3 evidence. They're simply giving speeches. And as I understand it,
- 4 that's not the purpose of the hearing; not to give speeches. The
- 5 Agreed Facts speak for themselves.
- 6 Now, they can present their evidence or, as I suggested, they
- 7 should move on. Thank you.
- 8 (Judges deliberate)
- 9 [09.49.03]
- 10 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 11 Thank you for the observation made by the defence counsel for
- 12 Ieng Sary on the parameter for the presentation of document made
- 13 by the representative for Prosecution.
- 14 The Chamber notes that the presentation by the Prosecution is
- 15 rather broad; it almost amounts to the pleading already.
- 16 And the Chamber wishes to remind the party that the purpose of
- 17 today's hearing is to indicate a document that is of significant
- 18 importance to the public and parties, and it also provides the
- 19 opportunity for parties to present documents before the Chamber
- 20 and to ensure a greater measure of public accessibility to the
- 21 document -- to the documentary aspect of the trial, and it also
- 22 provide the opportunity to highlight document -- key document
- 23 considered to be particularly important to the historical
- 24 background segment of Case 02/01.
- 25 [09.50.46]

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- 1 So this is not the opportunity for party to make any pleading, so
- 2 the Chamber hopes that the parties understand the purpose of
- 3 today's hearing.
- 4 So the Prosecution may now proceed.
- 5 MR. CHAN DARARASMEY:
- 6 Thank you, Mr. President.
- 7 I would like to now proceed to the second document on the Ieng
- 8 Sary interview by -- with Mr. Dan Burstein. This interview was
- 9 conducted sometime in April 1978. A key document in this regard
- 10 is a summarized written record of an interview with Ieng Sary
- 11 conducted by Mr. Daniel Burstein in April 1978.
- 12 [09.51.53]
- 13 The case file is the case file number is D366/7.1.4642 (sic),
- 14 with relevant English ERN S00049321 to S0049328, and Khmer ERN
- 15 S00728116 to S00728150, and French ERN S00742540 to S00742558.
- 16 This interview is contained in a book entitled "[Cambodia] Today:
- 17 An Eyewitness Report from Cambodia", published in 1978 by "Call"
- 18 pamphlets in Chicago, Illinois of the United States.
- 19 The introduction states that the book is a report of the very
- 20 first Americans to visit Democratic Kampuchea since the
- 21 liberation of the country in April 1975. It states the Americans
- 22 who made the visit were journalists of the "Call" newspaper led
- 23 by editor Daniel Burstein. The editor states that they spent a
- 24 week, in April 1978, travelling more than 700 hundred miles
- 25 through six Kampuchean provinces as guests of the Communist Party

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- 1 of Kampuchea.
- 2 As for the particular interview recorded with Ieng Sary, chapter
- 3 8 of the book provides a first-hand account in three parts by
- 4 Ieng Sary of: part I, the history of the revolutionary movement
- 5 in Cambodia that led up to the founding of the Communist Party in
- 6 1960; part II, the Party's activities from 1960 to the military
- 7 coup d'état in 1970; and, part III, the Party's activities
- 8 through the war with government forces until the 17 of April
- 9 1975.
- 10 [09.55.13]
- 11 By way of introduction to the interview, Dan Burstein calls his
- 12 interview with the Accused as "the high point" of his visit to
- 13 Cambodia. He characterizes Ieng Sary as "warm and jovial" in
- 14 manner and notes that he told the history -- the story of the
- 15 Kampuchea revolution "step-by-step, point-by-point", with the
- 16 interview stretching on until midnight.
- 17 Mr. Burstein describes how Ieng Sary had arrived to his current
- 18 position as Deputy Prime Minister in charge of foreign affairs:
- 19 "Now 48 years old, Sary was one of the founders of the Communist
- 20 Party of Kampuchea and had been a guerrilla fighter in the
- 21 countryside between 1963 and 1970. From 1970 until the victory of
- 22 the revolution in 1975, he had travelled the world as a special
- 23 envoy of the united front government, fighting to win support for
- 24 Kampuchea's liberation war in the international arena."
- 25 [09.57.07]

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- 1 With your leave, I would like to present the first part.
- 2 In the first part of the interview, Ieng Sary began with an
- 3 overview of the fight against the French colonialists in
- 4 Kampuchea. Mr. Burstein paraphrases Ieng Sary as saying that
- 5 revolutionary organizations of Kampuchean people waged armed
- 6 struggle as early as 1947, but that no Marxist-Leninist
- 7 leadership existed at time -- at the time. Mr. Burstein quotes
- 8 Ieng Sary, with the relevant English ERN page S00049322: "The
- 9 main task at this stage was to win our national independence from
- 10 France."
- 11 Ieng Sary pointed two contradictions between Kampuchean
- 12 anti-imperialists and the Vietnamese, saying: "Vietnam trained
- 13 its cadres at this time in the belief that the three countries of
- 14 Indochina were really all one country and should have only one
- 15 Party. We didn't agree."
- 16 [09.58.58]
- 17 Burstein summarizes some of Ieng Sary's comments regarding
- 18 developments in the fight against the French through the 1950s,
- 19 noting that many leaders "began to study Marxism-Leninism-Mao
- 20 Tsetung Thought" and that there were an "ideological struggle"
- 21 regarding the questions of whether to engage in armed struggle to
- 22 establish a socialist system.
- 23 Ieng Sary pointed to the betrayal of the revolutionary movement
- 24 by one of its leaders in 1958 as a turning point, saying --
- 25 English ERN S00049322, which I would like to quote as follow:

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- 1 "After this betrayal, we knew [...] we had to become more
- 2 self-reliant, deepen our understanding of Marxism-Leninism-Mao
- 3 Tsetung Thought and found a communist party of our own to
- 4 organize and lead the struggle." End quote.
- 5 [10.00.35]
- 6 Ieng Sary said the growing number of Communists began "to develop
- 7 a political program, make a class analysis of Kampuchean
- 8 society", and organize the Party.
- 9 He said -- and I quote English ERN S00049322:
- 10 "The repression was very intense at that time. We had very little
- 11 experience. We had not money. We went to the Soviet embassy
- 12 [secretly] in Phnom Penh to ask for a loan of 10,000 riels (about
- 13 \$160 [U.S.]) to start publishing a newspaper.
- 14 "But the Soviet ambassador attacked us. He told us we were
- 15 ultra-'leftist' and that only Sihanouk could lead the revolution.
- 16 He told us to never come back."
- 17 Ieng Sary continued -- English ERN S00049323:
- 18 "We expected to hold the founding congress in 1959. The
- 19 repression was so severe, however, that this proved impossible.
- 20 We left our houses every day in the morning not knowing if we
- 21 would return home alive in the evening.
- 22 "Finally, in 1960, we were able to gather all the representatives
- 23 together to found the Party. We met for three days from September
- 24 28th to the 30th in an abandoned railway building here in Phnom
- 25 Penh. Our security had to be very tight; no one could come in or

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- 1 go out during the meeting."
- 2 [10.03.20]
- 3 Mr. Burstein notes Ieng Sary indicated the Congress succeeded in
- 4 founding the Party, adopting a constitution, and electing a
- 5 Central Committee, quoting Ieng Sary to say -- English ERN
- 6 S00049323:
- 7 "We had adopted the correct stand on the absolute necessity of
- 8 the armed struggle, but we still had much ideological work to do
- 9 on this question. We had to educate the party members that the
- 10 reform struggles -- for land, democratic rights, better living
- 11 standards, etc. -- were very important, but that they could not
- 12 give us power. Only the armed struggle, led by the Party, could
- 13 put political power in our hands."
- 14 However, by 1953, the CPK leaders had to leave Phnom Penh due to
- 15 the political repression and the growing power of the Lon Nol
- 16 right wing.
- 17 [10.04.55]
- 18 Mr. Burstein quotes Ieng Sary regarding the movement of the CPK's
- 19 leaders -- English ERN S00049323:
- 20 "We left Phnom Penh and went to the northeast countryside in the
- 21 province of Rattanakiri."
- 22 That concludes part I of Mr. Burstein's with Ieng Sary.
- 23 I would like now to proceed to part II concerning the interviews
- 24 with Ieng Sary.
- 25 In the second part of the interview, Burstein states that Ieng

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- 1 Sary indicated that in February 1963 the CPK's Secretary was
- 2 assassinated and that an emergency Second Congress was held, in
- 3 which Pol Pot was elected Party Secretary. Quoting Ieng Sary --
- 4 English ERN S00049323:
- 5 "After the Second Congress, we began to build up our forces in
- 6 the countryside slowly and patiently. We did a great deal of
- 7 education among the cadres about the importance of serving the
- 8 people, being self-sacrificing and maintaining discipline at all
- 9 times. This communist education helped carry the Party members
- 10 through very difficult times later on."
- 11 [10.07.14]
- 12 Ieng Sary describes his experiences at that time -- and I quote,
- 13 English ERN S00049323:
- 14 "We were living in the forest and had no real food supply. We
- 15 relied on the local tribesmen, when were -- who were minority
- 16 nationalities and very tough fighters, to bring us food from the
- 17 villages. Sometimes they would be captured by the enemy, though,
- 18 and then we would have no food at all.
- 19 "We would have to live on bamboo that grew in the forest for a
- 20 week or more at the time. But we always remained confident. We
- 21 knew these tribesmen would never betray us. Even under torture
- 22 they would tell the reactionaries nothing about our bases."
- 23 English ERN S00049323:
- 24 We also had a large united front movement, but it took no
- 25 organization or form. We just spread the ideas of uniting the

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- 1 people to fight for an independent, neutral and non-aligned
- 2 Kampuchea. With these slogans we could unite with various forces
- 3 among the petty-bourgeoisie, the intellectuals, the
- 4 administration officials, and the national capitalists."
- 5 [10.08.57]
- 6 Burstein notes that Ieng Sary described the three groups within
- 7 the Kampuchean ruling class at that time, with Lon Nol on the far
- 8 right, Sihanouk and others who opposed communism in the centre,
- 9 and progressive people like Khieu Samphan on the left.
- 10 Burstein quotes Ieng Sary on how the CPK approached different
- 11 groups -- English ERN S00049323: "We mobilized both the middle
- 12 and left sections of the ruling class and built a united front
- 13 with them against foreign domination. We isolated the real
- 14 traitors like Lon Nol."
- 15 Mr. Burstein notes that Ieng Sary stressed that "the CPK believed
- 16 that the fundamental force in the united front had to be the
- 17 workers and peasants".
- 18 Quoting Ieng Sary -- English ERN S00049323 through S00049324:
- 19 "Although our Party was secret, the people knew that there was a
- 'Khmer Rouge movement'.
- 21 [10.10.49]
- 22 "The people knew our Party was fighting for land, democratic
- 23 rights and a better standard of living. We educated the masses
- 24 step-by-step about the role of the armed struggle, even though we
- 25 had not yet established an army."

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- 1 The Party established "clandestine guards", or units of peasants
- 2 that secretly infiltrated the government's militia. Regarding
- 3 these units, Ieng Sary is quoted "with a wry smile" -- English
- 4 ERN S00049324:
- 5 "When the landlords ordered these militia forces to attack the
- 6 people, our men would refuse. The clandestine guards played an
- 7 important role in defending our cadres and leaders and allowing
- 8 our base areas to develop."
- 9 Mr. Burstein summarizes Ieng Sary regarding the occurrence of
- 10 peasant rebellions and the reaction of Lon Nol, describing a 1967
- 11 peasant rebellion in Samlaut, in the Northwest, where the CPK
- 12 supported the peasants and led to the massacre of Communist and
- 13 regressive forces by Lon Nol in reaction.
- 14 [10.12.51]
- 15 Regarding these developments, Ieng Sary stated -- I quote English
- 16 ERN S00049324:
- 17 "From June of 1967 on, the Party began to lay plans to organize
- 18 an army. We knew that Lon Nol would eventually try to stage a
- 19 coup d'état. [And we] had to get prepared for that situation."
- 20 Mr. Ieng Sary told Mr. Burstein about how the Revolutionary Army
- 21 battled on January the 17th at Bai Baram, near Battambang,
- 22 capturing their first weapons. Ieng Sary is quoted regarding the
- 23 state of the Revolutionary Army -- English ERN S00049323:
- 24 "On February 25, the Central Committee issued a circular calling
- 25 for insurrections all over the country. Even though it was a

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- 1 very difficult situation for us with hardly any weapons, no
- 2 doctors and no medicine, we knew that our line was correct. And
- 3 so we were able to inspire the people to fight."
- 4 Mr. Burstein provides that Ieng Sary recognized Sihanouk as a
- 5 potential ally, and so the CPK and the Revolutionary Army made
- 6 clear they were fighting the right-wing militaries and not
- 7 Sihanouk.
- 8 Ieng Sary describes an attack by Lon Nol's government forces -- I
- 9 quote, English ERN S00049324:
- 10 "It was not just 10,000 thousand troops they sent against us, but
- 11 also armored cars, planes and artillery. Even with all this
- 12 firepower, they couldn't knock us out. Winning this battle gave
- 13 us great confidence."
- 14 However, as Ieng Sary is paraphrased to say -- English ERN
- $15 \quad S00049324 --$ "by the end of 1969, it was becoming obvious that
- 16 Sihanouk's neutralist stance could not be tolerated much longer
- 17 by the U.S. imperialists who were seeking to use Cambodia as a
- 18 base for attack against Vietnam. Lon Nol, on the other hand, was
- 19 perfectly willing to let the U.S. use Cambodia as a staging area
- 20 against Vietnam. That Lon Nol would come to power in coup d'état
- 21 was for the CPK a foregone conclusion."
- 22 [10.17.10]
- 23 Mr. Burstein sets the stage for the third part of the interview:
- 24 "Our interview with Ieng Sary had already lasted well into the
- 25 evening when he began to talk of the events following the

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- 1 U.S.-instigated coup d'état that put Lon Nol in power on March
- 2 the 18 1970."
- 3 He quotes Ieng Sary -- English ERN S00049324 through S00049325:
- 4 "March the 18th1970 to April the 17th of 1975 was the period of
- 5 our open war against U.S. aggression and the Lon Nol traitor
- 6 clique. We relied on our own forces to fight this war, capturing
- 7 80% of the arms that our guerrilla fighters used. China also gave
- 8 us great support."
- 9 Mr. Burstein says that Ieng Sary described "in lively detail"
- 10 battle after battle fought by the revolutionary army and its
- 11 growing strength.
- 12 "He told of how the CPK established revolutionary political power
- 13 of the workers and peasants in the liberated zones, and how the
- 14 people rallied to the side of the Party [...]".
- 15 Ieng Sary is quoted to say -- English ERN S00049325: "We had
- 16 predicted that the coup d'état would come, and this influenced
- 17 the thinking of many people."
- 18 [10.19.49]
- 19 Ieng Sary identified Sihanouk as one person so influenced as
- 20 Sihanouk joined the United Front of the CPK in establishing GRUNK
- 21 in Peking.
- 22 Ieng Sary continues -- ERN E S, rather, 00049325:
- 23 "The people bitterly hated Lon Nol. The broad masses were ready
- 24 to fight. They rallied to our Party, our Army, and the united
- 25 front because they saw that we were in the forefront of the

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- 1 struggle against Lon Nol."
- 2 Ieng Sary noted that as the revolutionary army liberated more
- 3 territory. The U.S. "intensified its pressure on Kampuchea" --
- 4 English ERN S00049325:
- 5 "From January 27th to August 15th 1973, the imperialists
- 6 mobilized all the forces against us. There was a ceasefire in
- 7 Vietnam and Laos, so the American bombers were turned against
- 8 us."
- 9 In the liberated zones, Ieng Sary described the CPK's
- 10 establishment of properties -- English ERN S00049325:
- 11 "The building of the cooperative system in 1973 was a vital
- 12 strategic question for our revolution. Without the cooperatives,
- 13 the young men could not have been able to go fight at the front
- 14 assured that their families would be well cared for. Without the
- 15 cooperatives, the price of rice would have suffered a terrible
- 16 inflation and our troops would have had little to eat.
- 17 [10.22.30]
- 18 "But thanks to the cooperative system, we were better able to
- 19 mobilize the whole people to fight guerrilla war, to resist the
- 20 bombings, to resist Lon Nol's offensives, and liberate more and
- 21 more territory."
- 22 Ieng Sary also discussed some problems that arose at that time -
- 23 English ERN S00049325: "We went hungry ourselves so that our
- 24 Vietnamese brothers could have our rice, and yet they did not
- 25 deliver the arms and equipment that were intended for us."

