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- 1 PROCEEDINGS
- 2 (Court opens at 0902H)
- 3 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 4 Please be seated. The Court is now in session.
- 5 [09.03.35]
- 6 Yesterday, before the adjournment, we did not finish the schedule
- 7 that we intended for that day. And today we will continue from
- 8 where we left off, that is the time for the Prosecution to
- 9 respond to the objections raised by the three defence teams.
- 10 [09.04.08]
- 11 I now hand over to the Co-Prosecutors. You have one hour to
- 12 respond to those objections. You may proceed.
- 13 MR. SMITH:
- 14 Good morning, Your Honours. Good morning, Counsel. Good morning,
- 15 general public.
- 16 Your Honours, as we mentioned yesterday, today I will be
- 17 addressing generally the Prosecution's general objections to the
- 18 Defence objections to the admissibility of the documents. And
- 19 then my learned colleague, Mr. Dararasmey Chan, will look at a
- 20 few of the documents types and provide some examples of how that
- 21 indicia of reliability can be can be found within the
- 22 documents.
- 23 Briefly, Your Honour, I think yesterday the Defence and the
- 24 Prosecution, to a certain extent, were in general agreement with
- 25 the legal test for admissibility, that documents should be prima

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- 1 facie relevant -- on its face, relevant -- and prima facie
- 2 reliable -- on its face, reliable.
- 3 [09.05.28]
- 4 But I think the differences arose in how that test would be
- 5 applied, and the difference may have arisen with the manner in
- 6 which that test be applied.
- 7 But firstly, if I can make -- I'll make four points in terms of
- 8 our general response to -- four general objections have been
- 9 raised to the documents.
- 10 But prior to making to those four points, I'd like to mention a
- 11 couple of preliminary matters as to how each of the Accused or
- 12 their counsel are approaching the issue of admissibility. And our
- 13 view would be, is that that approach that's been put forward by
- 14 the defence teams, is not completely in accordance with the
- 15 practice and the law as agreed.
- 16 [09.06.27]
- 17 Firstly, in relation to Khieu Samphan.
- 18 Khieu Samphan's counsel raised the obligation with Your Honours
- 19 that the Prosecution had the responsibility to prove the
- 20 Prosecution case beyond a reasonable doubt. And that's absolutely
- 21 clear. The Prosecution doesn't shy away from that. These are
- 22 incredibly serious proceedings, and the burden of proof is very
- 23 high for the Prosecution.
- 24 However, what the counsel for the Khieu Samphan team did was try
- 25 and equate the burden of proof at the end of the case with the

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1 burden of proof to have documents admitted. And it's submitted on

- 2 the law that we presented yesterday, and the law that was placed
- 3 in our pleadings, that clearly that's not the case.
- 4 At the admissibility stage, the -- all that need be shown is its
- 5 prima facie relevant and prima facie reliable. There's a reason
- 6 for that, of course, that if each piece of evidence had to be
- 7 proved beyond all reasonable doubt, we would have trials within
- 8 trials within trials, and the process will never end. The
- 9 safeguard for the Accused is that the material facts and the
- 10 indictment must be proved beyond reasonable doubt. And, Your
- 11 Honours, we submit, can only arrive at that if Your Honours
- 12 looked at the full compass -- the full scope -- of the evidence,
- 13 to determine if all of those pieces add up -- on any particular
- 14 primary allegation -- to find that fact proved beyond reasonable
- 15 doubt.
- 16 [09.08.17]
- 17 If Your Honours have a higher standard for the admissibility of
- 18 evidence, the problem that will be faced is that Your Honours
- 19 will never get to look at any evidence, because a far too onerous
- 20 inquiry would occur for each piece of evidence. So the safeguard
- 21 is still there, but the test is much lower, for those obvious
- 22 reasons.
- 23 If we move to Nuon Chea, again there was general agreement on the
- 24 test. However, Your Honours were asked to steer away from
- 25 international practice in terms of international tribunals

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1 dealing with cases of this type, with their approach on

- 2 admissibility.
- 3 Counsel for Nuon Chea stated that the approach of the
- 4 international tribunals is perhaps a more liberal approach than
- 5 in national courts, whether it be Cambodia or any other court.
- 6 And the reason for that, of course, is that these cases are so
- 7 big that, if Your Honours applied a strict approach to the
- 8 admissibility of evidence, you would not see the full breadth of
- 9 the evidence that Your Honours have to take in to determine
- 10 whether or not mass crimes against humanity across Cambodia in
- 11 fact occurred.
- 12 [09.09.49]
- 13 You can't call in every witness. You can't have an original for
- 14 every document. You can't prove the chain of custody for every
- 15 piece of evidence. There must be other ways in which you can --
- 16 Your Honours can fully comprehend the evidence so that your
- 17 judgement is based on a rich set of facts rather than isolated
- 18 pieces that perhaps would not connect and would take away from
- 19 the integrity of the judgement.
- 20 So, although the Nuon Chea agreed generally with the legal test
- 21 for admissibility, they've asked Your Honours to steer away from
- 22 the international practice, and we suggest you should not do
- 23 that, because it's the international tribunals that have -- that
- 24 are working with cases of these size, and such liberal approach
- 25 is important if Your Honours want to see all the evidence.

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- 1 [09.10.52]
- 2 That said, we agree with the Nuon Chea team that it's important
- 3 that this Court applies fundamental principles which apply to the
- 4 Cambodian Courts, because that's required under the law. But also
- 5 this Court needs to set an example.
- 6 And by applying fair process or fair trial rights, protecting the
- 7 interest of the Accused, making sure civil parties' interests are
- 8 protected, and also making sure that Your Honours get to see all
- 9 of the evidence, you can adopt those principle that are the same
- 10 as the at the National Courts, and so it can be very
- 11 instructive for the National Courts as to how trials should
- 12 progress.
- 13 But when it comes to the technicalities of admissibility of
- 14 evidence and some of those international standards that are
- 15 adopted, we submit Your Honours should adopt them because the
- 16 National Courts are not dealing with cases of this size.
- 17 [09.12.01]
- 18 Finally, in relation to the Ieng Sary defence.
- 19 Again, there's general agreement on tests of admissibility.
- 20 However, I think the test that was specifically put forward was a
- 21 little academic and not quite practical or workable in a court --
- 22 this Court or any court. And as Your Honours remember, the Ieng
- 23 Sary team put forward -- or counsel put forward that the
- 24 admissibility tests should be in three stages: one, that Your
- 25 Honours should first look at authenticity of the document, and