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- 1 Ieng Sary continued: "Our line was to uphold solidarity with
- 2 Vietnam, while raising political struggle and differences
- 3 privately."
- 4 Mr. Burstein paraphrases Ieng Sary regarding the January 1975
- 5 Mekong River offensive, which "culminated in the liberation of
- 6 Phnom Penh" on April the 17th 1975.
- 7 Towards the end of the document, Burstein then quotes Sary on the
- 8 subject of Phnom Penh's liberation and the next steps in the work
- 9 of the CPK -- English ERN S00049325:
- 10 [10.24.38]
- 11 "With the liberation of the whole country in April 1975 the
- 12 national democratic revolution was achieved. Our victory was due
- 13 to a correct analysis of the situation in our own country and
- 14 confidence in the masses of people, who proved to be the main
- 15 fighting force."
- 16 Ieng Sary goes on -- English ERN S00049325999 (sic):
- 17 "We did not rest for one minute. We immediately set to work to
- 18 defend the country, and to build and develop the socialist
- 19 system. We established a dictatorship of the proletariat,
- 20 collectivized and rather, the national wealth. We began to
- 21 cultivate the collectivized spirit."
- 22 However, Ieng Sary noted that certain problems persisted:
- 23 "In 1975, we were immediately faced with grave threats to the
- 24 security of the revolution both in terms of attacks on our
- 25 borders as well as from within our own ranks. The CIA, the KGB,

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- 1 the Vietnamese and others were all intent on mobilizing their
- 2 forces for a coup d'état against us."
- 3 Mr. President, Your Honours, in my conclusion, I have now
- 4 finished discussing this document and will hand over to my
- 5 colleague.
- 6 And these interviews given by Ieng Sary and other documents which
- 7 will provide more specific proof of relevant facts contained in
- 8 the historical background section of the indictment and the
- 9 pre-1975 role of Ieng Sary in this history.
- 10 [10.27.23]
- 11 I would like now, indeed -- like to hand over to my colleague,
- 12 Mr. William Smith, to continue.
- 13 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 14 Thank you. Since it is now appropriate time for adjournment, the
- 15 Chamber will take the adjournment for 20 minutes. The next
- 16 session will be resumed at 10.50.
- 17 We note Mr. Ang Udom is on his feet. You may proceed.
- 18 MR. ANG UDOM:
- 19 Thank you, Mr. President, Your Honours.
- 20 Due to health concern of my client -- he has experienced some
- 21 pain in one of his feet -- he, therefore, asks that he be excused
- 22 from this courtroom and follow the proceeding from his holding
- 23 cell. Could the Bench, therefore, allow?
- 24 [10.28.24]
- 25 MR. PRESIDENT:

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- 1 We note request made by Ieng Sary through his counsel, asking
- 2 that he be excused from this courtroom and follow the proceeding
- 3 from the holding cell due to the fact that he cannot remain
- 4 seated -- sitting for long. The Chamber grants such a request,
- 5 and the Chamber allows Ieng Sary to follow proceedings from his
- 6 holding cell for today's hearing. However, counsels for Ieng Sary
- 7 are advised to produce the waiver signed by Ieng Sary or given
- 8 thumbprint by him.
- 9 AV officers are now instructed to connect the AV -- or
- 10 audio-visual equipment to the holding cell.
- 11 And security personnel are now instructed to bring Ieng Sary to
- 12 the holding cell, where AV equipment is already set up.
- 13 The Court is adjourned.
- 14 (Court recesses from 1029H to 1051H)
- 15 THE GREFFIER:
- 16 All rise.
- 17 (Judges enter the courtroom)
- 18 [10.51.27]
- 19 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 20 Please be seated. The Court is now back in session.
- 21 Next, I hand over the floor to the Prosecution to continue
- 22 presenting the document to the Chamber. You may proceed.
- 23 MR. SMITH:
- 24 Thank you, Mr. President. Good good morning, counsel, and good
- 25 morning, general public.

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- 1 Your Honours, this morning, I'll continue the presentation that
- 2 we have, with a particular focus on documents that are relevant
- 3 to Ieng Sary, but at the same time they are relevant to all of
- 4 the Accused, as the documents, as you all note, lead to evidence
- 5 establishing policies prior to 1975 that were consistent with the
- 6 policies after 1975, as well as the structure of the CPK, as well
- 7 as the development of the Party and the command structure.
- 8 [10.52.51]
- 9 So, as much as the documents that we presented this morning, most
- 10 of them certainly come from the voice of Ieng Sary, the
- 11 statements by him. They are of course relevant to all of the
- 12 Accused.
- 13 And in terms of presenting material, the documents, particularly
- 14 the documents we'll present, in relation to Ieng Sary, this
- 15 morning, there are a number of interviews given by him during the
- 16 Lon Nol war, during 1970 to 1975, and then during the DK period,
- 17 and then post-DK period. And what we would say about some of
- 18 those documents is that, during the period, that information was
- 19 provided by Mr. Ieng Sary contemporaneous to the events without
- 20 fear of criminal prosecution. So we would say that there is a
- 21 certain extra accuracy to that information.
- 22 [10.53.51]
- 23 And secondly, in relation to some interviews given later, after
- 24 Mr. Ieng Sary defected from the Khmer Rouge, we would ask Your
- 25 Honours to look at those interviews carefully in terms of any

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- 1 parts you may believe have been revised to protect himself. And
- 2 certainly we will be making submissions -- not now, but at the
- 3 end of the case -- about what aspects of those interviews we
- 4 disagree with and the evidence contradicts and what aspects we
- 5 say would support the allegations in the indictment.
- 6 [10.54.35]
- 7 So, perhaps, if I can start -- or perhaps just before that, what
- 8 I won't do is I won't present the same material that is provided
- 9 in different interviews by Mr. Ieng Sary again and again.
- 10 Certainly, for public purposes, that would be not terribly
- 11 interesting. But by the same token, what we would say to Your
- 12 Honour about these documents that show consistent positions on
- 13 policy, structure, development of the Party, and the Accused's
- 14 role, that it's important that they all be admitted in full
- 15 because it's that consistency between the documents that
- 16 increases the authenticity of them and increases the reliability
- of the of the facts that they purport to allege.
- 18 So, if we can move to the first document? And the first document,
- 19 Your Honours, is in fact a video clip, and the D number is
- 20 D109/32.2 (sic), English ERN V00172512 to V00172512. It's a video
- 21 entitled "Pol Pot and the Khmer Rouge". And, Your Honours, this
- 22 is a clip of Mr. Ieng Sary's visit with Prince Norodom Sihanouk
- 23 back in March, in 1973, when they came back to Cambodia and met
- 24 the senior leadership -- the other senior leadership of the Khmer
- 25 Rouge. And you will see on the video Pol Pot, and you will see on

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- 1 the video Khieu Samphan.
- 2 [10.56.39]
- 3 In fact, a short clip was shown earlier, but what it doesn't
- 4 highlight is Ieng Sary's presence at the headquarters, at that
- 5 particular location; it's not clear where it is, but it's in
- 6 Cambodia. And it shows that relationship between what Ieng Sary
- 7 was doing in Beijing and what the CPK were doing in Cambodia.
- 8 So I would ask that the video could be played. The timing is at
- 9 14 minutes 33 to 18 minutes 29, and it's excerpted a little bit
- 10 so that some, perhaps, redundant and less interesting information
- 11 is not contained. So I would ask that video clip be played, and
- 12 then perhaps I'll make two points about that once it's once
- 13 it's finished. And if it could be translated as we go?
- 14 [10.58.18]
- 15 (Audio-visual presentation)
- 16 "[Narrator, interpreted from French:] In March 1973, Prince
- 17 Sihanouk and his wife, Monique, returned to Cambodia to the Khmer
- 18 Rouge maquis. The objective of this historical return is clear:
- 19 demonstrating abroad that the resistance against Lon Nol and the
- 20 Americans does exist.
- 21 "[Norodom Sihanouk, interpreted from French:] An inhabitant from
- 22 the city of Stung Treng, a border town, is loaning me a Mercedes,
- 23 his Mercedes. It's grey and it's well camouflaged by our guerilla
- 24 fighters. Here, we are resting, halfway. I'm working; I'm
- 25 speaking about my country with my colleagues: Mr. Ieng Sary,

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- 1 special envoy from the Khmer interior resistance; Khieu Samphan,
- 2 speaking to me friendly, he is alive; here is Hu Nim and -- the
- 3 leaders of the People's Army.
- 4 "[Narrator, interpreted from French:] The names of the true Khmer
- 5 leaders, such as Pol Pot and Nuon Chea, are never revealed. For
- 6 the Prince, it's Khieu Samphan, someone who is respected, who
- 7 leads the resistance. Pol Pot, however, remains aside, which,
- 8 however, does not prevent him from running the show.
- 9 [10.59.38]
- 10 "[Norodom Sihanouk, interpreted from French:] And here, we have
- 11 been advised by the photographers of the People's Army to take a
- 12 souvenir picture together.
- 13 "[Pol Pot, interpreted from Khmer:] This is my nature since my
- 14 childhood. I have never spoken openly about myself. I talked to a
- 15 person; Vergès told -- said that he had known me for more than 20
- 16 years. I did not want to say that I was the leader, although I
- 17 was asked some questions, asked about my biography, my
- 18 background. I just responded I tried to work very hard, that's
- 19 all; I worked as the Secretary of the Party because no one would
- 20 chose to work as Secretary of the Party, and I decided to help."
- 21 (End of audio-visual presentation)
- 22 [11.01.18]
- 23 MR. SMITH:
- 24 Thank you, your Honours.
- 25 Your Honours, just two points I'd like to note in relation to

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- 1 that.
- 2 It was stated by the Prince it didn't come out in the
- 3 translation, but it's the voice of the Prince -- that he and Ieng
- 4 Sary or Ieng Sary was a collaborator with the internal
- 5 resistance, and he was the more permanent link in Beijing between
- 6 the CPK, and GRUNK, and FUNK.
- 7 Also, you probably noted the last remark made by Pol Pot, where
- 8 he said that, looking back, he didn't want the position of Party
- 9 Secretary.
- 10 [11.01.57]
- 11 Your Honour, if I now move to a record of interview done with Mr.
- 12 Ieng Sary on the 17th of December 1996, now, this was conducted
- 13 with -- by the historian expert, Dr. Steven Heder. Your Honours
- 14 will note that this interview was conducted just a few months
- 15 after Ieng Sary had left the Coalition Government of Democratic
- 16 Kampuchea and after he received the Royal Decree pardoning him
- 17 from the 1979 conviction for genocide.
- 18 [11.02.36]
- 19 Your Honours, the interview, in this case, provides very
- 20 significant evidence on a wide range of areas where, perhaps, Mr.
- 21 Ieng Sary has spoken with more particularity than in the other
- 22 interviews that are before you. And so we would say this
- 23 interview is particularly useful to understand the associations
- 24 that Mr. Ieng Sary had with Pol Pot, Son Sen, Khieu Samphan, and
- other Party members, as well as important to understand his

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- 1 activities prior to 1963, leaving leaving to Office 100, and
- 2 prior to and whilst and whilst in Beijing.
- 3 It provides evidence as to the formation of relationships between
- 4 the Accused, the organizational structure of the CPK, the
- 5 leadership structure at Offices 100 and 102, when he was assigned
- 6 secretary for the Northeast and special emissary of the
- 7 resistance movement in Beijing.
- 8 It provides evidence of the existence of cooperatives prior to
- 9 1975 and also it provides evidence as to the CPK policies and
- 10 strategies.
- 11 And it particularly provides evidence of Mr. Ieng Sary's
- 12 knowledge of the evacuation of Phnom Penh about nine months
- 13 before it occurred.
- 14 And we'll get to that conversation where Mr. Ieng Sary recounts
- 15 the discussion he had with Pol Pot in mid-1974, where they
- 16 discuss the evacuation of the -- of Phnom Penh and the problems
- 17 that may be entailed in that process.
- 18 [11.04.36]
- 19 But perhaps, if we look at the interview in some chronological
- 20 order, starting with Mr. Ieng Sary's role for recruiting
- 21 individuals for the Communist revolution ,for the CPK, to assist
- 22 in forming the Communist Party of Kampuchea, I'd like to refer
- 23 Your Honours to ERN English 00417629, Khmer 00062490, and French
- 24 00332709 to 10, where-- And perhaps, if we can put -- if I can
- 25 ask our case manager to place that document on the screen, where

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- 1 Ieng Sary talks to Steven Heder about his role in gathering up
- 2 students for the CPK revolution in the early days.
- 3 [11.05.57]
- 4 Whilst that is happening, Your Honours, perhaps, what I'll do is
- 5 I'll read out the excerpts that relate to that issue, and then,
- 6 as I read different excerpts through the interview, perhaps the
- 7 case manager will be able to pull the English document up on the
- 8 screen so at least it can be followed in that sense.
- 9 So, in relation to-- And I think you can see it on the screen
- 10 now. Regarding his role in recruiting individuals, Mr. Ieng Sary
- 11 states:
- 12 "So then Son Sen came and split me away from Saloth Sar, Pol Pot
- 13 back in the fifties. Son Sen came back from France in 55 and 56.
- 14 One year before me.
- "[Steve Heder]: And when Son Sen returned, they assigned him to
- 16 assemble forces from the ranks of the intellectuals, is that
- 17 right? [Right, right.] As I understand it, especially at
- 18 Pedagogy. And as for you, what did they assign you to do in that
- 19 era?"
- 20 He states: "At that time, I was in the Democratic Party."
- 21 Steve Heder states: "Oh! Liaison?"
- 22 Ieng Sary states: "That's right, making contacts with the
- 23 Democratic Party gathering up students; but the important thing
- 24 was I was with the Democratic Party in order to gather up the
- 25 distinguished figures of the Democratic Party and bring them into

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- 1 the movement..."
- 2 [11.07.47]
- 3 If we next look at Ieng Sary's view at that time, that the CPK
- 4 needed to be independent from the Vietnamese communists, if we
- 5 can look at ERN English 00417630 to 31, Khmer 0062491, and French
- 6 00332711, Steve Heder states:
- 7 "So in that era they assigned Mey Mann to gather them up? And
- 8 when he was inactive, they gave them back to you? And...?"
- 9 Ieng Sary states: "Yes, yes. Then I returned from France. No
- 10 matter what Son Sen said, I came back to make a contribution with
- 11 Ta Tou Samouth, Nuon Chea, Pol Pot, and I was in the committee,
- 12 but the three of them mostly did clandestine work. I did not join
- 13 in much. I was in charge at the Democratic Party, and Son Sen was
- 14 in charge of the intellectuals, and I made contacts..."
- 15 "And Nuon Chea", Steve Heder says, "Nuon Chea was on the worker
- 16 side?"
- 17 And Ieng Sary states: "The workers and the popular laborers at
- 18 Spean Tong. I had made many contacts with Khieu Samphan to look
- 19 at the 'Conservator' newspaper that was last published in 1960."
- 20 [11.09.30]
- 21 So that -- I misquoted that. That obviously didn't relate to the
- 22 disassociating from the Vietnamese, but still building the Party.
- 23 If we look at ERN 00417630/31, Khmer 0062491, and French
- 24 00332711, Ieng Sary comments on the relationship with the
- 25 Vietnamese.

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- 1 Firstly, they talk about -- Ieng Sary admits being on the
- 2 Standing Committee in 1960. He said -- he said:
- 3 "Yes, yes, [Since 1960], but I attended as, what did they call
- 4 it, a veteran member; however as for any influence I had in there
- 5 to contact the Yuon, that was non-existent. Only Ta Tou Samouth,
- 6 only Nuon Chea and Saloth Sar. But at that very time, Vietnam did
- 7 not want us to create a Party. That was clear. Ta Khue said that
- 8 creating such a thing was not good, that it had to be secret... The
- 9 Communist Party had to be secret. I said that since my nation had
- 10 one people, we were in solidarity, but it was imperative that the
- 11 Parties be clearly separate. The darned Vietnamese never trusted
- 12 me after that. It was the same in France. I just discussed, spoke
- 13 about the matter on one nation with Tho Lam -- I don't know what
- 14 he is doing now -- and he discussed circles around it saying...
- 15 Cambodia did not bear the label of a true nation according to the
- 16 pre-conditions set by Stalin. That is where -- that is, there
- 17 were three, but the economic pre-conditions were lacking, so then
- 18 it was not yet a nation. Therefore, based on this they said the
- 19 creation of a separate Party was not possible."
- 20 [11.11.46]
- 21 If we move then to Ieng Sary's admissions in relation to his
- 22 activities in the -- at the CPK headquarters -- Central Committee
- 23 headquarters, at Office 100, with other leaders such as Son Sen,
- 24 and this is at English ERN 00417620 to 21, Khmer 00062479 to 80,
- 25 and French 00332701 to 02, and he starts -- Steve Heder states,

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- 1 "At Office 100?" They went to the forest.
- 2 And Steve Heder said: "To Office 100?"
- 3 Ieng Sary states: "Yes, in Tay Ninh territory adjacent to the
- 4 border, but in Vietnamese territory, and all the [quards] were
- 5 Vietnamese.
- 6 "[Steve Heder]: "Son Sen's?
- 7 "[Ieng Sary]: "No!
- 8 "[Steve Heder]: Office 100's?"
- 9 Ieng Sary states: "They were Yuon, they belonged to the Yuon
- 10 Centre. The Southern Yuon Centre [I heard that So Phim was
- 11 involved with the Americans.] That's right.
- 12 "[Steve Heder]: [...] But you are saying that when you went into
- 13 secret in 1963, did all the leadership go into secret, or some of
- 14 them? As I recall, Pol Pot was at Office 100?"
- 15 And Ieng Sary states: "I was.
- "[Steve Heder]: You. And Son Sen?
- 17 "[Ieng Sary:] Son Sen, Kev Meas, Leng Saran, and later three
- 18 females joined in 65, my wife, Son Sen's wife, and Sister Khieu
- 19 Ponnary", as you know, who is the wife of Pol Pot.
- 20 Then, Steve Heder states: "And that office was in Tay Ninh in
- 21 Vietnamese territory? And it was surrounded by Yuon military
- 22 guards, or what?"
- 23 Ieng Sary states: "Yes, really, all the personal bodyguards were
- 24 Yuon; but, my personal bodyguards were Khmer Rouge. Oh, no. Not
- 25 me, my wife's bodyguards were Khmer Rouge. Mine were Yuon."

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- 1 [11.14.29]
- 2 We now move to his statement about his activities which -- in
- 3 relation to the Northeast Zone, when he was, as agreed in the
- 4 Agreed Facts, made zone secretary and Son Sen was his deputy; and
- 5 that's at English 00417623, Khmer 00062483, and French 00332704.
- 6 Steve Heder states:
- 7 "And you and Son Sen went up to the Northeast along with Ya to
- 8 set up the committee for the Northeast. You were secretary, Son
- 9 Sen was deputy secretary, and Ya was the member at that time.?
- 10 "[Ieng Sary:] Yes."
- 11 "And it was then that you and that committee set up conditions
- 12 and carried out [an] armed war in the Northeast in 1968, is that
- 13 right?
- 14 "[Ieng Sary:] Pol Pot came up in 1968. When he came up, he was
- 15 still in... he came in 1966 and he... Oh, he came to work with Nuon
- 16 Chea's group there at 100; in mid 67 he went up, after we had
- 17 gone ahead."
- 18 [11.16.02]
- 19 Now, I'd like to take Your Honours to Ieng Sary's statement about
- 20 his activities in building relations with China and inducting
- 21 FUNK and GRUNK members into the CPK in Beijing; and that's at ERN
- 22 English 00417608 to 09, Khmer 00062464 to 65, and French 00332690
- 23 to 91.
- 24 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 25 International Co-Prosecutor, could you please repeat the last ERN

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- 1 numbers, since the interpreter may have missed them?
- 2 MR. SMITH:
- 3 Thank you, Your Honours. I apologize for that. It's French 0033
- 4 -- sorry, it's French 00332690 to 91.
- 5 Now, this question by Steve Heder, probably, Your Honours, you
- 6 have never seen such a long question by an interviewer. However,
- 7 it's an important question, and the response is quite important,
- 8 in that it summarizes what Steve Heder had viewed to be the role
- 9 of Ieng Sary in Beijing. And as you know, Steve Heder is an
- 10 expert on Cambodian history and so, obviously, had access to a
- 11 large amount of information about Ieng Sary before he spoke to
- 12 him, thus the long question.
- 13 [11.18.12]
- 14 Steve Heder states:
- 15 "Now let me turn -- return to the matter of the Foreign Ministry.
- 16 And in fact, in order to refer to the Foreign Ministry we must
- 17 return to the time when you were an emissary to Beijing. As I
- 18 understand it, in 71 when you went to Beijing, my hypothesis is
- 19 that the work you were assigned to do, according to my first
- 20 hypothesis, was similar to your work after 1975, communications
- 21 with China so that the Cambodian revolution could have a path
- 22 independent of Vietnam. That's one thing. Secondly, and I'm not
- 23 speaking in general, doing whatever possible to have an exit that
- 24 did not depend on Vietnam so that you could have an independent
- 25 foreign policy, using Beijing as an exit to contact foreign

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1 countries. That's one thing. Secondly, because there was the

- 2 Front then and there was the Royal Government, you, I
- 3 hypothesize, had the job of gathering up the forces inside the
- 4 Front, inside the Royal Government, in a word, to control those
- 5 forces and induct some as Party members in order to control both
- 6 the Front and the Royal Government, to gather those forces as an
- 7 internal core, to build those forces into Party members, to be
- 8 able to control those forces. And as I understand it from looking
- 9 at the documentation, you had many successes in this second task.
- 10 Only after researching the documentation was I able to understand
- 11 and see that among the Front-and Royal Government-level
- 12 leadership a large number, perhaps half, were inducted as Party
- 13 members by you. And among them were a number of old friends with
- 14 whom you had studied with in France or old friends that you had
- 15 known and worked with in secret in Phnom Penh from 1957 until
- 16 1963. And I see that later you particularly used them and
- 17 inducted them as Party members in Beijing to work as cadres and
- 18 functionaries in the Foreign Ministry? Is that correct?"
- 19 [11.20.51]
- 20 Admittedly, a long question, but to obviously -- Ieng Sary, who
- 21 had lived in Beijing, certainly a person to be able to answer it.
- 22 And Ieng Sary stated:
- 23 "That is really true, for instance Mr. Chuon Prasith, Mr. Hok
- 24 Sakun, we had known one another in France. They had joined in the
- 25 group they called, uh, they were the progressives, and some of

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1 them became Party members in Beijing. That's true."

- 2 [11.21.26]
- 3 Your Honours, if I can turn to the last point I would like to
- 4 take out of this interview, bearing in mind, as we've stated,
- 5 there's a lot of other points that relate to the structure of the
- 6 Party, and the evolution, and the history, but particularly I'd
- 7 like to take Your Honours to the point I made at the beginning as
- 8 to Ieng Sary's statement to Steve Heder that he talked to Pol Pot
- 9 in 1974, when he came back from Beijing, about the evacuation of
- 10 Phnom Penh; and the ERN number of that section; the English is
- 11 00417603 to 4, Khmer 00062457 to 59, and French 00332684/85.
- 12 Your Honours, this -- this clip, we have as an audio clip -- this
- 13 interview was tape recorded with Mr. Ieng Sary, and we have an
- 14 audio clip, and it comes from the file -- the tape which is an
- 15 interview with Ieng Sary, tape 1, and it's just in Khmer; Khmer
- 16 ERN TR00423587 to TR004235 -- 3587, the same number. And that's
- 17 IS 20.6R. And I would ask that, if the case manager could place
- 18 this excerpt of the conversation on the screen in the Khmer
- 19 version, and if I can ask the booth if they could play the
- 20 excerpt of this interview between Ieng Sary and Steve Heder as to
- 21 their discussions about the evacuation of Phnom Penh in 1974. And
- 22 hopefully I will not need to read, and the translators -- it's
- 23 been set up that the translators will be able to translate the
- 24 conversation as it plays.
- 25 (Short pause)

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- 1 [11.24.18]
- 2 I've been told it's coming, Your Honour. It just takes a few
- 3 moments.
- 4 (Audio presentation)
- 5 "[Mr. Steve Heder, interpreted from Khmer:] I'd like to go back
- 6 to the meeting in September 1975. The reason I'm asking this
- 7 question is because I noted that something happened at rural
- 8 areas as people began to be evacuated from cities. Some people in
- 9 the Southwest Zone had been evacuated to the Northwest Zone. Was
- 10 this issue discussed in the meeting of September 1978 or was that
- 11 included in the predetermined plan as in the case of currency
- 12 issue?
- 13 [11.25.20]
- 14 "[Mr. Ieng Sary, interpreted from Khmer:] No, we did not discuss
- 15 this. The evacuation was part of the already made decision. I was
- 16 told that the decision to evacuate Phnom Penh was made in late
- 17 March or early April 1975. It was discussed in the meeting of how
- 18 to handle people when Phnom Penh is liberated. I raised this
- 19 issue with Pol Pot in 1974. I asked how Phnom Penh could be
- 20 managed when it's liberated. Issue concerning the population was
- 21 also discussed.
- 22 "[Mr. Steve Heder, interpreted from Khmer:] Excuse me, where did
- 23 you meet him?
- 24 "[Mr. Ieng Sary, interpreted from Khmer:] I met him near Phnom
- 25 Penh. It was after I returned from Peking; after my trip with the

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1 King in 1973, and following my trip to Hanoi. The meeting was in

- 2 1974.
- 3 "[Mr. Steve Heder, interpreted from Khmer:] Did that happen after
- 4 you led an economic delegation to Vietnam and Peking?
- 5 [11.27.00]
- 6 "[Mr. Ieng Sary, interpreted from Khmer:] Yes, it did. It was
- 7 after I had returned from those trips. That was also when we
- 8 discussed how to handle the situation and how to prepare
- 9 ourselves when Phnom Penh was liberated. It was His Excellency
- 10 Zhou Enlai who asked us in the first place about how we were
- 11 supposed to handle the situation after Phnom Penh was liberated.
- 12 However, I did not give him any certain response as I had to wait
- 13 until I returned to my country and had this matter discussed
- 14 first. In the meeting, I asked about how the population could be
- 15 managed. I didn't ask about how military could be handle. At that
- 16 time, there were 3 million people living in Phnom Penh, so my
- 17 concern was how we could manage this population. Pol Pot
- 18 responded that I needed not worry about this, as he had all the
- 19 experience to handle the situation. I was reassured to focus my
- 20 duties abroad. I then said I raised this issue because the
- 21 Chinese Premier asked me about this. I, therefore, needed to be
- 22 clear on this. Pol Pot then indicated that the problem was
- 23 nothing difficult to resolve. He asked me to tell the Chinese
- 24 counterpart that it should not be their concern, as Cambodia had
- 25 clear view after they successfully solved the problem in Stung

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- 1 Treng and Kratie. People in Phnom Penh, therefore, had to be
- 2 evacuated as well. Only after the people had been evacuated their
- 3 problem would be solved. I asked whether the entire population of
- 4 Phnom Penh needs to be evacuated. He said it depends on the
- 5 practical circumstance. However, the term "evacuation" was used
- 6 in 1974 meeting.
- 7 [11.29.15]
- 8 "[Mr. Steve Heder, interpreted from Khmer:] Regarding the
- 9 evacuation, was it your understanding that it was the permanent
- 10 evacuation or not? Because some people thought that initially the
- 11 evacuation was not decided for a permanent one.
- 12 "[Mr. Ieng Sary, interpreted from Khmer:] Some people were of the
- 13 view that the evacuation should be temporary; some felt that it
- 14 should be permanent. This had to be done after analyzing the
- 15 reactions from both people in Phnom Penh and outside of Phnom
- 16 Penh and the reaction outside the country, such as from the
- 17 United States of America. So the evacuation was done while
- 18 reactions from those sources were being assessed.
- 19 [11.30.04]
- 20 "[Mr. Steve Heder, interpreted from Khmer:] So there was no
- 21 internal disagreement among senior leaders concerning this
- 22 evacuation plan? Was it decided that the evacuation needed to be
- 23 done while assessing the reactions from both the imperialists and
- 24 the people and--
- 25 "[Mr. Ieng Sary, interpreted from Khmer:] Some new Phnom Penh

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- 1 dwellers had to be evacuated first; in particular those peasants
- 2 who had their homes in the countryside. People who were outside
- 3 the cooperatives had to be evacuated first, and I was told that
- 4 these evacuees would not be returned to their homes, but to the
- 5 cooperatives. Cooperatives were prepared to receive these
- 6 newcomers.
- 7 "[Mr. Steve Heder, interpreted from Khmer:] When the decision was
- 8 made in 1974, were you in the country?
- 9 "[Mr. Ieng Sary, interpreted from Khmer:] No, I wasn't -- I was
- 10 in Peking."
- 11 [11.31.11]
- 12 MR. SMITH:
- 13 Thank you, Your Honours. That -- that's the complete passage in
- 14 the Steve Heder interview dealing with that topic.
- 15 What is -- what is interesting, I think, in relation to this
- 16 topic, Mr. Ieng Sary had actually spoken to someone else about
- 17 the evacuation of Phnom Penh -- other journalists -- before he
- 18 spoke to Steve Heder in December 1996. In fact, if we look at --
- 19 if we look at document IS 20.8, at English ERN 0078611, Khmer
- 20 0022443-44, and French 0034377 perhaps, if that can be called
- 21 up on the screen, that excerpt, but whilst that's happening--
- 22 Mr. Ieng Sary had an interview with an ABC news crew from
- 23 Australia, and it was conducted on the 18th of August 1996, which
- 24 is obviously a number of months before the interview with Steve
- 25 Heder. And this interview was published in the "Phnom Penh Post"