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- 1 then, if it's authentic, you should move to the next stage -- is
- 2 it reliable -- and then, then and only then, you should look at
- 3 whether or not the evidence is relevant.
- 4 Apart from the fact that we agree with the Ieng Sary counsel that
- 5 those elements are a part -- they're a part of the test, but as
- 6 we have said yesterday, and the international jurisprudence
- 7 shows, that authenticity is in fact an element of reliability. So
- 8 it's incorporated with that analysis. And the idea that you only
- 9 look at authenticity and reliability first, and then relevance,
- 10 what that can lead to is a prolonged process where, if the
- 11 evidence is clearly irrelevant at the outset, much time has been
- 12 wasted to get to that point.
- 13 [09.13.38]
- 14 So Your Honours have adopted a different approach. Your Honours
- 15 have adopted -- you've asked the Prosecution and the other
- 16 parties to put in their documents -- document lists in April last
- 17 year, and you've asked the parties to establish the relevance,
- 18 which has been done.
- 19 And so we would say that the approach is that the relevance and
- 20 reliability is largely done at the same time, and that's how this
- 21 process can be workable.
- 22 Moving now, Your Honours, to the four general objections -- or
- 23 the four general responses we have to the Defence objections to
- 24 the documents.
- 25 I think either singularly or combined, the Defence raised four

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- 1 points as to why these documents, or the majority of the
- 2 documents that are supporting the Closing Order should not be
- 3 admitted.
- 4 [09.14.33]
- 5 Firstly, it's been put forward by the Defence that the Accused
- 6 has an absolute right to summon any author of any document at
- 7 all, pursuant to Rule 84.1. And as Your Honours are aware, Rule
- 8 84.1 gives the Defence the right to summon any witness that they
- 9 haven't had the opportunity to question during the investigation
- 10 phase.
- 11 We would submit, Your Honours, the interpretation of that rule is
- 12 such that that relates to witnesses that have provided statements
- or written records to the Co-Investigative Judges.
- 14 It doesn't apply to other types of documents, like media
- 15 statements, or books, or academic articles, or academic reports,
- 16 because at the international courts, when they apply the
- 17 evidentiary rules to cases of this size, rather than asking for
- 18 the authors to come, they allow hearsay evidence, they allow
- 19 out-of-court statements made by others to be taken into account
- 20 by Your Honours, because of the sizes of the case, they allow
- 21 media reports produced at the time of the events --
- 22 contemporaneous with the events -- to be used as corroborative
- 23 evidence to the other evidence in the case, they allow books,
- 24 they allow academic articles, and they allow analytical reports.
- 25 And the reason why they allow them is because those reports and

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- 1 books provide Your Honours with guidance and very informed advice
- 2 as to the context, the historical background, the general
- 3 policies of the background to the indictment.
- 4 The effort that is required to put all that evidence into a
- 5 cohesive form is massive; it's people's life's work. And as a
- 6 result of that, the courts have allowed these types of documents
- 7 to come in as an exception to the right to question every
- 8 witness, because they are valuable, they allow Your Honours to
- 9 see how the context in which the evidence that you are
- 10 particularly hearing, whether it be oral testimony or other
- 11 documentary evidence, can be put into place.
- 12 [09.17.22]
- 13 That said, normally, documents of that type are used as
- 14 corroboration, rather than the primary evidence, rather than the
- 15 oral testimony or other very significant contemporaneous
- 16 documents. And we've provided those cases in the pleadings that
- 17 support that, and we would ask Your Honours to follow that
- 18 international practice. Otherwise, what will happen is you will
- 19 rob yourself of the opportunity to see how the matrix of evidence
- 20 fits together.
- 21 But the way the international courts have looked at that type of
- 22 evidence, it is a question of weight rather than admissibility.
- 23 So, for example, if an accused makes 50 statements during, say,
- 24 the Democratic Kampuchea period, and all those statements are of
- 25 a similar type, of a similar policy, if they all come from

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- 1 different media source or different outlets but they're all
- 2 saying the same thing, at the end Your Honours can place great
- 3 weight on them, subject to any substantive challenge by the
- 4 Defence.
- 5 [09.18.39]
- 6 So we would ask Your Honours to follow the international
- 7 jurisprudence on these other types of documents. Allow them in,
- 8 so that Your Honours can have that context, and allow them in, so
- 9 that Your Honours can see all of the evidence that's available,
- 10 rather than just the memory of a witness 40 years later that
- 11 comes into the courtroom.
- 12 Secondly, Your Honours, the Defence generally have objected to
- 13 documents going in, unless the original transcripts or tape
- 14 recordings of a witness or an Accused statement contained in any
- 15 document is placed before the Court or whether they have access
- 16 to it.
- 17 We would submit that there isn't an express right for that. To
- 18 demand media report that were produced, say, for example, back in
- 19 '75 to '79, to demand that original transcripts of those reports
- 20 or original notes of those reports -- those many, many reports --
- 21 to be brought forward, we would say, is far too onerous and far
- 22 too costly for the Court.
- 23 [09.19.49]
- 24 Your Honours can look at the reliability of that evidence by
- 25 looking at how it fits with the context of other evidence: Is it

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- 1 consistent? Does it -- is it internally consistent? And does it
- 2 externally -- is it externally corroborated by events?
- 3 Your Honours, we went through all the different criteria that we
- 4 proposed that can be used to determine that minimum level of
- 5 reliability, but we would say that demanding notes, and tape
- 6 recordings, and transcripts of interviews done years earlier is a
- 7 far too costly exercise, but without much benefit in terms of
- 8 being able to determine its reliability.
- 9 But as Your Honours know, under the Rule, under Rule 25, in
- 10 relation to the written records, the Defence have a right to look
- 11 at the tape recordings of all the witness -- the written
- 12 statements of the witnesses in the case file, and if there's an
- 13 anomaly, they can bring that up to Your Honours .
- 14 [09.21.01]
- 15 Ideally, as the Prosecution have said, it would be useful if all
- 16 of those tape recordings were transcribed and if all of those
- 17 tape recordings were available, but it's a lengthy exercise. And
- 18 we are saying that Your Honours should not not allow the
- 19 admission of those written records just because that transcript
- 20 of that statement hasn't been provided, because, remember, the
- 21 witness has, at the bottom of that statement, signed and said:
- 22 This is a true and accurate account of what I've told the
- 23 investigators. So any small nuance between a question and answer
- 24 method and the summary of the evidence is counterbalanced by the
- 25 fact that the witness has had an opportunity to read the