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- 1 with the following introductory remarks:
- 2 "Australia's ABC network was among a select group of journalists
- 3 invited to interview Khmer Rouge breakaway leader Ieng Sary, and
- 4 his two immediate subordinates, Y Chhean and Sok Pheap, on August
- 5 the 28th, near Malai. The following is a full translated
- 6 transcript of the 80-minute conference."
- 7 [11.33.10]
- 8 And if we can perhaps go back to the screen where we have this
- 9 quote from Ieng Sary in relation to the evacuation of Phnom Penh,
- 10 it's perhaps taken out of context, there, so I actually have to
- 11 put to Your Honours another paragraph that immediately precedes
- 12 it, so Your Honours understand the context in which Mr. Ieng Sary
- 13 made this statement.
- 14 And the question was put:
- 15 "You're said to be Mr. -- you were said to be Mr. Pol Pot's
- 16 right-hand man during the Pol Pot regime, where so many people
- 17 died from massacre or starvation or something like that. Do you
- 18 take that kind of responsibility?"
- 19 Answer:
- 20 "I am not the right hand of Pol Pot. Obviously, the main
- 21 right-hand man is Nuon Chea. And there was a committee which
- 22 considered all questions about security, which comprised four
- 23 people: Pol Pot, Nuon Chea, Son Sen, and Son Sen's advisor Yun
- 24 Yat. All decisions were made by the committee of the four. The
- 25 evacuation of the people from the cities did not involve my

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- 1 participation in [this] decision. Because on the 23rd of April
- 2 1975, I got off the plane from Peking and I saw the town had
- 3 already been deserted of its inhabitants. Everything was already
- 4 decided and it was not worth talking about."
- 5 And if we can go back to the screen, that's the context in which
- 6 Mr. Ieng Sary offered this statement to the ABC journalists; and
- 7 he states:
- 8 "But frankly speaking, in 1974 I talked with Pol Pot that taking
- 9 people out of Stung Treng and Kratie was easy because there
- 10 weren't many people, but evacuating people out of Phnom Penh
- 11 would not be so easy, everything must be thoroughly arranged
- 12 because there were millions of people."
- 13 [11.35.29]
- 14 The next quote, of course, is not particularly relevant right
- 15 now, but what I would say, Your Honours, in relation to the
- 16 relevance, obviously, to this case is that this interview given
- 17 by Ieng Sary to ABC was quite clear about the discussion with Pol
- 18 Pot that "everything must be thoroughly arranged because there
- 19 were millions of people".
- 20 And then he elaborates further some four months later with
- 21 Stephen Heder and explains that discussion more in full.
- 22 [11.36.06]
- 23 In terms of the relevance, Your Honours, it's very clear that in
- 24 mid-1974 Ieng Sary and Pol Pot spoke about the evacuation of
- 25 Phnom Penh and they spoke about the difficulties of doing it, and

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- 1 there was a discussion about that. The fact that Mr. Ieng Sary
- 2 may have been in Beijing when any particular decision was made,
- 3 we would submit, is not -- not of significance, bearing in mind
- 4 he was aware that this was a likely event if the Khmer Rouge took
- 5 over Phnom Penh.
- 6 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 7 The defence counsel for Ieng Sary may proceed.
- 8 MR. KARNAVAS:
- 9 Again, the last comments by Mr. Smith are pure submissions.
- 10 I don't understand what part of your instructions he does not
- 11 get. Now, if he wishes to make closing arguments, he can do so. I
- 12 suggest that he refrain. He's commenting on the evidence. Those
- 13 are called submissions; they're called submissions in the United
- 14 States, in Australia, in Europe, in the international tribunals,
- 15 in the national tribunals.
- 16 What part does he not get?
- 17 [11.37.39]
- 18 MR. SMITH:
- 19 There's nothing not to get. Your Honours have stated yesterday
- 20 that documents could be put forward and the relevancy made clear
- 21 to the Judges. And we're talking about the relevancy to the
- 22 issues in this case.
- 23 As my colleague said yesterday, we could sit here and just read
- 24 documents and not point to the relevance.
- 25 Your Honours, we've taken your instructions. These are not

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- 1 closing arguments, we completely agree, but at least the idea of
- 2 this hearing is so that the Prosecution can provide some guide to
- 3 the -- to the Trial Chamber as to how we believe this evidence
- 4 relates to the case.
- 5 In any event, we haven't been speaking at length in terms of
- 6 comment. You've allowed comment on these issues.
- 7 And that's all that needs to be said, Your Honours. And I'm happy
- 8 to move on to another document. I think enough has been said on
- 9 the relevance of that particular -- that particular conversation.
- 10 [11.38.53]
- 11 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 12 Yes, you may proceed.
- 13 MR. SMITH:
- 14 If we now can move to another document, and this is document
- 15 D56/Doc.447, and it's at English ERN 900115958 -- it seems a bit
- 16 long, but -- Khmer 00717062, and French 00723786. And in fact the
- 17 English is 00115958.
- 18 Your Honours, this is another statement given by Ieng Sary in
- 19 1996, on the 9th of September 1996, and it's published by the BBC
- 20 Monitoring Service; it's a summary of the World Broadcast on the
- 21 12th of September 1996.
- 22 And if I can ask that this document be placed on the screen? And
- 23 the report is entitled "Breakaway Khmer Rouge Leader Ieng Sary
- 24 Says 'I Was Not a Part of the Decision Making'".
- 25 Although there are comments in this statement that the

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- 1 Prosecution would be -- are disputing in this case, there are two
- 2 points that are significant for Your Honours to take into account
- 3 in relation to the policies of the CPK from its inception in
- 4 1960, and also the policy, or practice, or the certainly the goal
- 5 of indiscriminate massacring of people that are associated with
- 6 Vietnam. That's the reason for these -- for this document in this
- 7 case.
- 8 [11.41.13]
- 9 And perhaps I would like to put this in context by reading it.
- 10 And perhaps, if we can call it up on the screen, it will be
- 11 easier for others to follow.
- 12 And Ieng Sary states:
- 13 "Today, I would like to warmly welcome all of you, ladies [and]
- 14 gentlemen and friends who are present at this historic press
- 15 conference at our base. I particularly welcome all of you, ladies
- 16 and gentlemen of the Cambodian press, who have come to this area
- 17 for the first time. I wish you a safe stay during your work
- 18 today.
- 19 "One: First of all, I would like to stress that my disagreement
- 20 with the group of Saloth Sar, alias Pol Pot, began back on the
- 21 very day the party was formed -- that is, in 1960. Born to a
- 22 landowner's family, Pol Pot's attitude was heavily influenced by
- 23 feudalism during the years he had led the national liberation
- 24 movement, and particularly during his rule from 1975 to 1978 as
- 25 the Party's most important figure.

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- 1 [11.42.35]
- 2 As a matter of fact, it was Pol Pot who destroyed everything. He
- 3 determined all the party's policies and decided all its
- 4 strategies and tactics. The others in the leadership only did
- 5 what he ordered them to [do]. Pol Pot could not tolerate any
- 6 views other than his own, let alone opposing views. The first [...]
- 7 disagreement between Pol Pot and me took place in 1960. At that
- 8 time, we had to interpret the Moscow joint declaration of various
- 9 Communist parties concerning the implementation of national
- 10 democracy. Pol Pot gave no consideration to the democratic
- 11 aspects thereby laying great emphasis on class struggle. As for
- 12 me, I emphasized the term 'Indochinese', which had a great
- 13 significance and was aimed at rallying all national forces.
- 14 [11.43.42]
- 15 Born in 1925 to a peasant family, I always advocated a moderate
- 16 line and was inclined to listen to other people's views. But
- 17 [...] listened to my views. My love for democracy gradually took
- 18 root when I led the Khmer Students Union in France. [The]
- 19 attitude was strengthened little by little thanks to the various
- 20 work contacts I had with intellectual and international circles.
- 21 During the 1970-75 war period, I disagreed with the idea of
- 22 indiscriminately massacring the Hanoi-trained Cambodians who were
- 23 accused by the Pol Pot group of being Vietnamese agents.
- 24 Concerning the plan to evacuate people forcibly from the cities,
- 25 I was not part of the decision-making."

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- 1 And then he states he got off the plane from Beijing and the town
- 2 was empty.
- 3 "Following liberation on the 17th of April [...], in my capacity as
- 4 [...] deputy prime minister in charge of foreign affairs, I spent
- 5 most of my time [...] abroad. Therefore, I did not take part in any
- 6 important decision-making. In fact, the [...] most important figure
- 7 -- the second most -- in the party hierarchy, known as Brother
- 8 Number Two and Pol Pot's right-hand man, was not me but Nuon
- 9 Chea, who together with Son Sen and Son Sen's wife Yun Yat, alias
- 10 At, carried out all the decisions made by Pol Pot, such as
- 11 arresting, incarcerating, torturing and killing anyone who
- 12 expressed opposing views, or destroying anyone disliked, such as
- 13 the intellectuals."
- 14 [11.45.40]
- 15 I wanted to read that statement out in full to put in -- those
- 16 statements in relation to the view of Ieng Sary that, when the
- 17 Party first created a statute, or developed its party lines, it
- 18 was on the basis of class struggle, not just political struggle.
- 19 And in light of that, we can also also see that this is
- 20 different, this position is different, of course, to his other
- 21 interviews, particularly done-- When you look at them, in 1972
- 22 and during the regime period, there's been no word of
- 23 disagreement with Pol Pot. And when you look at those interviews,
- 24 we ask Your Honours that in terms of attitude and approach by Mr.
- 25 Ieng Sary towards Pol Pot, it was quite different. However, now,

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- 1 the 9th of September 1996, after the defection from the Khmer
- 2 Rouge, we would submit the attitude is changed.
- 3 But I think the importance of the point is that it's an admission
- 4 by Mr. Ieng Sary that the Party was operating on a line of a
- 5 class revolution rather than just a purely political one, and
- 6 that is significant, Your Honours, in relation to what happens
- 7 during the Democratic Kampuchea period.
- 8 [11.47.20]
- 9 And the next -- the other main point where this is relevant, and
- 10 particularly because it's a statement from Ieng Sary, not one
- 11 where he's being bullied into answering any questions, it's a
- 12 statement from him that the idea of massacring indiscriminately,
- 13 Hanoi-trained Cambodians during 1970 to '75, he disagreed with
- 14 that. So it's clear, prior to 1975, there was a policy, a policy
- 15 in the Party to kill people related to the Vietnamese, and they
- 16 were viewed as enemies. That's before the 17th of April, when the
- 17 Party took control of the country. We would submit that that type
- 18 of admission wouldn't be made if, in fact, it wasn't true.
- 19 The other -- perhaps the third point from his statement is the
- 20 aspect that there was no -- he talks about there was no
- 21 democratic process, the CPK and Pol Pot was not interested in a
- 22 democratic process. Certainly, in terms of decision making,
- 23 that's quite at odds with what Nuon Chea has said, that at that
- 24 first meeting, that first meeting of the Party in 1960, that
- 25 three day meeting, everyone agreed the party lines. As far as the

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- 1 dictatorial non-democratic approach of Pol Pot, you may ask
- 2 yourselves: perhaps that may have been the approach of the Party
- 3 but not Pol Pot.
- 4 [11.49.25]
- 5 Your Honours, I'd now like to move to the next document, and it's
- 6 at D313/1.249. And this is a -- this is a cable, a diplomatic
- 7 cable from the United States and it was sent from the U.S.
- 8 Embassy in Phnom Penh to the U.S. Secretary of State in
- 9 Washington D.C. as part of regular series of briefings
- 10 categorized Khmer report and political summaries. Now, the
- 11 document is dated 4th of March 1975, and it summarizes the
- 12 political developments in relation to Cambodia that week.
- 13 If I can take Your Honours to -- there's two points I would like
- 14 to raise in relation to this document, and the first is the fact
- 15 that, when we look at the document, you'll see that Ieng Sary, it
- 16 appears on the document, delivered the resolution or the
- 17 declaration to kill the seven Lon Nol traitors to the to the
- 18 North Vietnamese Government, after that statement was made --
- 19 we'll look at that in a moment.
- 20 [11.50.58]
- 21 And the other -- the other aspect that I think is important is
- 22 that, as of the 4th of March 1975, Mr. Ieng Sary was engaging in
- 23 active support with the Chinese, which in fact he's admitted to -
- 24 he admits that to Stephen Heder in his interview, but active
- 25 support with the Chinese in relation to economic and military

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- 1 support for the CPK's fight.
- 2 So, perhaps, if we if we move to the -- that document, if we go
- 3 to 00413052 to 53, English; in Khmer, 00740868; in French,
- 4 00751930 to 31. And I would ask if that if that could be placed
- 5 on the screen by the case manager so that Your Honours can see
- 6 the nature of the cable and the detail in relation to these
- 7 points.
- 8 [11.52.20]
- 9 And perhaps, whilst that is happening, I will I will start
- 10 reading at point 13. It states:
- 11 "In-country leader Ieng Sary headed for China February the 28th,
- 12 after staying in North Vietnam since the Tet Chinese -- since
- 13 Tet. Chinese Vice-Premier, Chi Teng-Kuei dined him on March
- 14 the1st and promised 'powerful backing' for the Khmer people. The
- 15 next day, Ieng Sary led a delegation of GRUNK luminaries in talks
- 16 with Chi Teng-Kuei and Chinese Trade, Military, Logistics,
- 17 Foreign Affairs and Foreign Economic Relations officials. Sary
- 18 then sat in on Sihanouk's afternoon reception [with] the
- 19 Congolese Prime Minister on March 2nd.
- 20 "Comment: The list of Chinese officials appears to have been
- 21 released to show heightened possibilities for Chinese aid. Ieng
- 22 Sary's present trip made for presage announcement of an aid
- 23 agreement that may have been negotiated during [...] 1974, when he
- 24 led a GRUNK/FUNK economic delegation to Hanoi and Peking."
- 25 [11.53.42]

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- 1 And then it states:
- 2 "Pham Van Dong took the opportunity of a visit by the GRUNK
- 3 Ambassador that's Mr. Ieng Sary who gave him a copy of a
- 4 resolution passed by the Second Cambodian National Congress." And
- 5 it says "See below".
- 6 And if we go below to paragraph 15, we can see, certainly on a
- 7 reasonable interpretation, what that Resolution was, what was the
- 8 resolution he delivered. And it states:
- 9 "In-country clandestine radio reports that on February the 24th
- 10 to 25th Khieu Samphan chaired the Second Cambodian National
- 11 Congress in 'liberated territory' (the first took place in July
- 12 19-21st 1973). The GRUNK in-country cabinet attended, as did 273
- 13 representatives of front 'associations' and the army. They
- 14 declared that 'it is absolutely necessary to kill...' the seven
- 15 'traitors' Lon Nol, Sirik Matak, Son Ngoc Thanh, Cheng Heng, In
- 16 Tam, Long Boret, and Sosthène Fernandez, [and] other politicians
- 17 and high personalities. However, [they] may join FUNK if they
- 18 stop cooperating with the six -- seven now."
- 19 [11.55.20]
- 20 I ask I would ask that Your Honours look at this document. And
- 21 I think it's clear that that's the resolution that was delivered
- 22 to the North Vietnamese on that day. And certainly, in terms of
- 23 knowing what the policy was in relation to Lon Nol leaders, it
- 24 was obviously very clear in Mr. Ieng Sary's mind of what that
- 25 was.