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- 1 statement and say -- sign it as a true accounting of event.
- 2 Your Honours, if I go back one step, we do -- there is -- we do
- 3 agree with the Defence that there is a right for the Defence to
- 4 request the presence of witnesses that have given written records
- 5 to the OCIJ as to the acts and conduct of the Accused. And the
- 6 reason why we agree with that: because that's the state of the
- 7 law at the international tribunals. As Your Honour is aware, at
- 8 these tribunals, evidence is allowed to be presented to the Trial
- 9 Chamber in statement form, without calling the witness, if -- as
- 10 long as they don't relate to the acts and conduct of the Accused.
- 11 And if so, before Your Honour places any reliance on that
- 12 evidence, that witness should be available to be called.
- 13 [09.23.02]
- 14 So we -- that's the position the Prosecution have in relation to
- 15 written records. So we would submit that Your Honour accepts the
- 16 written records in the Historical Background section of the
- 17 Indictment, where they purport to show the historical background,
- 18 policies, structure, etc., but don't accept it on the basis that,
- 19 where it shows -- provides evidence of the acts and conduct of
- 20 the Accused, that Your Honours put that evidence aside and not
- 21 take that into account. But for every other reason, we submit
- 22 those statements should be accepted.
- 23 [09.23.38]
- 24 Thirdly, Your Honours, there seems to be a general objection
- 25 that, unless a significant chain of custody for all of these

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1 documents can be proved, that the documents should in fact not be

- 2 admitted.
- 3 As explained yesterday, Your Honours, the international
- 4 jurisprudence on admissibility, in terms of reliability, it
- 5 doesn't require any one criteria of reliability to be a
- 6 prerequisite for the admission of any particular document. It
- 7 doesn't require that it be shown to the Court that the chain of
- 8 custody from the discovery of the document to the admission into
- 9 the courtroom be proved every step of the day over the last 30
- 10 years -- 35 years. It doesn't require that.
- 11 It doesn't require that because, largely, it can often be too
- 12 difficult and too time consuming, and in fact the proceedings
- 13 will take far too long, when what the ultimate goal is, in terms
- 14 of admissibility, is determine whether it's got that minimum
- 15 level of reliability. So the argument is: Why do you take the
- 16 long road when there's a shorter road to take in terms of looking
- 17 at the internal characteristics and the external characteristics
- 18 of the document? If we take the long road to every piece of
- 19 evidence, and finding the reliability for every piece of evidence
- 20 to that nth degree, this Trial, of course, won't end. And it's
- 21 not necessary. It's not required under the law.
- 22 [09.25.31]
- 23 In terms of the Prosecution -- There was some criticism that the
- 24 Prosecution somehow wasn't concerned with chain of custody, or
- 25 perhaps there was not much evidence of file about the chain of

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- 1 custody of these documents.
- 2 I think it's quite clear that there are many witnesses on the
- 3 case file -- for example, telegram witnesses, witnesses that can
- 4 testify to telegrams showing the authenticity of those documents.
- 5 There's a witness from the printing house that produced the
- 6 "Revolutionary Flag" and the "Red Flags". That witness is on the
- 7 case file, we've asked for that witness to come to Court. We have
- 8 statements from Youk Chhang, the director of the Documentation
- 9 Centre of Cambodia, as to the authenticity, or at least the
- 10 custody of those documents. I mean, the director's opinion on any
- 11 particular test for authenticity is one thing, but really it's up
- 12 to Your Honours to decide how you would determine the reliability
- 13 of a document.
- 14 [09.26.42]
- 15 Your Honours, the Prosecution has put forward in the witness list
- 16 -- and Your Honours have decided to call someone from the
- 17 Documentation Centre of Cambodia. And that witness that Your
- 18 Honour has decided to call is quite able to testify to the
- $19\,$ custody of documents. That witness has been at DC-Cam for $15\,$
- 20 years. That witness has been at the organization for about the
- 21 same length of time as Youk Chhang.
- 22 So we would submit, as much as a chain of -- Your Honours require
- 23 some further proof of some custody of documents, the witness you
- 24 have selected, which we have put forward, is quite able and quite
- 25 appropriate to provide that extra information.

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- 1 [09.27.32]
- 2 The Prosecutions hasn't shied away from the fact that Youk Chhang
- 3 does have valuable information, but so do -- so does the other
- 4 witness that Your Honour has selected. And we would suggest that
- 5 before any decision about calling anyone else in relation to
- 6 chain of custody of documents from DC-Cam, that Your Honour hear
- 7 the testimony as you've decided to -- again, chain of custody not
- 8 being an essential requirement to prove reliability. But
- 9 ultimately, Your Honours have to be satisfied, and so we welcome
- 10 that evidence.
- 11 [09.28.09]
- 12 Just one general comment about the Defence's views that,
- 13 regardless of whether or not chain of custody can be provided to
- 14 the Court in relation to a number of the documents, any document
- 15 that was housed by DC-Cam, or stored by DC-Cam, or under their
- 16 custody should not be admitted into this courtroom is just
- 17 illogical. It doesn't make any sense because what the Defence is
- 18 saying is that, because the Documentation Centre of Cambodia --
- 19 one of its one of its goals or mandates is to look at and
- 20 search for the truth during the Democratic Kampuchea period --
- 21 because they have said that genocide -- that's a layperson's term
- 22 often used in that way, even though it got a specific legal
- 23 meaning -- but because crimes against humanity have occurred in
- 24 Cambodia, or there's a recognition of that, somehow or not -
- 25 somehow or another, they biased.

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- 1 To be fair -- Your Honours, that is a ludicrous point to make. Of
- 2 course they are not acting for any particular defence or any
- 3 particular victim, but they are searching for the truth. And so,
- 4 whatever the mandate of the organization, that doesn't relate,
- 5 any bias or any sort of goal of that organization, that can't be
- 6 imported to the documents that they house. The question of
- 7 admissibility relates to the documents, but not to the
- 8 organization itself.
- 9 By saying that any organization -- for example, a police force --
- 10 that investigates crimes is necessarily biased and, because of
- 11 that fact, any of the evidence they collect should not be placed
- 12 before the Court just doesn't make sense. I mean, everyone has an
- 13 ethical obligation, of course, to ensure that whatever
- 14 investigations are carried out are carried out appropriately.
- 15 [09.30.22]
- 16 That would be like the Prosecution saying that any document put
- 17 forward by the defence team -- by the Nuon Chea or the Ieng Sary
- 18 defence team is biased because they had interests in protecting
- 19 -- they have a responsibility to protect their clients'
- 20 interests. Of course, that's not the case, and of course we
- 21 wouldn't object on that basis. The bias -- or the lack of
- 22 reliability has to relate to the document, but not to the
- 23 organization.
- 24 Finally, Your Honours, just -- In relation to a general objection
- 25 by Khieu Samphan, it appears that counsel for Khieu Samphan are

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- 1 complaining, somehow or another, that they're not getting an
- 2 opportunity to examine the documents, and demanding that at some
- 3 stage or another we need to have the opportunity to examine the
- 4 documents.
- 5 [09.31.26]
- 6 Your Honours, Your Honours are doing this now. We're doing this
- 7 right now, and we've being doing it for the last four years.
- 8 Defence counsel for Khieu Samphan and others have had access to
- 9 this case file for four years. Their responsibility -- our
- 10 responsibility -- has been to examine those documents over that
- 11 period.
- 12 Then, Your Honours, we have provided, in response to your order,
- 13 a list of the documents that we are going to rely on or put
- 14 forward to the Chamber. And as Your Honours are aware, we've
- 15 provided a list of about four and a half thousand documents -- or
- 16 about six and a half thousand, but about four and a half thousand
- 17 relating to the first phase -- and we've described every
- 18 document, we've dated it, we've referenced it, we've said how
- 19 it's relevant. We provided that on the 19th of April, in 2011.
- 20 [09.32.38]
- 21 The Defence is aware of the rules, that at some point in the
- 22 trial they actually have to have an opinion on the documents. The
- 23 rules say that, they give Your Honours the right to ask the
- 24 parties to object to documents prior to the trial -- or shortly
- 25 after the trial begins.

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1 To then, Your Honours -- Your Honours have invited the parties to

- 2 object to the documents in writing; everyone has taken that
- 3 opportunity. And then Your Honours have provided for these
- 4 hearings, where people can put their comment forward.
- 5 Your Honours have seen the Prosecution's Rule 92 statement.
- 6 Basically, it's a 40 or 50-page statement outlining indicia of
- 7 reliability for all different document types. We can go on
- 8 forever and ever providing this indicia of reliability, but at
- 9 some point, Your Honours, we would submit that the Prosecution
- 10 has undertaken its burden, that minimum burden that's just
- 11 identifying to Your Honours that prima facie, on its face, the
- 12 documents are reliable.
- 13 We have done that through the pleadings; Your Honours have
- 14 provided us an opportunity this week to discuss Annexes 1 to 5.
- 15 As Your Honours are aware, we have another 15 annexes which we
- 16 would like to put before the Court, and we welcome the
- 17 opportunity and we recognize Your Honours' scheduling of other
- 18 documentary hearings.
- 19 [09.33.59]
- 20 But, Your Honours, we would submit, if it's a complaint from the
- 21 Khieu Samphan team that they're not getting enough opportunity to
- 22 examine the documents, we would submit, it's wholly unfounded.
- 23 The opportunity is now, the opportunity is this week, and the
- 24 opportunity is through those pleadings. If the parties don't take
- 25 that opportunity, that's really a question for them, but you've

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- 1 allowed for the opportunity for examination of the documents.
- 2 We would submit that does not mean that the parties sit day in
- 3 and day out reading document after document after document. I
- 4 mean, we will be here for years. The opportunity has been
- 5 provided. And we would ask Your Honours to accept that fact and
- 6 then make your findings on those documents.
- 7 [09.34.50]
- 8 And then, to conclude, at the end, Your Honours, we would say
- 9 that it's really a question of weight for these documents. Once
- 10 you've found that their prima facially admissible, once your
- 11 first impression is that the document is what it intends to be,
- 12 then Your Honours should admit those documents so that we can
- 13 look at and understand the evidence that is already in this trial
- 14 and determine what is necessary in terms of further witnesses.
- 15 We submit that Your Honours have a duty, of course, to ascertain
- 16 the truth of the indictment and also a duty to protect the
- 17 Accused's rights. We ask that the duty to ascertain the truth
- 18 requires you to look at the evidence broadly and requires you to
- 19 look at the admissibility rules of the international
- 20 jurisprudence so that you can get a full impression of the
- 21 evidence and then, at the end of the case, determine the weight
- that should be placed on each piece of evidence.
- 23 [09.35.58]
- 24 Your Honours, I would now turn to my colleague, Mr. Dararasmey
- 25 Chan, and he will just provide, in relation to a few groups of

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- 1 documents, some of the indicators that we've recognized already
- 2 in our written pleadings as to the authenticity of those
- 3 documents.
- 4 And as Your Honour's aware, many of the documents in the
- 5 Background section of the Closing Order are also included in
- 6 Annexes 1 to 5, and so some of those responses in relation to,
- 7 perhaps, the interview of Khem Ngun will be put forward by a
- 8 colleague in the next hearing.
- 9 But if for now I can turn to my colleague. Thank you.
- 10 [09.36.51]
- 11 MR. CHAN DARARASMEY:
- 12 Good morning, Mr. President, and good morning, Your Honours, and
- 13 good mornings, everyone in and around the courtroom.
- 14 My name is Chan Dararasmey, I am the Deputy Co-Prosecutor, and I
- 15 would now like to respond to what the defence teams have argued.
- 16 I would like to bring up some of the important evidence.
- 17 The first response is concerning with the video, the second one
- 18 on the history of the Democratic Kampuchea, the third one on the
- 19 meeting minutes of the Democratic Kampuchea in Attachment 3,
- 20 fourth on the Democratic Kampuchea communications, Attachment 4
- 21 -- that includes the FUNK and GRUNK. And then I will look at the
- 22 Democratic Kampuchea media and public statements in Attachment 5.
- 23 And as for the document relating to video, I will address Ieng
- 24 Sary's objections to the two videos, these documents: E3/81 or
- 25 D108/32.2, and E3/1245 or D299.1.46R.