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- 1 Your Honours, I probably have another 15 or 20 minutes and I'll
- 2 be starting on a new document now, so I would ask, perhaps, as
- 3 it's 11.55, we may not -- I may not finish the document, or I can
- 4 keep going. So, it's in Your Honours' hands.
- 5 (Judges deliberate)
- 6 [11.56.45]
- 7 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 8 It is now appropriate time to take lunch adjournment. The Chamber
- 9 will adjourn from now until 1.30 p.m.
- 10 Counsel for Nuon Chea, you may proceed.
- 11 MR. PESTMAN:
- 12 It probably won't surprise you that I would like to ask for my
- 13 client to follow the remainder of the proceedings downstairs,
- 14 from the holding cell.
- 15 I have all the paperwork ready to hand over to the greffier.
- 16 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 17 Having having heard the request by Nuon Chea through his
- 18 defence counsel to follow the proceeding remotely, through
- 19 audio-visual means, in the holding cell, downstairs, the Chamber
- 20 grants leave for the request submitted by Nuon Chea defence
- 21 counsel not to be present directly in the hearing, but instead
- 22 follow the proceeding from the holding cell, downstairs, through
- 23 audio-visual means.
- 24 However, the Chamber advise the counsel to submit to the Chamber
- 25 the letter of waiver with the thumbprint or signature of the

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- 1 accused Nuon Chea.
- 2 And the audio-visual equipment technicians are instructed to link
- 3 the audio-visual means for the accused Nuon Chea so that he can
- 4 follow the proceeding from the holding cell.
- 5 [11.58.53]
- 6 The security guards are now instructed to bring the Accused to
- 7 the holding cell, downstairs, and this afternoon they bring them
- 8 bring the accused Khieu Samphan back to the courtroom before
- 9 1.30.
- 10 The Court is now adjourned.
- 11 (Court recesses from 1159H to 1334H)
- 12 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 13 Please be seated. The Court is now back in session.
- 14 During this afternoon's session and at the commencement, indeed,
- 15 of this afternoon session, the floor will be handed over to the
- 16 prosecutors.
- 17 However, before that, we would like to ask the prosecutors to
- 18 advise the Court how much time they would need to put documents
- 19 before the Chamber, documents concerning the historical
- 20 background of the DK.
- 21 MR. SMITH:
- 22 Good afternoon, Your Honours. Good afternoon, counsel and general
- 23 public.
- One hour, Your Honours, by the end of the next session.
- 25 And I think the plan was that the civil party Co-Lawyers would

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- 1 commence at 3 o'clock, when we come back from the break, if
- 2 that's suitable to you.
- 3 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 4 Thank you for the indication.
- 5 So we would like now to indeed hand over to Co-Prosecutor to
- 6 proceed with the documents. Thank you.
- 7 MR. SMITH:
- 8 Thank you, Your Honours.
- 9 This afternoon, I will present three more documents, and all
- 10 three are interviews of Mr. Ieng Sary. One is in 1978, and the
- 11 other two were given in 1972, during the Lon Nol war. And after
- 12 that, my learned colleague will present some documents in
- 13 relation to Nuon Chea specifically to finish the presentation.
- 14 [13.36.46]
- 15 Your Honours, if we can look at document D108/28.306; this is a
- 16 document of notes from a visit to Democratic Kampuchea, in
- 17 September 1978, by a delegation of the Norwegian Marxist Party.
- 18 And the introduction note reads as follows:
- 19 "A translation of notes made by Pal Steigan, who visited
- 20 Democratic Kampuchea, for about a week, around September 20,
- 21 1978. Mr. Steigan represented the Norwegian Marxist Party and
- 22 Ieng Sary represented the CPDK."
- 23 [13.37.33]
- 24 Your Honour, this document demonstrates Ieng Sary's active
- 25 involvement in the foundation and development of the Party's

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- 1 structure and policy and also his ability to speak on behalf of
- 2 the CPK, on behalf of FUNK on the issues occurring in Cambodia at
- 3 that time.
- 4 The first point he touches upon-- Well, there's a number of
- 5 points in it, but particularly he relates the history of the
- 6 Party between 1954 and 1960 in some specific detail. It's at
- 7 English ERN S00011553, Khmer 00333344, and French 00757898. And
- 8 he states:
- 9 "We had experience in patriotic struggle and class struggle in
- 10 the period 1954-1960. Even if there were no Party, there was an
- 11 ideology. Comrades came from Thailand and France. We did not
- 12 accept any foreign advice or advisors. As to Tou Samouth, the
- 13 Vietnamese wanted to propagate through him, but he also had a
- 14 national and democratic position. Meetings of the two sides were
- 15 possible after--" And the date's hard to read.
- 16 [13.39.14]
- 17 "And since there were relations between the two sides, the
- 18 Vietnamese could not insert themselves. This is the historical
- 19 period when we organized our Party without their influence. This
- 20 is the period where we readied the statutes of the Party and the
- 21 enemy suppression was very hard. This is the period where we [...]
- 22 distinguished between real revolutionaries and revolutionaries
- 23 who wanted to be dependent on outsiders. This is the period when
- 24 the political line and the Party statutes, thePparty's strategic
- 25 and tactical line was established, without foreign advice or

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- 1 advisors. It came from our classes and our use of
- 2 Marxism-Leninism based on the situation here."
- 3 [13.40.06]
- 4 The next point of interest is Ieng Sary's statement on the
- 5 building of revolutionary bases in the countryside, and this is
- 6 from -- he's referring to 1963 to 1967, and it's at English
- 7 00011548 to 9, Khmer 00333339, and French 00757894 to 95. And he
- 8 states:
- 9 "In March of 1963, most of the SK cadres were on the countryside,
- 10 and among them, Pol Pot. It wasn't the usual countryside, [it
- 11 was | the forest.
- 12 "[We] went to Rattanakiri province in the Northeast. From 1963 to
- 13 1967, we lived in the forests and had contact with several
- 14 villages.
- 15 "At the time, the Party played a leading role, but indirectly. We
- 16 established the line through couriers. We ourselves didn't go
- 17 down to the villages. Three things were important for the Party.
- 18 "Increase the people's movements for democracy and living
- 19 conditions. The people, themselves, rose to the struggle for
- 20 better living conditions. But in this struggle we led our
- 21 demonstrations and strikes. We used revolutionary violence. When
- 22 the police and the troops came to oppress the demonstrations, the
- 23 people used knives and sticks to fight the police of the enemy.
- 24 "Through this struggle, we built up an attitude for revolutionary
- 25 violence and armed struggle. We believed in this movement. And we

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- 1 could start such a movement throughout the whole country, as well
- 2 as in the villages.
- 3 [13.42.11]
- 4 "b) [we] attempt to build revolutionary bases. We built
- 5 especially in the Northeast province of Rattanakiri, that were
- 6 far from the enemy. But also in Kampong Cham, the western
- 7 mountains, [and] Battambang.
- 8 "The definition of a base, as it was then: 1. The people
- 9 understand the revolution and hate the enemy, in other words, a
- 10 good mass base; 2. People in [the] region could feed themselves
- 11 and were independent as to distribution. Rice, corn, cotton, for
- 12 example. In Rattanakiri, it was only salt that we were forced to
- 13 buy. There had to be secret militia, military organizing; and, d)
- 14 people working in the official sectors of the ruling class: deal
- 15 legally with the enemy, but certainly--" And it appears that it's
- 16 "sympathized with us".
- 17 [13.43.10]
- 18 The third point I would like to direct Your Honours in relation
- 19 to this document is Ieng Sary's statement on his knowledge of the
- 20 guerrilla tactics of the Revolutionary Army from 1968 onwards.
- 21 This is at ERN S00011551, Khmer 003333340, and French 00757896.
- 22 And he states:
- 23 "The enemy had the following forces: They sent 10,000 soldiers to
- 24 the Northeast. There were 30,000 soldiers in the whole army. We
- 25 had 100 men for troops. But because of the leadership of the

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- 1 Party, we could defend ourselves. The struggle grew. In March
- 2 1968, the armed struggle began in 17 of the 19 provinces in
- 3 Kampuchea.
- 4 "How did we defend ourselves in the North? With guerrilla war. We
- 5 cut the roads with felled trees. We laid out traps along the
- 6 roads and on the ground. We weren't afraid of bombing planes. The
- 7 most important were the foot-soldiers. We let them come in deep
- 8 and surrounded them, cut the road on which they came. In the
- 9 space of three months, the struggle began in 17 provinces. There
- 10 were 34 communes in Rattanakiri. 32 were liberated in March. We
- 11 killed or disabled 2,000, of whom 200 were killed, the largest
- 12 amount through traps. [And] we used poison that went into the
- 13 blood. "With the help of this struggle, we were putting things
- 14 right. We were, in other words, ready when the coup d'état took
- 15 place. That is the cause (and effect) during the period 1970-75
- 16 that the leadership of the CP -- presumably CPK -- carried out
- 17 the liberation war. With the help of the Party, the army and the
- 18 united front, we won state power. And we were on the way to an
- 19 independent economy. A year after the coup d'état (January 1971),
- 20 we had the Third Party Congress. During [the] congress, we
- 21 reached full unity on the political line for the struggle."
- 22 [13.45.57]
- 23 It's -- that article, Your Honours, is quite a detailed article,
- 24 and it gives another level of understanding of the policies and
- 25 the structure from Ieng Sary.

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- 1 I now turn to the second document, and this is D312.2.8, and this
- 2 is an interview with Ieng Sary which was published in the "Le
- 3 Monde" newspaper on 15 January 1972, and it's entitled "Interview
- 4 with a Cambodian Revolutionary", with the following preamble:
- 5 "In Peking, our special correspondent, Claude Julien, recently
- 6 met with Mr. Ieng Sary, one of the 'historical leaders' of the
- 7 Cambodian revolution. He, who soon will return to the
- 8 underground, reveals here for the first time to a foreign
- 9 journalist his views on the evolution of [the] country."
- 10 This is January '72.
- 11 [13.47.00]
- 12 This document, Your Honours, is highly relevant in relation to
- 13 providing a contemporaneous account by the Accused of the
- 14 political, military, and historical situation, status of the
- 15 resistance movement in Cambodia as of that time.
- 16 If I can take Your Honours to a few particular points, and
- 17 firstly in relation to his statements on the role of the National
- 18 United Front of Kampuchea, FUNK, and that's English ERN 0003965,
- 19 Khmer 00744041, and French 00722246, he states:
- 20 "Finally, the specific trait dominant in our war is the current
- 21 epoch -- in the current epoch is the solid union in the bosom of
- 22 FUNK of all of the nation's patriotic forces. Never has a united
- 23 national front assembled such broad forces, from a former king,
- 24 the country's legal chief of state, animated by a great
- 25 patriotism and by a resolute determination to win, to the most

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- 1 disinherited peasant, not to mention the members of the royal
- 2 family, the national bourgeoisie, the petty bourgeoisie, the
- 3 workers, the intellectuals, the monks, etc. This front and its
- 4 government represent the legality, the legitimacy and the
- 5 continuity of the state. The unity between the interior party and
- 6 the exterior party of FUNK is solid."
- 7 [13.48.55]
- 8 He comments, in this article, on the role of the Royal Government
- 9 of the National Union, GRUNK, at ERN 0003965, Khmer 00744042 to
- 10 43, and French 00722246, where he states:
- 11 "The Royal Government of National Union is the only legal and
- 12 legitimate government of Cambodia. With Samdech Penn Nouth as
- 13 premier and Khieu Samphan as vice-premier, it is the outgrowth of
- 14 the broad and solid union of all social classes and strata. It is
- 15 recognized by twenty-eight countries which have broken with Phnom
- 16 Penh and given valuable aid and firm support to our people."
- 17 The next point he raises is the necessity for rural bases rural
- 18 bases to support the Communist movement, and that's at English
- 19 ERN 0003964 (sic), Khmer 00744039, and French 007224 -- 2246,
- 20 sorry. And he states:
- 21 "These principal bases of support can only be built in the
- 22 countryside, in the bosom of the people and under their
- 23 protection. The factor determining victory is man, the people,
- 24 politically aware of the struggle [that] they must [lend]. These
- 25 years of struggle have also taught us the necessity of knowing

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- 1 how to apply in a creative way on all fronts of the armed, the
- 2 political, and the diplomatic struggle, the principals of always
- 3 preserving our independence, of counting primarily on our own
- 4 strength and of being our masters."
- 5 [13.51.10]
- 6 He further provides more understanding of the administrative,
- 7 political, and military structures in the area under the control
- 8 of the revolutionary forces. I refer to English 00003963, Khmer
- 9 00744036, and French 00722245, where he states:
- 10 "In the vast liberated zone, we have applied the FUNK program. It
- 11 rests on the principal by which 'the people are the source of all
- 12 power'. At all administrative levels, from the hamlets, the
- 13 villages, the districts, the provinces, committees are
- 14 functioning as the state apparatus.
- 15 "Each committee is composed of three, five or seven members
- 16 according to the importance of its echelon. Each member is
- 17 assigned one or more specific duties: political, military,
- 18 security, economic, cultural, and social affairs, etc. The
- 19 committee members are democratically elected by representatives
- 20 of all classes of the population and must have the following
- 21 qualifications: be devoted to the cause of FUNK and struggle
- 22 firmly against the American imperialist [aggression] and their
- 23 servants; be honest and have exemplary moral character; be
- 24 entirely devoted to the people and the common interest, and be
- 25 loved by the people.

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- 1 "Each task is simplified to the maximum at each echelon. The
- 2 number of functionaries is kept low to assure a disciplined
- 3 political force among the people and to attain their full help in
- 4 the resistance. Our cadres go into the villages to live with the
- 5 people and direct the task of political, cultural, and military
- 6 education. They take part in production without receiving any pay
- 7 and [they] live frugally."
- 8 [13.53.22]
- 9 The next point is in relation to his knowledge of the
- 10 organization of the revolutionary forces, and that's at 00003964,
- 11 English, Khmer 00744039, and French 00722246. He states:
- 12 "Thus, our popular armed forces have rapidly organized and
- 13 developed themselves on all these levels and are composed of
- 14 three principal forces: guerrilla units, the regional forces, and
- 15 the regular forces, all placed under the command of a national
- 16 military committee and its staff. At the level of each military
- 17 region, there is a military committee and a regional staff."
- 18 And the last point I'd like to bring to Your Honours' attention
- 19 on in this document is in relation to Party policy regarding
- 20 enemies to the revolution, and that's of January '72.
- 21 The question is: "Do you--" This is from the interviewer: "Do you
- 22 think there are, in the administration and army of Phnom Penh,
- 23 forces or people with whom you would be able to cooperate in the
- 24 future? Who do you exclude specifically from your national
- 25 union?"