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- 1 The first video, entitled "Pol Pot's Shadow", is objected on the
- 2 basis that it is an annex to an OCP request seeking for the
- 3 material to be admitted in Case 001.
- 4 The Defence argue that, as the request to which the video relates
- 5 is not relevant to the case, the attached video is therefore
- 6 inadmissible.
- 7 This objection lacks any substance. The fact that this video is
- 8 attached to an OCP request in Case 001 is an irrelevant
- 9 consideration for admissibility. The relevance of this evidence
- 10 attaches to the video, particularly the interview with Nuon Chea
- 11 on his position and role in the Democratic Kampuchea period.
- 12 [09.40.00]
- 13 The second video, the BBC's series "Cambodian Report", including
- 14 Nuon Chea interview, is objected on the basis that the video only
- 15 contains portions of the full interview with Nuon Chea and that
- 16 the original responses are unable to be heard. These, they state
- 17 -- makes it difficult to ascertain how contextually accurate the
- 18 interview is. Although it is not ideal that Nuon Chea's voice
- 19 cannot be heard over the translation, there is nothing to suggest
- 20 that the BBC, a reputable news organization, selectively or
- 21 misleadingly edited or mistranslated the interview.
- 22 Consequently, it is, on its face, admissible. The objection
- 23 should be rejected, particularly on the basis that Nuon Chea has
- 24 not claimed that the interview has been inaccurately translated.
- 25 [09.41.25]

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- 1 Both videos are clearly relevant, as they are interviews with
- 2 Nuon Chea, providing relevant information on his role during the
- 3 Democratic Kampuchea period.
- 4 Your Honours, for the CPK publication in Annex 2, I would like to
- 5 respond as follow.
- 6 I will address Ieng Sary's objection to the nine Communist Party
- 7 of Kampuchea publications. These are documents E3/5 or D243/21.1,
- 8 E3/99 or IS6.2, E3/12 or IS6.3, E3/50 or D366/7.1.61, E3/4
- 9 (D123/21) or IS11.9, and D123/3.1, E3/10 or D243/21.7, E3/25 or
- 10 D243/21.9, E3/11 or D243/2.1.12, and E3/23 or D135/1.
- 11 Seven of these documents are CPK publications which include five
- 12 additions of the "Revolutionary Flag" plus one directive and one
- 13 DK Government document.
- 14 [09.43.46]
- 15 Ieng Sary has generally objected on the basis that the
- 16 reliability and authenticity of the documents have not been
- 17 substantiated and they had no opportunity to confront the author
- 18 of the documents. However, the Defence have failed to show how
- 19 the relevancy of the documents, as stated in the Closing Order,
- 20 and the Co-Prosecutors' document list is in error. The
- 21 Prosecution relies on the statement of relevance in both
- 22 documents.
- 23 These documents are clearly relevant to the history, structure,
- 24 and policies of the Communist Party of Kampuchea and the
- 25 Revolutionary Army of Kampuchea.

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- 1 As to their reliability, these documents focus on CPK economic,
- 2 strategic, and military policies and activities. They contain
- 3 distinct expressions that are commonly associated with the CPK
- 4 and in keeping with the CPK ideology.
- 5 For example, the articles use expressions such as "Revolutionary
- 6 Army", "American imperialist", and "smash". The purpose of the
- 7 publication is clearly to indoctrinate Party members in known
- 8 policies and the objectives of the CPK.
- 9 [09.45.31]
- 10 The "Revolutionary Flag" was officially published and distributed
- 11 by the Ministry of Propaganda out of various offices. Various
- 12 witnesses, including Nuon Chea, have confirmed that the
- 13 "Revolutionary Flag" was a CPK publication and that members of
- 14 the Standing Committee, including Nuon Chea and Pol Pot, wrote
- 15 articles for it.
- 16 Your Honours, the editions of the "Revolutionary Flag" contained
- 17 consistent markings and have similar layout. The front cover page
- 18 displays two or more flags, the Communist hammer-and-sickle
- 19 symbol is displayed at the beginning of each chapter and on the
- 20 back cover page. Similarly, one of the CPK publications also
- 21 contains the same hammer-and-sickle symbol throughout.
- 22 A number of editions of "Revolutionary Flag" included on the
- 23 document list were admitted into evidence in Case 001. All
- 24 editions of the "Revolutionary Flag" are practically identical.
- 25 As such, the characteristics of reliability of the documents

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- 1 identified and authenticated by witnesses and/or admitted into
- 2 evidence in Case 001 are shared by all other editions of this
- 3 publication on the document list.
- 4 [09.47.23]
- 5 The CPK directive E3/12 entitled "Decision of the Central
- 6 Committee Regarding a Number of Matters", dated the 30th of March
- 7 1976, is relevant to showing the establishment of the
- 8 organizational structure of the CPK, including the legal
- 9 authority of the accused Nuon Chea as Chairman of the Democratic
- 10 Kampuchea People's Assembly, Khieu Samphan as the Chairman of the
- 11 Democratic Kampuchea State Presidium, and Ieng Sary as the Deputy
- 12 Prime Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 13 [09.48.06]
- 14 The directive also shows the Accused's knowledge of and
- 15 participation in CPK policy making, including unlawful killing.
- 16 Your Honours, the title of the directive confirms the document is
- 17 from the Central Committee. As with other CPK publications, the
- 18 directive uses distinctive terminology associated with the CPK,
- 19 such as "smash" and "imperialist America", and the content of
- 20 this document consistent with known CPK policies. The document
- 21 has been identified as authentic by DC-Cam director, Chhang Youk,
- 22 and was admitted as evidence in the Duch Trial.
- 23 Your Honours, I would like to respond to the meeting minutes in
- 24 Annex 3, and this meeting minutes we have already submitted our
- 25 arguments. And I will address Ieng Sary's objection to the

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- 1 Revolutionary Army of Kampuchea meeting minutes, document E3/13
- 2 or IS13.34. This document was produced by the Revolutionary Army
- 3 of Kampuchea on the 9th of October 1976, and entitled "Meeting of
- 4 Secretaries and Deputies of Divisions and Independent Regiments".
- 5 Ieng Sary objects to the admission of this document unless its
- 6 authenticity, reliability and relevance can be sufficiently
- 7 demonstrated and its author can be examined. If admitted, the
- 8 Defence argue that only limited evidentiary weight, if any,
- 9 should be given to it, unless the content of the document can be
- 10 verified and supported through independent indicia of
- 11 reliability. This is in fact the prosecutors' position, that the
- 12 author of a document should not necessarily be called if its
- 13 authenticity can be established in another way. This will assist
- 14 in expediting the proceedings.
- 15 [09.50.44]
- 16 As to relevance, in light of Ieng Sary's defence's failure to
- 17 explain why the relevance identified in the Closing Order
- 18 allegation and that identified by the Prosecution in its first
- 19 phase document list is not valid, this aspect of the objection
- 20 should be dismissed.
- 21 It is not a good use of the Court time to repeat the relevance of
- 22 the documents that have been provided in great detail in our
- 23 document list provided to the parties in April and then again in
- 24 July last year.
- 25 [09.51.25]

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- 1 As to its reliability, there are many characteristics which tend
- 2 to prove that the document is authentic, such as:
- 3 1) the source -- it has a known author, the RAK;
- 4 2) the form -- the page layout and type face are identical or
- 5 very similar to other military meeting minutes, including those
- 6 identified by Kaing Guek Eav, alias Duch; and
- 7 3) the content is consistent with the CPK activities of
- 8 arresting, interrogating or removing traitors, and the uses of
- 9 terms common to the CPK, such as "smashing".
- 10 Further, custody of a copy of the document was handed over to the
- 11 OCP from the DC-Cam during the OCP's preliminary investigations.
- 12 It is admitted these indicia of authenticity are sufficient,
- 13 particular in the absence of indicators to the contrary, to
- 14 satisfy the prima facie reliability test for admission.
- 15 Consequently, the author need not be called for questioning.
- 16 Now I would like to respond to the issue concerning Democratic
- 17 Kampuchea Government statements, and FUNK or GRUNK publication,
- in Annex 5.
- 19 [09.53.14]
- 20 Ieng Sary objects that the probative value of the document is
- 21 outweighed by the prejudicial effect, and that the document is
- 22 unreliable and unsuitable to prove facts it purports to prove,
- 23 and that the Accused has not had the opportunity to confront the
- 24 author of the document.
- 25 Again, Ieng Sary does not provide a factual basis for this

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- 1 objection.
- 2 For this reason, it is requested this particular objection be
- 3 dismissed.
- 4 As to relevance, this document assists in providing factual legal
- 5 authority of the Accused in the pre-DK period. For example, they
- 6 name Khieu Samphan as prime minister as interim and detail
- 7 various visits by all of the Accused to foreign countries as part
- 8 of the official delegation.
- 9 [09.54.20]
- 10 These documents assist in proving the Accused's membership in a
- 11 joint criminal enterprise.
- 12 As to reliability, indicators of authenticity include:
- 13 1) the source of document -- they are marked as being official
- 14 publications of the FUNK or the Royal Government of National
- 15 Union of Kampuchea Department of Press and Information;
- 16 2) the date, which is contemporaneous with the events they
- 17 record; and
- 18 3) official markings such as a coat of arms;
- 19 4) the purpose of the document, namely to indoctrinate people in
- 20 the policy and objectives of the FUNK or GRUNK and to criticize
- 21 Vietnam, is clearly identifiable and is consistent with the known
- 22 policies and objectives of the authors; and
- 23 5) all of the documents were provided by DC-Cam, an organization
- 24 whose purpose is to collect and analyze evidence from the DK
- 25 regime.

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- 1 For example, the authenticity of E3/114, an issue of the
- 2 "National Union of Kampuchea Front", a publication entitled
- 3 "Nouvelles du Cambodge", can be seen by its title page. This page
- 4 identifies the document as being a publication of "Agence
- 5 Kampuchéa d'information" and contains a specific address. It
- 6 includes an issue number as well. It can be seen that the format
- 7 of this document, with the title and a table of contents on the
- 8 front page, it is consistent with the other issues of the
- 9 "Nouvelle du Cambodge".
- 10 [09.56.45]
- 11 In light of Ieng Sary's failure to state why the document was not
- 12 relevant, as indicated by the reference to the factual
- 13 allegations in the Closing Order, and as indicated specifically
- 14 in the Prosecutions' list phase document -- document list, we ask
- 15 that these specific objections be dismissed.
- 16 [09.57.08]
- 17 Your Honours, I would like to now present on the DK media
- 18 reports.
- 19 Ieng Sary objects to the admission of these documents on the
- 20 basis that the probative value on the document is outweighed by
- 21 their prejudicial effect. They state they are unreliable and the
- 22 authors of the documents are unknown.
- 23 Again, the Ieng Sary defence failed to substantiate why the
- 24 relevant -- relevance identified in the Closing Order and the
- 25 Co-Prosecutors' first phase document list is not valid. With that

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- 1 failure, the Prosecution relies on relevance of these documents
- 2 as indicted in the Closing Order and first phase documents listed
- 3 to avoid repetition.
- 4 [09.58.15]
- 5 As to reliability, as discussed already, it is not necessary for
- 6 the author of any document to be called if the authenticity of a
- 7 document can be satisfied in other ways. In general, these DK
- 8 media reports comprises of a group of contemporaneous reports
- 9 dealing with issues relevant to this trial. These documents
- 10 assist in proving the administrative structure of the CPK and
- 11 relate to the first phase of the population movement.
- 12 The documents originate from an official source, the media
- 13 apparatus of the CPK, and they are consistent in style with each
- 14 other and employ a distinctive syntax appropriate to the nature
- 15 of the documents, for example frequent use of the terms "US
- 16 imperialist" and "the traitorous Lon Nol clique".
- 17 And the information contained in the document is corroborated by
- 18 various other documents on the case file and is clearly
- 19 consistent with the known policies and practices of the CPK
- 20 during this period. Specifically, document E3/119, also known as
- 21 D262.9, discussed the fact of phase one of the forced population
- 22 movement, the reasons behind the policy, and also the appointment
- 23 of individuals to positions within the Party. This document
- 24 clearly goes towards issues that are relevant to the current
- 25 phase of the proceedings and provide important contextual