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- 1 [13.54.48]
- 2 Answer: "FUNK brings together all the social classes and strata,
- 3 all the professional or religious organizations, all the key
- 4 patriotic people and the members of the royal family, both in the
- 5 country and abroad. None are excluded from the ranks except the
- 6 traitors Lon Nol, Sirik Matak, Son Ngoc Thanh, and their clique
- 7 in the service of imperialism, those who have compromised
- 8 themselves in the coup d'état and who do not want to make amends
- 9 for their crime.
- 10 "The broad union realized in the bosom of FUNK demonstrates that
- 11 there is no there is not and cannot be any third force
- 12 whatsoever between us, on the one hand, and the traitors and
- 13 their master, aggressive American imperialism, on the other."
- 14 [13.55.48]
- 15 Now, Your Honours, if I move to the last document -- and this
- 16 document is a record of an interview with Mr. Ieng Sary again on
- 17 the 31 January 1972, and it's document number D366/7.1.632. And
- 18 it was published in the "Vietnam Courier" on that date, and it's
- 19 entitled "Cambodia 1972 -- Interview with Mr. Ieng Sary, FUNK and
- 20 GRUNK, Inland Branch Special Envoy".
- 21 And if I take you straight to some particular points, he
- 22 elaborates on the FUNK program again at S0003047, Khmer
- 23 S00721515, and French 00420910. And he states -- and this
- 24 translation's quite small, but:
- 25 "It is to secure that peace that all our people are more than

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- 1 ever resolved to fight valiantly on [...] the military,
- 2 political, and diplomatic fronts to realize [the] FUNK political
- 3 program of ousting the US imperialist aggressors and their Saigon
- 4 and Bangkok henchmen and sweeping away the Phnom Penh traitors in
- 5 order to recover sovereignty and territorial integrity and [hold]
- 6 an independent, peaceful, neutral, democratic and prosperous
- 7 Cambodia. To this end, our people are determined to surmount all
- 8 difficulties and make every sacrifice even though US imperialism
- 9 opposes on us a protracted war. They are fighting and will fight
- 10 unflinchingly and uncompromisingly against the Phnom Penh clique
- 11 of traitors, for the only way to national salvation and to a
- 12 lasting peace is the FUNK. All hope or attempt of the Americans
- 13 and their quislings to dictate to our people any compromise
- 14 solution under whatever form it may be, chiefly a solution of
- 15 partition, will only be a bitter delusion and a premium to the
- 16 Yankees and their agents to [rapidly] it's hard to read -- and
- 17 drag on their criminal war."
- 18 [13.58.42]
- 19 Your Honours, this document, in fact, doesn't have a translation,
- 20 but this interview was reproduced in the FUNK paper called
- 21 "Cambodia 1972" by Ieng Sary, and it's that reproduction that, in
- 22 fact, has been -- has been translated.
- 23 If I now turn to a second point from this article and it's -- he
- 24 provides more information as to his knowledge of combat
- 25 operations in Cambodia at the time, and he states:

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- 1 "But all these criminal schemes have met with dramatic failure.
- 2 In the flush of their past victories, our people and armed
- 3 forces, in the last rainy season, inflicted stinging reverses on
- 4 the enemy in Operation 'Chenla II'. The Rum Luong battle has gone
- 5 down in our history as one of our biggest military feats. Then
- 6 our people's liberation armed forces unremittingly hammered at
- 7 the enemy positions everywhere, chiefly in the periphery of Phnom
- 8 Penh."
- 9 [14.00.02]
- 10 He explains further to the interviewer the tactical methods used
- 11 by the -- by the revolutionary forces, and that's at ERN
- 12 S00023046, Khmer S00721508, and French 00420902 to 3. And he
- 13 states:
- 14 "Our Cambodian National Liberation People's Armed Forces have
- 15 been built and developed very rapidly in every respect: [in
- 16 number], in strength, [quality], spirit, combat efficiency and
- 17 technique. The three categories of arms -- guerrillas, regional
- 18 troops and regular army -- are placed under the supreme command
- 19 of a National Military Committee assisted by a staff. The
- 20 regional troops are now organized in battalion size and the
- 21 regular army in regimental size. They are equipped with arms of
- 22 all kinds and have mainly a very high political awareness and a
- 23 firm resolve to drive all the US imperialist aggressors and their
- 24 henchmen out of Cambodia and wipe out all the Phnom Penh clique
- 25 of quislings headed by Lon Nol, Sirik Matak and Son Ngoc Thanh.

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- 1 All the army men live in the midst of the people, in close touch
- 2 with them, like them and serve them heart and soul.
- 3 [14.01.40]
- 4 "Their tactical methods are based on incessant querrilla
- 5 operations mounted by skilful, light, mobile and discreet
- 6 querrilla units to scatter the enemy forces and harass them;
- 7 leaving them no time to replenish their force and to make use of
- 8 their physical and moral resiliency. Lightning and devastating
- 9 raids have been sprung by [the] CNLPAF [forces] special commandos
- 10 eager to win on enemy manpower and war materials."
- 11 The Pochentong Airbase destruction is a vivid example of this
- 12 spirit.
- 13 "In all of these coups, the decisive factor of success, as our
- 14 experience has shown, is man; the decisive weapon is his high
- 15 political consciousness which makes it possible for him to get a
- 16 clear picture of the real nature of the enemy and his fortes and
- 17 foibles."
- 18 [14.02.49]
- 19 The last three points, Your Honour-- And the next one is in
- 20 relation to the CPK and FUNK cooperative policy in existence at
- 21 the time of 1972, and the English ERN S00023046, Khmer 00721509,
- and French 00420904, where he states:
- 23 "To bring to fruition that agrarian policy in conformity with the
- 24 FUNK political program, we are carrying out: intensive agitation
- 25 work among the peasants -- rich and poor -- in order to drive

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- 1 home to them that policy for -- that policy for strict
- 2 implementation; those who eagerly apply it are staunch fighters
- 3 in our war for national salvation; the organization of all the
- 4 peasants who approve the agrarian reform into a patriotic
- 5 peasants' association.
- 6 "We have encouraged the establishment of producers' cooperatives
- 7 and consumers' cooperatives to eliminate middlemen. In
- 8 agricultural production, the mutual aid movement has been largely
- 9 expanded among the peasants. In each FUNK committee at all
- 10 administrative level, a responsible cadre is appointed to see to
- 11 the development of production whose main objective is to cater
- 12 for our resistance war. Parallel to political education and the
- 13 mutual aid movement, the peasants have been endeavouring to
- 14 improve two rice crops per year. In anticipation of a prolonged
- 15 war, we attach great importance to subsidiary crops and the
- 16 rearing of pigs and poultry."
- 17 [14.04.44]
- 18 He also comments on the education policy in the liberated areas,
- 19 and that's at English ERN S00023046, Khmer S00721511, and French
- 20 00420905 and -- to 06.
- 21 MR. PRESIDENT:
- $\,$ 22 $\,$ Could the prosecutor repeat the ERNs for the translation
- 23 purposes?
- 24 MR. SMITH:
- 25 Thank you, Your Honour. I apologize for that. English ERN

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- 1 S00023046, Khmer S00721511, and French 00420905 to 06. And he
- 2 states in relation to its education policy:
- 3 "Throughout the liberated zone, education is entirely free of
- 4 charge. Everywhere literacy classes have been functioning. Of
- 5 course the enemy raids impede the education of children a great
- 6 deal. The US imperialist aggressors, their Saigon quislings and
- 7 the Lon Nol-Sirik Matak-Son Ngoc Thanh clique are traitors are
- 8 most barbarous. They erase everything with bombs: schools,
- 9 colleges, hospitals, and pagodas... And despite all this, we have
- 10 been able to readjust education to the war conditions, an
- 11 education based on political economy, medical and military
- 12 sciences. We also see to the cultural and artistic instruction.
- 13 It is given entirely in Khmer. Freed from all harmful outside
- 14 influence, it closes links -- it closely links theory to practice
- 15 in the particular conditions of the country. It is squared with
- 16 the specific national requirements at the present time."
- 17 [14.07.02]
- 18 And the last point, he relates the policies in relation to health
- 19 care and medicine, and that's at -- in the liberated areas, and
- 20 that's at English S00023047, Khmer S00721511, and French 00420906
- 21 to 07.
- 22 And the question is put to him: "Can you -- can your medical
- 23 organization meet the needs of the war and the population?"
- 24 And he states:
- 25 "Generally speaking, our medical organization satisfies the

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- 1 requirements of the war and the population. The medicines used
- 2 are made from simple ingredients and have proved [efficious] in
- 3 traditional therapeutics. We train male nurses and midwives, most
- 4 of [them] are poor country people and even illiterate. [The
- 5 training] lasts three years -- 3 months of theory and 9 months of
- 6 practice [...] a year. The medical staff counts many women. In
- 7 addition to the medical set-up of the CNLPAF, there are two
- 8 [male] nurses in each hamlet, a medical committee in each
- 9 village, a physician in [each] district and one or several
- 10 hospitals in [each] province."
- 11 [14.08.32]
- 12 Your Honours, that finishes the documents that were particularly
- 13 relevant in relation to Mr. Ieng Sary, the main reason being, of
- 14 course, is that he was the author of most of these documents. And
- 15 we certainly won't be making submissions, but all we would like
- 16 to say -- all I would like to say is that these documents are
- 17 relevant to showing his activity in the CPK regime from its
- 18 inception right up until 1975; it's evidence of his close
- 19 collaboration with the main members of the leadership of the CPK
- 20 from the fifties right through to 1975 and his fervent activity
- 21 throughout all of that period to be a part of the CPK revolution.
- 22 [14.09.35]
- 23 Thank you. And I'll hand it over to my national colleague, who
- 24 will present some documents in relation to Nuon Chea. Thank you.
- 25 MR. PRESIDENT:

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- 1 Thank you.
- 2 I note that the defence counsel for Ieng Sary is on his feet. You
- 3 may proceed, Counsel.
- 4 MR. ANG UDOM:
- 5 My respects to Mr. President. My respects to Your Honours. Good
- 6 afternoon, everyone in and out of the courtroom.
- 7 I am seeking your leave, Your Honours, to draw your attention to
- 8 the commentary of the prosecutors on the documents this morning,
- 9 especially the document about the interview between Mr. Steve
- 10 Heder and Mr. Ieng Sary, document 20.2 (sic), we have observed
- 11 that the translation of the document is inaccurate, which does
- 12 not reflect the actual speech of Mr. Ieng Sary. The mistake is
- 13 grave.
- 14 [14.11.16]
- 15 We would like to refer to document IS 20.6; ERN in English
- 16 00417608 through 09, the Khmer ERN 00062465, and I would like to
- 17 quote and to draw your attention to the incorrect translation
- 18 which is very damaging. I would like to quote some of the speech
- 19 for your consideration, Your Honours, and also the translation of
- 20 that portion.
- 21 Mr. Steve Heder mentioned that: "Now I would like to go back to
- 22 the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. And as a matter of fact, in
- 23 order to make reference to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, we
- 24 need to talk about your mission back to Beijing. If I understand,
- 25 in 1971, when you went to Beijing, here I'm making a conclusion

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- 1 that the appointment for your work was the same as that after
- 2 1975."
- 3 And I'm reading the last portion: "And I find that after -- or
- 4 later on, you -- or especially those who joined the Beijing's
- 5 Party, you brought them in to be cadres and work at the Ministry
- 6 of Foreign Affairs."
- 7 [14.13.43]
- 8 At the answer portion, I am of the view that the translation is
- 9 inaccurate. Mr. Ieng Sary answered: "In fact, actually, it --
- 10 such as Mr. Thiounn Prasith--" But in English -- I know a little
- 11 English, that is really true -- it does not reflect the
- 12 translation of the Khmer text. If the English is -- it is really
- 13 true, it means that Mr. Ieng Sary accepts that.
- 14 But in Khmer language, Mr. Ieng Sary said: "In fact, actually, so
- 15 it is not really like that." He is -- he is not accepting that.
- 16 So this is what it means in Khmer language. So this is one of the
- 17 examples.
- 18 In order to correct the translation, as the defence counsel for
- 19 Mr. Ieng Sary, I request the Chamber that the entire document be
- 20 translated again so that it is correct, so that it is acceptable
- 21 for everyone. Thank you, Your Honours.
- 22 (Judges deliberate)
- 23 [14.16.45]
- 24 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 25 The Prosecution, what do you think about the document as objected

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- 1 by counsel for Ieng Sary regarding the translation? Could you
- 2 explain or shed light on this issue?
- 3 There may be mismatch between the original text and the
- 4 translation text because the original is in Khmer language and it
- 5 is actually the transcript from an oral interview, and here we
- 6 are writing the spoken language -- that is, the transcript of the
- 7 oral interview -- and so there may be repetitions of some words.
- 8 For example, the person may repeat the time, for example in 1960
- 9 or in 1970, again and again.
- 10 So, as the one -- as the owner of the document or the one who
- 11 placed the document into the case file, what is your opinion
- 12 concerning the objection or the concern raised by the defence
- 13 counsel?
- 14 [14.18.23]
- 15 MR. SMITH:
- 16 Thank you, Your Honour. I'd love to have the language skills to
- 17 provide a precise answer on that, and obviously my learned
- 18 friend's language skills are far greater than on this side of the
- 19 Bench.
- 20 But I would say that it is an important interview and that is an
- 21 important answer, of course, so I would say it's worthwhile to
- 22 resubmit at least that answer to the -- to the Translation
- 23 Section and have them review that against the tape, and then just
- 24 file a revised version of that answer.
- 25 And I would say, in relation to other parts of the document that,

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- 1 because it is on tape, our learned friends can listen -- it is an
- 2 important interview, they can listen to that tape, and if they
- 3 find that there's a -- there's an issue or a problem with a
- 4 particular part, I think they should raise that, and of course
- 5 we'd have that reviewed.
- 6 But I would say, at this stage, in terms of resources, I think a
- 7 review of that answer, that page would be appropriate because
- 8 it's important for it to be clear.
- 9 [14.19.34]
- 10 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 11 Thank you.
- 12 Defence Counsel for Mr. Ieng Sary, you may proceed.
- 13 MR. ANG UDOM:
- 14 Thank you, Mr. President. In fact, what we raised here is not a
- 15 minor mistake; if you change the meaning, the meaning will be
- 16 changed completely: the positive meaning can be -- can become
- 17 negative, so this is a serious mistake. In the English language,
- 18 it is very sure that that is very true, but it does not mean so
- 19 in Khmer language. In Khmer, it only means: in fact, actually, he
- 20 was about to talk about something else.
- 21 So we still hold our position that this document be translated so
- 22 that it is accurate. When it comes to the technical terms and the
- 23 important content of the document, we, again, request that the
- 24 entire document be translated. Thank you.
- 25 (Judges deliberate)

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- 1 [14.23.01]
- 2 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 3 Upon the Judges consultation, the Chamber is of the view that
- 4 such problems do exist when it comes to translation of various
- 5 documents. However, these problems are not too serious and we
- 6 cannot treat these issues accordingly.
- 7 The defence counsel for Ieng Sary is instructed to submit their
- 8 request and provide precise information as to what the mistakes
- 9 are and to provide all formalities in that request so that the
- 10 Chamber can consider your request.
- 11 [14.24.15]
- 12 The floor is now handed over to the Prosecution to continue their
- 13 presentation.
- 14 MR. SENG BUNKHEANG:
- 15 Thank you, Mr. President. I will present a number of important --
- 16 important documents before the Chamber, and these documents can
- 17 also assist the Chamber in order to determine the accuracy of
- 18 information described by the accused Nuon Chea concerning the
- 19 historical background.
- 20 In relation to what the Accused has previously answered before
- 21 the Court, we have observed that, sometimes, the accused Nuon
- 22 Chea provided information or answers which are important and
- 23 useful for the Chamber.
- 24 [14.25.17]
- 25 In many other cases, however, we have observed that Mr. Nuon Chea

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- 1 did not provide accurate information or he attempted to hide
- 2 information concerning the evolution of the political lines of
- 3 the Party before 1975.
- 4 Next, if I may display a document on the screen so that the
- 5 Chamber can examine--
- 6 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 7 I note counsel for Nuon Chea's on his feet. You may proceed,
- 8 Counsel.
- 9 MR. IANUZZI:
- 10 Thank you, Your Honour. Very briefly, perhaps we can refrain
- 11 today from characterizing the nature of the evidence given today.
- 12 I don't think that's what we're here for today.
- 13 I did hear counsel refer to Nuon Chea's testimony as being
- 14 inaccurate, or not correct, or something like that.
- 15 I think perhaps that's going beyond the scope of today's
- 16 exercise.
- 17 (Judges deliberate)
- 18 [14.27.02]
- 19 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 20 The objection by the international defence counsel for Mr. Nuon
- 21 Chea is sustained.
- 22 The Prosecution is advised to refrain from analyzing or
- 23 evaluating documents which lead to conclusions or submissions,
- 24 because the forum today is to -- is for you to present documents.
- 25 You may now proceed, Prosecution.