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- 1 information.
- 2 [10.00.17]
- 3 In response to the Defence's assertion that evidence is
- 4 inadmissible where the author is unknown, it shall be noted that
- 5 all the proof as to the origin of the documents and general
- 6 custody is relevant in considering whether a document has
- 7 sufficient indicia of reliability. It is not a prerequisite for
- 8 admission.
- 9 As stated by the Trial Chamber at the International Criminal
- 10 Tribunal of the Former Yugoslavia, in the case of Prosecutor
- 11 versus Oric, in their Judgement dated 30th June 2006, at
- 12 paragraphs 27 through 28 quote:
- 13 "The Trial Chamber does not consider that proof of chain custody
- 14 is a sine qua non or an essential requirement for admissibility.
- 15 Therefore, gaps in the chain of custody are not fatal, provided
- 16 that the evidence as a whole demonstrates beyond reasonable doubt
- 17 that the piece of evidence concerned is what it purports to be."
- 18 End quote.
- 19 [10.01.57]
- 20 Your Honours, as discussed above, the practice of the ECCC has
- 21 been to admit media reports having the minimum levels of
- 22 relevance and reliability.
- 23 [10.02.12]
- 24 In Case 001, Your Honours admitted 85 DK media reports and 135
- 25 international media reports admitted into evidence. This practice

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- 1 is in line with the international tribunals, where press reports
- 2 are often admitted and are generally treated as documentary
- 3 evidence rather than witness statements, particularly if they are
- 4 contemporaneous reports.
- 5 The documents in this group clearly meet the minimum level of
- 6 reliability threshold required, and in the absence of any
- 7 specific factual doubt as to the authenticity of the document,
- 8 there is no basis upon which these types of documents should be
- 9 excluded. So they should be considered as evidence and so be
- 10 admitted.
- 11 Your Honours, what I raised earlier is our response to the
- 12 objections raised by the defence teams.
- 13 If my colleague has anything further to add to my speech, then he
- 14 may proceed.
- 15 I'm grateful, Your Honour.
- 16 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 17 Thank you, the Prosecution.
- 18 The Chamber would now hand the floor to the Lead Co-Lawyers to
- 19 respond. You have 15 minutes to do so. You may now proceed.
- 20 [10.04.32]
- 21 MR. PICH ANG:
- 22 Thank you, Mr. President. Good morning, Your Honours. Good
- 23 morning, everyone, and good morning to the public gallery.
- 24 We will use the 15-minute time allocation to respond to the
- 25 objections raised by the defence teams, in particular on the

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- 1 admissibility of the documents.
- 2 We are of the view that this Court consists of a body of the
- 3 Investigative Judges. All the documents raised and submitted by
- 4 the Co-Prosecutors as well as by the Co-Investigating Judges have
- 5 been used by the Co-Investigating Judges during the investigative
- 6 phase and that they have been examined on its reliability.
- 7 If the documents have already been used by the Co-Investigating
- 8 Judges, in particular in their Closing Order, they shall be
- 9 considered admissible before the Trial Chamber.
- 10 [10.06.13]
- 11 Our Internal Rules also give the express right to the defence
- 12 teams to raise their objections to the inadmissibility of those
- 13 documents during this hearing, if they are of the opinion that
- 14 those documents cannot be admitted. That is the burden of the
- 15 defence team to prove that the documents should not be admitted,
- 16 and it is not a burden of the Prosecution to prove so.
- 17 Another point that I'd like to raise that is regarding the
- 18 authenticity of the documents. I support the arguments raised by
- 19 the Prosecution, and I'd like to add that there is a distinction
- 20 between the authenticity of the documents and the original
- 21 documents.
- 22 Nuon Chea and his defence team raised on a couple of occasions
- 23 that they demand the original copy of the documents when the
- 24 Prosecution raised the issue of a "Revolutionary Flag" or an
- 25 extract from that magazine.

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- 1 The original copy of a document and the authenticity is not one
- 2 same thing.
- 3 Authenticity refers to a document which is proper and official.
- 4 It could be an original copy or a copy of the original copy with
- 5 a proper custodianship.
- 6 Therefore, the request for the original copy of a document which,
- 7 as we all know, has been more than 30 years old, is extremely
- 8 difficult or impossible for the Prosecution to do so.
- 9 [10.08.40]
- 10 For that reason, a proper copy of the original document without
- 11 any alteration shall be considered admissible, and that has been
- 12 stipulated in our Internal Rules regarding the minimal standard
- 13 of admissibility of documents.
- 14 As for the request to summons witnesses to appear before the
- 15 Chamber, or the authors of documents are articles or books or
- 16 various other reports, would mean it's going to delay the
- 17 proceedings.
- 18 This would mean the large volume of documents, books or articles
- 19 written by journalists or researchers, if there is a need to
- 20 demand its author of every piece of documents to appear before
- 21 the Chamber, can you imagine how long it will take to proceed
- 22 with the hearing in this case?
- 23 It is unlikely that it's possible to do so and, as we all know
- 24 from the Internal Rules, the proceedings shall be expeditious,
- 25 and it is not possible to call every author of a book or article