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- 1 MR. SENG BUNKHEANG:
- 2 Thank you, Mr. President. I now continue.
- 3 If it pleases the Court, I would like to put up the document on
- 4 the screen for your consideration, Your Honours.
- 5 [14.28.08]
- 6 The first document is document D20 or E3/40 rather, 54, which
- 7 is the written record of the initial appearance of Nuon Chea
- 8 before the Co-Investigating Judges on the 19th of September 2007,
- 9 the initial appearance of Mr. Nuon Chea before the Court. And I'm
- 10 referring to ERN in Khmer, first, 00148743; and the ERN number,
- 11 00148817; the French ERN number, ERN 00148920. And I would like
- 12 to refer to that portion:
- 13 [14.29.26]
- 14 "In 1950, I joined the resistant sincerely in order to liberate
- 15 the nation form the French. I gave up my studies and government
- 16 employment because the country was occupied by the French
- 17 colonists. In 1954, as I remember, the Geneva Agreement required
- 18 all foreign forces to withdraw from Kampuchea, and that the Khmer
- 19 resistant groups split up and came back to live in society.
- 20 Following this decision, I decided to return and live in society.
- 21 The coup that overthrew Prince Sihanouk in 1970 destroyed
- 22 Kampuchean neutrality. I went back to join the resistance again."
- 23 This answer is very important when it comes to the testimony of
- 24 the rather, it's very important that he reflects his answer
- 25 before the Co-Investigating Judges back in 2007. At that time,

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- 1 Mr. Nuon Chea explained to the Co-Investigating Judges about the
- 2 history of the CPK and the history of the Khmer Rouge. However,
- 3 he did not provide a lot of information concerning his
- 4 background, his struggle background between 1954 and 1970.
- 5 [14.31.20]
- 6 In the first appearance, Nuon Chea told the Court that he has
- 7 withdrawn from the resistance movement and was willing to be
- 8 repatriated into the society in the -- from 1954. Not until March
- 9 1970, when Samdech Sihanouk was toppled by a coup d'état, did he
- 10 go to join the resistance movement again.
- 11 Documents in his statement before the Chamber from -- that from
- 12 1954 to 1970, Nuon Chea was an essential Party's founder, along
- 13 with Pol Pot, and they were among the two important people for
- 14 the revolutionary movement that established Party line, the line
- 15 which was adopted in the Party Congress -- First Party Congress
- 16 in 1960. However, Nuon Chea, before the Chamber, indicated that
- 17 -- back then that he was the activist for the revolution from
- 18 1954 to 1970.
- 19 [14.33.02]
- 20 The prosecutor would like to also present another important
- 21 document, which is IS 20.28 or E3/3, which is the interview with
- 22 Nuon Chea conducted by Khem Ngun in May 1998.
- 23 In this document, the Accused explained the historical background
- 24 of the resistance movement of the CPK. This document also
- 25 included accounts and information that Nuon Chea may have

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- 1 forgotten. Some of the points in this document IS 20.28 contained
- 2 detailed information other than the statement he made before the
- 3 Chamber recently. In that statement, Nuon Chea, before the
- 4 Chamber, indeed denied that he was the Party's secretary for
- 5 Phnom Penh from 1958 to 1960.
- 6 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 7 Counsel for Nuon Chea, you may proceed.
- 8 MR. IANUZZI:
- 9 Thank you, Your Honour. I'm just having a bit of a hard time
- 10 following.
- 11 I understood that we were going to be presenting specific
- 12 documents and then having a look at those documents, seeing those
- 13 documents on the screen, and then that they would be read out --
- 14 they would be read out. It really sounds now like we're we're
- 15 getting into substantive pleading.
- 16 [14.34.52]
- 17 And I'm -- we -- I want to make it very clear, we do not object,
- 18 we do not object at all to introductory remarks as to why
- 19 particular documents are relevant, as to where they go, things
- 20 like that, but I'm -- I'm really having a hard time following
- 21 what's what's happening at the moment.
- 22 What documents are we talking about? Which portions are we
- 23 talking about? It really sounds like a closing submission to me.
- 24 And again, let me reiterate, I have no objection to introductory
- 25 submissions as to why documents are relevant, placing them in the

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- 1 proper context; that is perfectly acceptable.
- 2 (Judges deliberate)
- 3 [14.38.36]
- 4 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 5 Counsel for Nuon Chea's objection was appropriate, so National
- 6 Co-Prosecutor is now instructed to focus their -- his
- 7 presentation on the subject matter as guided by the Chamber.
- 8 The prosecutor is supposed to explain the importance of the
- 9 documents being put before the Chamber. With regard to the
- 10 statements made before this Chamber, the prosecutor is allowed to
- 11 compare the two versions, in particular the versions that have
- 12 already been made before the Chamber and the version that were
- 13 made recently by the accused person.
- 14 However, counsel rather, the Co-Prosecutor is not allowed to
- 15 make his own pleading or conclusion with regard to the documents,
- 16 because, if the prosecutor keeps doing so, counsel for the
- 17 Accused -- or the Chamber also notes that such move could be
- 18 treated as an intent to make a submission.
- 19 So the Chamber wishes to hear only the importance and how the
- 20 documents are relevant to the -- to be put before the Chamber.
- 21 MR. SENG BUNKHEANG:
- 22 Thank you, Mr. President. I was trying to compare documents and
- 23 its importance and relevance only.
- 24 I would like now to proceed to another document, IS 20.28 under
- 25 ERN Khmer 00078188, English ERN 00184658, French ERN 00596181, in

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- 1 which Mr. Nuon Chea states as the following:
- 2 [14.41.47]
- 3 "In late 1955, the first round of elections was over. Then I was
- 4 given the position of the Party Secretary in Phnom Penh. The
- 5 members were Saloth Sar, Mey Mann, and one guy called Khmao --
- 6 the father-in-law of Ieng Sary's daughter, married to a girl from
- 7 America). Chan Samorn set up the Phnom Penh city Party
- 8 Committee."
- 9 In the same document, under ERN in Khmer, 00078197 through
- 10 00078198, ERN in English 00184669, French ERN 00596191 through
- 11 92, Mr. Nuon Chea indicated as follows:
- 12 "--Pol Pot went to Rattanakiri in late 1966. He went to set up
- 13 the office there, we were apart. The Centre there led only
- 14 Mondolkiri, Rattanakiri, everything else was -- that other side
- 15 was mine and Ta Mok was mine -- Ta Mok's, rather, but at that
- 16 time it had already been divided in two. Ta Mok had the
- 17 Southwest, Ma Mang had Kampong Chhang and So Phim the East, but
- 18 under my leadership, including the city, the whole works."
- 19 With regard to this document, I would like to also refer to
- another portion under ERN Khmer 00078198, ERN number 00184669,
- 21 French ERN 00596192. This document is under IS 20.8. I would like
- 22 to quote this statement as follows:
- 23 [14.45.06]
- 24 "--my group, me, Ma Mang, Ta Mok, So Phim, Koe, Vorn Vet, met in
- 25 Phnom Penh at Vorn Vet's house and decided that we had to combine

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- 1 arms with politics. In late '67, this was decided, not to be all
- 2 at the same time, though, but whenever the possibility of
- 3 combining armed demonstrations with politics could be done first,
- 4 we should do it. At that time we had no contact with Rattanakiri,
- 5 we had no equipment at all, there was none, no radio
- 6 communications, only going by foot, walking one month, going one
- 7 month, coming one month, and that was not easy, it was not at
- 8 all."
- 9 Mr. Nuon Chea, at the same time, also discussed about the start
- 10 of the armed attack by the Party of Democratic Kampuchea in Bay
- 11 Damran, Battambang. And this document is referred to the
- 12 statement from a meeting, and the decision he already discussed.
- 13 [14.46.51]
- 14 Nuon Chea said he took part in the meeting to decide to start the
- 15 armed struggle and that the full name of a person named Koe, as
- 16 indicated, was Kong Sophal, who also attended the Party Congress
- 17 in 1963.
- 18 Now, I would like to proceed to another document, IS 20.28, an
- 19 interview with Nuon Chea and Khem Ngun, ERN in Khmer 00078190,
- 20 ERN in English 00184660, French ERN 00596183. Mr. Nuon Chea
- 21 indicates that Mr. Ieng Sary joined with Pol Pot and him in the
- 22 Phnom Penh committee after 1955.
- 23 With regard to another point under ERN in Khmer 00078196, English
- 24 ERN 00184668, French ERN 00596190, document IS 20.28, Mr. Nuon
- 25 Chea elaborated that he let Ieng Sary out of Phnom Penh in 1963,

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- 1 after the public announcement by the government led by Samdech
- 2 Sihanouk concerning the leftist people.
- 3 [14.49.37]
- 4 Another document, under ERN Khmer 00078199, English ERN 00184671,
- 5 French ERN 00596193 through 94 of the same document; Mr. Nuon
- 6 Chea stated about how he took Pol Pot's wife, and Ieng Sary's
- 7 wife, and Son Sen's wife, of course, to Office 100 -- I quote:
- 8 "There was a support base, Ieng Sary and Son Sen were there --
- 9 Ieng Sary, Son Sen, they had all gone there. Oh, now I want to
- 10 say a little something. Their wives left, you know, left in 1965,
- 11 Yun Yat, the bitch Phim (phonetic) or, rather, Phea, Yeay Yim,
- 12 they left in 1965, because in 1963 their husbands left. I took
- 13 them out, put them in cars, to the border."
- 14 I would like now to refer to another document. Mr. Nuon Chea
- 15 indicated -- or responded to the question by people who asked him
- 16 a question concerning Mr. Hem whether Mr. Hem, or Khieu Samphan,
- 17 joined the revolution or joined the Centre already, but he
- 18 responded that Khieu Samphan did not attend the Centre Committee
- 19 but he had already been member of the Party back then. That's
- 20 document IS 20.28. And he said that he had no other relation with
- 21 Khieu Samphan or other intellectuals.
- 22 I would like to now move to the next item, which is IS 20.38,
- 23 Khmer ERN 00078198, English 00184670, and French 00596192.
- 24 [14.52.49]
- 25 Mr. Nuon Chea indicated that we already "removed some, removed

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- 1 Comrade Hem, removed Hou Youn, removed Hu Nim starting in 1967".
- 2 And the last document is document IS 20.33 or E3/23, an interview
- 3 of Nuon Chea with a Japanese journalist.
- 4 [14.53.27]
- 5 As indicated in previous documents, Mr. Nuon Chea indicated in
- 6 the interview concerning the relationship and the roles of Mr.
- 7 Ieng Sary and Khieu Samphan before April 1975. For example, under
- 8 ERN in Khmer 00000897, English ERN 00329508, French ERN 00363869.
- 9 He also gave interview with Khem Ngun in 1998. He -- Nuon Chea
- 10 indicated about Ieng Sary and how he joined the Party committee
- of Phnom Penh with Pol Pot to rebuild the Party in late 1950s.
- 12 And there is another document, document under ERN in Khmer
- 13 00000900, English ERN 00329511; French, 0063872. Responding to
- 14 the Japanese journalist concerning the question whether Khieu
- 15 Samphan holds any power or was he just the state -- the head of
- 16 state, Nuon Chea indicated that Khieu Samphan held some power; it
- 17 was not true that he held no power.
- 18 Mr. President, that's all the documents that we wish to put
- 19 before this Chamber.
- 20 I would like now to conclude my flow, and then my colleague may
- 21 continue.
- 22 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 23 Can the Co-Prosecutor indicate to the Chamber how much time they
- 24 need to put the documents?
- 25 [14.56.11]

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- 1 MR. LYSAK:
- 2 Thank you. Good afternoon, Mr. President.
- 3 I do not have very much to present, partly because we've had a
- 4 lot of time to present documents directly to Nuon Chea and I also
- 5 had Thursday afternoon. But I have probably about 10, possibly,
- 6 to 15 minutes, no more than that.
- 7 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 8 Thank you for the indication.
- 9 However, since it is now an appropriate time for our adjournment,
- 10 we will adjourn for 20 minutes. The next session will be resumed
- 11 by 3.15.
- 12 (Court recesses from 1457H to 1519H)
- 13 THE GREFFIER:
- 14 All rise.
- 15 [15.20.21]
- 16 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 17 Please be seated. The Court is now in session.
- 18 Next, the Chamber hands over to the Prosecution to continue their
- 19 presentation of documents before the Chamber in the context of
- 20 the historical background of Democratic Kampuchea. You may now
- 21 proceed, Prosecutor.
- 22 MR. LYSAK:
- 23 Thank you, Mr. President. I will be fairly brief this afternoon,
- 24 before we turn the floor over to the civil party lawyers.
- 25 Before I get to the -- a number of photographs that I would

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- 1 present, I would just observe, in response to some of the
- 2 objections that have been made, that the reason that we presented
- 3 the excerpts from IS 20.28 and IS 20.33, which were previous
- 4 interviews of Nuon Chea, were exactly as -- for the reason that
- 5 that was allowed by your comments, Mr. President, which is that
- 6 in each of those cases, when the Court reviews the record, you
- 7 will see that the statements that were made by Nuon Chea back in
- 8 these interviews are different than what he has told this
- 9 Chamber.
- 10 [15.22.10]
- 11 So it is -- it is somewhat hard for us to present that without
- 12 contrasting the testimony given in Court to that which Nuon Chea
- 13 -- the statements he made back then.
- 14 But in each case, the reason for the importance of those
- 15 particular excerpts is because they show a different description
- 16 by Nuon Chea of either his role and responsibilities, but also a
- 17 much more detailed account of the role of Ieng Sary and Khieu
- 18 Samphan, who seem to have become ghosts in Nuon Chea's testimony
- 19 before this Chamber. And therefore we wanted to point out to the
- 20 Chamber the references and discussion. That -- that is the only
- 21 reason -- that was the reason for the importance of those
- 22 particular excerpts.
- 23 Now, the document that I would like to turn to is document
- 24 D366/7.1.415. This is a collection of a number of photographs,
- 25 quite a few photographs. I'm simply going to focus on four of

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- 1 them this afternoon, four photographs that appear to come --
- 2 include the same group of people from the same event.
- 3 And I would first refer the Court to what is page 20 of this
- 4 document, or ERN 00442745, and I would ask to show that page on
- 5 to the screen. And I would note that, as we're going to be
- 6 presenting photographs, the photographs -- we will just be
- 7 referring to the year and page that actually contains the
- 8 photograph.
- 9 [15.24.09]
- 10 This is a picture of a group of leaders. And you will see that,
- in this document, the photos are somewhat blurry. For that
- 12 reason, I will also reference the Court to more clear copies of
- 13 these photographs that are part of the case file, and some of
- 14 them are actually already before the Chamber.
- 15 In this case of this photograph, this same photograph is before
- 16 the Chamber as E3/136, which is case file number D313/1.2.237.
- 17 And I'd like to show that on the screen because the photograph is
- 18 a little easier to see in the -- in that version of the document.
- 19 And, as you can see, this is a photograph of a -- the
- 20 significance of this photograph is that it is one of a group of
- 21 four photographs of top leaders of the Party. Starting from the
- 22 left side, there's Ta Mok; there's Koy Thuon; next to him is Nuon
- 23 Chea; there's Vorn Vet; in the middle, the person is Ney Sarann,
- 24 alias Ya, who was the Secretary of the Northeast Zone later on;
- 25 there's Son Sen, in the glasses towards the right; and at the

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- 1 very far right, standing, is Pol Pot; and sitting, third in, with
- 2 the krama around his neck, is So Phim.
- 3 [15.26.13]
- 4 Another photograph from the same location and what appears to be
- 5 the same day can be found on -- in document D366/7.1.415, which
- 6 is at page 112, or ERN 00442837. And if I may first show the
- 7 portion of that document, or the version of that document that is
- 8 contained in document D366/7.1.415?
- 9 Again, the reason this doc version is useful is because there's
- 10 some additional information that appears as to where these
- 11 photographs came from.
- 12 Once again, there is a more clear version of this document, that
- 13 is already before the Chamber, that I would like to reference,
- 14 which is document D313/1.2.236, which is before the Chamber as
- 15 E3/137. And if we may show that on the screen now?
- 16 [15.27.49]
- 17 Again, this document includes some of the same people who were in
- 18 the group photo shown, only, here, we see a podium at which Pol
- 19 Pot is speaking and a number of the other leaders are seated on
- 20 the stage. Towards the right of Pol Pot, or the right of -- of
- 21 this picture, it appears that Mr. Nuon Chea and Ta Mok are
- 22 seated, and over to the other side, at least one of the people
- 23 appears to be So Phim.
- 24 [15.28.28]
- 25 The third photograph from this collection appears at page 19, ERN

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- 1 00442744. And once again, if I may first show the version of the
- 2 document that comes from D366/7.1.415? And Your Honours will see
- 3 that this is a larger group photo from the same event, in which a
- 4 number of the participants have been identified. Once again,
- 5 there is a version a clear version of this photograph in the
- 6 case file, which is document D313/1.2.235, if I may show that.
- 7 Now, this particular photograph, I will also point out to the
- 8 Chamber, is also contained in Philip Short's book, "Pol Pot --
- 9 The History of a Nightmare", which is before the Chamber as E3/9.
- 10 You will find this photograph at and the photograph that appear
- 11 across from page 129 of the book, which is ERN page 00396328. And
- 12 the photograph is identified by Philip Short as a photo of -
- 13 quote -- "the CPK's Third Congress held in the jungle near the
- 14 Chinit River in 1971".
- 15 And if we could go back to the photo for a short period, a number
- 16 of the same leaders are in this larger group photo, and
- 17 including-- If we can zoom in a little bit into the top row
- 18 towards the right, one can see Khieu Samphan in the background,
- 19 two persons over from Koy Thuon.
- 20 [15.31.01]
- 21 In addition, as in the page 19 of indicated in the list of
- 22 people that I presented, in addition to Khieu Samphan, Hou Youn
- 23 and Hu Nim were also present, as well as the other leaders that
- 24 we've previously seen: Pol Pot, Koy Thuon, So Phim, and others.
- 25 Now, in this particular version of the photograph, it is somewhat

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- 1 cut off on the very right edge, and so one cannot see Mr. Nuon
- 2 Chea in this photograph. But if we turn to the last photograph
- 3 from this group, which is found on page 21 of D366/7.1.415, and
- 4 it is at ERN 00442746-- Once again, I will first show the page
- 5 that appears in the larger document -- and again, this photo -- a
- 6 clear version of this photo may be found in document
- 7 D313/1.2.234. And in this version of the photograph, you can see,
- 8 by comparing it to the last one, it is the same group of people;
- 9 Khieu Samphan is in the same location. But if we scroll towards
- 10 the right side of this photograph, you will be able to see Nuon
- 11 Chea standing at the very far right, with the krama around his
- 12 neck.
- 13 [15.33.10]
- 14 So we present these three series of photographs as they've been
- 15 identified by Philip Short as coming from the 1971 Party
- 16 Congress. They are obviously significant because they show the
- 17 leaders and persons who were present.
- 18 Now, instead -- because some of the Accused also are not here, in
- 19 particular Nuon Chea-- When we were examining Nuon Chea, we
- 20 showed on the screen two of these documents, and I was told by my
- 21 colleagues that it was somewhat harder to see the documents on
- 22 the screen, something I've observed myself, so we've printed out
- 23 four copies of these photographs that I've just presented. And I
- 24 would simply ask that the Chamber that they be submitted to the
- 25 Nuon Chea defence, and I would request that, if Nuon Chea can

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- 1 identify any of the people, that he do so, simply by marking onto
- 2 the photographs. If he wishes to -- instead, to comment in Court,
- 3 that's also his option. But rather than present an opportunity
- 4 for comments now, I would suggest it's more productive that we
- 5 give to the counsel for the Accused a copy of the photographs so
- 6 that, if his client wishes to identify or comment on the
- 7 photographs, they may. And I have the four photographs in a
- 8 folder, here.
- 9 [15.34.47]
- 10 So, if I what I am requesting, Mr. President, is to -- through
- 11 the Court, to present these photographs to Nuon Chea's counsel so
- 12 that at his opportunity he can have a chance, if he wishes, to
- 13 identify the people and submit it back to the Chamber.
- 14 [15.35.12]
- 15 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 16 You are allowed to do that.
- 17 Court officers are now instructed to bring the documents and
- 18 deliver them to the Nuon Chea counsels.
- 19 MR. IANUZZI:
- 20 Thank you, Your Honour. I'll just note for the record that I have
- 21 received these documents, and we'll get back to you in due
- 22 course.
- 23 MR. LYSAK:
- 24 And I would just add, Mr. President, that Khieu Samphan Khieu
- 25 Samphan's counsel has indicated that he would not comment, but if

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- 1 he wishes to have copies of these photographs, I'm happy to
- 2 provide them to Khieu Samphan's counsel as well. Just simply ask
- 3 that he let me know, and I will provide them to him in case he
- 4 wishes to comment on the photographs, as well.
- 5 That is the end of the documents that we have to present today.
- 6 Again, we've been fairly brief with Nuon Chea because I covered a
- 7 fair number of the documents either in our examination of him and
- 8 also in the Thursday afternoon session, and a lot of the policy
- 9 related documents were also presented by our colleagues on Monday
- 10 morning.
- 11 So we would end our presentations there and turn the floor to the
- 12 civil party lawyers.
- 13 [15.36.45]
- 14 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 15 Thank you.
- 16 Counsel for Khieu Samphan, you may now proceed.
- 17 MR. KONG SAM ONN:
- 18 Thank you, Mr. President. Good afternoon, Your Honours.
- 19 To respond to the Co-Prosecutor concerning the photos, may I
- 20 suggest that, if you have the photos available, please have them
- 21 copied and make them available to us. Then, we will consider how
- 22 to deal with them at a later date, or in due course.
- 23 The International Co-Prosecutor just stated that Khieu Samphan's
- 24 position is that he would not wish to respond to any questions at
- 25 this moment. However, I would like to state that during the last

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- 1 few days, during the course of putting documents before the
- 2 Chamber, the Co-Prosecutors were making some submissions, and
- 3 counsel for Khieu Samphan strongly objects such pleadings.
- 4 [15.38.26]
- 5 Secondly, I wish to also register my observations and objections
- 6 concerning the attempt of the civil party Co-Lawyers to put
- 7 documents before the Chamber, because a few minutes before the
- 8 break, perhaps at about 2 o'clock no, 2.51 p.m., the document
- 9 was informed to us, and we noted that, in that list by the civil
- 10 party lawyers, a number of civil parties' names appear, and these
- 11 civil parties had never been admitted yet before this Chamber,
- 12 and we don't know whether their names have already been included
- in the case file before the Chamber or not.
- 14 [15.39.38]
- 15 Unfortunately, the document is available into only one language,
- 16 and we are afraid that such attempts should not be allowed
- 17 because the document shall be available in other languages of the
- 18 Court as well before it is considered put before the Chamber, and
- 19 that all the names of civil parties who are not included in the
- 20 case file shall not appear in the list. They shall be removed, as
- 21 requested.
- 22 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 23 Thank you, Counsel. We note your objection.
- 24 Counsel for the civil party, you may now proceed.
- 25 [15.40.25]

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- 1 MS. SIMONNEAU-FORT:
- 2 Thank you very much, Mr. President.
- 3 We've submitted our list and circulated it among the parties, and
- 4 that includes civil party applications. These are not new
- 5 documents; they are ones that have already been submitted back in
- 6 April to the Chamber. All of those civil parties have been
- 7 accepted by the Co-Investigating Judges and the Pre-Trial
- 8 Chamber, so the admissibility is no longer up for questioning.
- 9 That's the first point.
- 10 [15.41.08]
- 11 Second, if there is to be a debate on these civil party filings,
- 12 I would like to develop some arguments on the subject of
- 13 translation; that's the first point that came up today.
- 14 I'd like to recall what the Chamber said at the hearing on the
- 15 30th of January, since we had a small initial debate on the
- 16 subject then. And the Chamber said that we couldn't use these
- 17 documents if we did not have them in at least two languages.
- 18 And then, on the 31st of January, the Chamber drafted a
- 19 memorandum to recall that documents should be submitted in three
- 20 languages, but also saying that, when it was not possible to
- 21 produce them in three languages, we could be authorized to submit
- 22 them in one single language if we could demonstrate that the
- 23 workload of the Translation Unit here had made it impossible to
- 24 do the translation.
- 25 And I'd like to state that we have made requests for translation

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- 1 of these applications, which are mostly in Khmer -- some are in
- 2 French, and some are in English. Ones in English and French have
- 3 been translated into Khmer, so they are already in two languages.
- 4 For the ones in Khmer, we have made the requests to ITU for
- 5 translations of all of these papers, either translations for Case
- 6 02/01 or, otherwise, solely those that we wished to use tomorrow,
- 7 when we present the documents. And we have been told that we can
- 8 have the translations that we need in two languages for most at
- 9 least, but perhaps not till 9 o'clock tomorrow morning, perhaps
- 10 tomorrow afternoon, though I do note that we are 45 minutes short
- 11 on the time allocated to us today.
- 12 [15.43.16]
- 13 So, if the Chamber wishes me to elaborate on this subject, I am
- 14 happy to do so, and on the utility of these first declarations
- 15 and civil party filings.
- 16 And also, bearing in mind that the facts that, in terms of
- 17 international jurisprudence, you don't have civil parties, and so
- 18 we are in a rather new situation here. What we want to do,
- 19 therefore, is something that is encapsulated within the
- 20 particular situation of these Extraordinary Chambers.
- 21 It is very important to bear in mind that we are talking about
- 22 civil parties; we are talking about victims, the importance of
- 23 whom has been sufficiently acknowledged by the Pre-Trial Chamber
- 24 and the Co-Investigating Judges. And the ones that we want to put
- 25 forward here only relate to the historical context, and the point

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- 1 is to provide additional facts which, as we see it, are of
- 2 particular importance. Thank you very much.
- 3 [15.44.20]
- 4 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 5 Thank you.
- 6 Counsel for Khieu Samphan, you may proceed.
- 7 MR. KONG SAM ONN:
- 8 Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to emphasize that in the
- 9 least there are names of witnesses and civil parties.
- 10 And on top of that, when civil party lawyers would like to quote
- 11 accounts of the civil parties or witnesses who are not subject to
- 12 be summoned before this Chamber, these people or their accounts
- 13 are not relevant.
- 14 The purpose of presenting these documents before this Chamber at
- 15 this moment is about the documents that parties feel that they
- 16 can be shown to the party and the public and treated as
- 17 information. It is not considered yet as evidence. So the Chamber
- 18 is not bound to treat all the documents put before this Chamber
- 19 now as evidence.
- 20 So I can submit that any list of documents that contain witnesses
- 21 or civil parties are not relevant to the case should be allowed
- 22 (sic) before this Chamber.
- 23 [15.46.17]
- 24 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 25 Thank you.

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- 1 The court officer is now instructed to bring the file of photos
- 2 already compiled by the prosecutor to counsel for Khieu Samphan.
- 3 I agreed because counsel indicated that he would like to have
- 4 access to the materials if made available to them by the
- 5 Co-Prosecutor.
- 6 (Judges deliberate)
- 7 [15.50.46]
- 8 With regard to the objection by Khieu Samphan's counsel
- 9 concerning the documents put before the Chamber by the Lead
- 10 Co-Lawyers for the Civil Party, the Chamber will consider this in
- 11 due course.
- 12 However, it is now appropriate time for adjournment.
- 13 But, to be more precise, we would like to ask counsel for Khieu
- 14 Samphan concerning the photographs that counsel agreed to have
- 15 them. Can you advise the Court whether Khieu Samphan would wish
- 16 to make any comments after reviewing the photos? And if so, how
- 17 much time would he need to--
- 18 Counsel for Khieu Samphan.
- 19 [15.51.56]
- 20 MR. KONG SAM ONN:
- 21 Thank you, Mr. President. I am afraid that we are not able to
- 22 indicate to the Chamber how much time we need, because we haven't
- 23 received the photographs, and he has not examined them yet.
- 24 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 25 I think the Co-Prosecutor already indicated their great

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- 1 intention, that if you wish to have them, then they will make
- 2 them available very soon.
- 3 So can the Chamber be advised from the Co-Prosecutor whether it
- 4 is fair to say that?
- 5 MR. LYSAK:
- 6 Yes, absolutely. If counsel wishes to come down to our end of the
- 7 hall 15 minutes after we are finished today, I'll be happy to
- 8 give them copies at that time.
- 9 [15.52.56]
- 10 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 11 So the Chamber notes that counsel may not be able to indicate the
- 12 time because counsel has not yet accessed the photographs.
- 13 And again, it is now appropriate time for today's adjournment.
- 14 Counsel for Nuon Chea, you may proceed.
- 15 MR. IANUZZI:
- 16 Thank you, Your Honour. Very briefly, just in terms of scheduling
- 17 for tomorrow, I understand that we are scheduled to make our
- 18 remarks in the afternoon, assuming the civil party lawyers finish
- 19 in the morning.
- 20 Will we stand by that schedule or would we be expected to begin
- 21 immediately?
- 22 (Judges deliberate)
- 23 [15.54.01]
- 24 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 25 As the common schedule indicates, it is the case that this is how

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- 1 we see the proceedings will be undertaken.
- 2 However, due to our experience, sometimes we may lag behind a bit
- 3 of what has been scheduled, or sometimes we may move a little bit
- 4 faster.
- 5 And indeed, after Lead Co-Lawyers have put their documents, it
- 6 will be time for counsel for Nuon Chea to proceed with their
- 7 putting up documents. The Chamber will not be able to definitely
- 8 say that Nuon Chea's team will begin immediately in the next
- 9 session. It is subject to the floor given over to the Lead
- 10 Co-Lawyers for the civil party first.
- 11 MR. IANUZZI:
- 12 Thank you, Your Honour. We are always ready for plan B. Thank
- 13 you.
- 14 [15.55.24]
- 15 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 16 It is now the appropriate time for today's adjournment.
- 17 The Court is now adjourned.
- 18 The next session will be resumed at 9 a.m., tomorrow, Wednesday.
- 19 Security personnels are now instructed to bring all the three
- 20 accused persons to the detention facility and have them returned
- 21 to the courtroom before 9 a.m., tomorrow.
- 22 (Court adjourns at 1556H)

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