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- 1 to appear in this regard.
- 2 [10.10.38]
- 3 This is our submission, Your Honour, and I would like now to get
- 4 a permission from Mr. President for my colleague to continue with
- 5 our statement. Thank you.
- 6 MS. SIMONNEAU-FORT:
- 7 Good morning, Mr. President. Good morning, Your Honours, and good
- 8 morning to everyone. A few very brief remarks.
- 9 The first is relative to Nuon Chea's defence request to summon
- 10 Mr. Youk Chhang. We share the opinion of the Co-Prosecutors
- 11 according to which the summoning of Mr. Youk Chhang's colleague,
- 12 who has been working at DC-Cam for more than 15 years, is timely,
- 13 appropriate, and sufficient to providing this Court information
- 14 on how DC-Cam has collected certain documents.
- 15 [10.11.43]
- 16 However, in order to forestall any discussion that may go on for
- 17 several more weeks or several more months as to whether or not
- 18 Mr. Youk Chhang should be summoned, perhaps it would be
- 19 appropriate to summon him.
- 20 My second observation is this. It pertains to criteria of
- 21 admissibility. Once again, I do not wish to add to what the
- 22 Co-Prosecutor has already laid out before you. The Trial Chamber
- 23 has already had the opportunity to examine criteria for
- 24 admissibility, it will apply them, and I defer to the
- 25 Co-Prosecutor in what he articulated with respect to those

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- 1 criteria.
- 2 My third observation is this. With respect to how these criteria
- 3 will be enforced and as to how the objections will be ruled upon,
- 4 I would suggest that a very clear distinction be made between two
- 5 categories of evidence.
- 6 [10.12.51]
- 7 You have, on the one hand, evidence that has already been
- 8 assessed by the Co-Investigating Judges. And I insist on this,
- 9 I'm talking about the written records of witness interviews, PVs,
- 10 as well as other documents.
- 11 And the second category of documents would be documents that have
- 12 been brought forward by other parties and were not necessarily
- 13 admitted by the Co-Investigating Judges.
- 14 I believe that the undertaking of this Bench must take into
- 15 account those two separate categories, categories of documents
- 16 contained in the footnotes and those brought forward by other
- 17 parties.
- 18 [10.13.34]
- 19 Once again, I will recall that, subject to any appeal the Closing
- 20 Order does cure any procedural defects in the judicial
- 21 investigation. I, therefore, implore Your Honours to take this
- 22 into account while making your determination.
- 23 My last remark is as follows. With respect to the indicia of
- 24 reliability as we have discussed -- have already been taken into
- 25 account by the Co-Investigating Judges, I believe that, to this

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- 1 date -- and I'm referring strictly to the E3 category of
- 2 documents, we shall be deal with the other categories at a later
- 3 point -- I believe that some of the objections raised by the
- 4 Defence are indeed challenges that are far too broad, far too
- 5 general, they are not serious objections, that have any degree of
- 6 accuracy or precision, that can actually challenge the threshold
- 7 by which the Co-Investigating Judges conducted their work. I
- 8 thank you, Your Honours.
- 9 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 10 Thank you, Lead Co-Lawyers.
- 11 Each defence team now has a 15-minute right of reply -- that is
- 12 to both, to the Prosecutions and to the Lead Co-Lawyers replies.
- 13 So it means for the three teams, you can divide the time amongst
- 14 yourself.
- 15 I'd like to state again the time allocation. The time allocation
- 16 for the three defence teams, you have 15 minutes all together to
- 17 reply. So it means for each team you only have 5 minutes to reply
- 18 to the responses of the Co-Prosecutors and the Lead Co-Lawyers,
- 19 except in the case where you re-allocate the times amongst
- 20 yourselves.
- 21 The Chamber now gives the floor to the Nuon Chea's defence.
- 22 [10.16.44]
- 23 MR. PAUW:
- 24 Thank you, Your Honours. Good morning, everyone.
- 25 The Nuon Chea defence team will take its 5 minutes. I don't think

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- 1 we can be much shorter than that, and I will limit my response to
- 2 one point that the OCP made this morning.
- 3 And I want to address this because--
- 4 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 5 I repeat, all the three teams have only 15 minutes in total, and
- 6 your team has 5 minutes in response. If you need to use more than
- 7 5 minutes allocated for your team, you need to discuss among
- 8 yourselves.
- 9 MR. PAUW:
- 10 Thank you, Your Honour. I hope my 5 minutes start now. And I will
- 11 hurry up speaking.
- 12 [10.17.46]
- 13 Again, we think that the OCP, this morning, misrepresented the
- 14 Defence's position. We have not stated that all DC-Cams must be
- 15 declared inadmissible because they stem from DC-Cam, which is, in
- 16 our view, a biased organization.
- 17 What we have stated yesterday is that, if Mr. Youk Chhang is not
- 18 heard, only in that case should those documents be declared
- 19 inadmissible. And I will explain this.
- 20 We think that there are numerous very valid questions, with
- 21 regards to the DC-Cam documents, that have not been addressed
- 22 appropriately in the earlier interviews of Youk Chhang. There are
- 23 very valid questions as to the problems of numerous documents.
- 24 There are valid questions as to the transfer to DC-Cam of
- 25 numerous documents. There are valid questions as to earlier

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- 1 custodians of these documents. There are valid questions as to
- 2 later additions to DK-era documents by other people, other people
- 3 than Khmer Rouge officials.
- 4 [10.18.59]
- 5 As I mentioned yesterday, it seems that, for example, Tuol Sleng
- 6 Museum staff has added to these documents, and DC-Cam personnel
- 7 may have added to these documents. Those are all valid questions.
- 8 One last point with regard to those questions: Youk Chhang has
- 9 also stated that, to get certain documents, he needed to work
- 10 with the permission of the Government, with the permission of Hun
- 11 Sen personally, and this means that Mr. Hun Sen had personal
- 12 control over certain documents. And we need to be able to
- 13 question Youk Chhang on those issues as well.
- 14 Again, it is imperative that we hear Youk Chhang on those issues
- 15 because he is so personally involved with the collection of the
- 16 documents. I already explained yesterday that he personally
- 17 accepted each and every document, and I would like to quote one
- 18 statement that he made in document number D311/2.
- 19 He is questioned, so he's asked by the Investigating Judges:
- 20 "Could you give your personal notes about the receipt and types
- 21 of documents?"
- 22 And the answer of Youk Chhang is: "I have my personal notes, but
- 23 other people do not understand its meaning, and it only means to
- 24 me." Translation by me.
- 25 We need to hear Youk Chhang on these issues.

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- 1 [10.20.20]
- 2 And the other witness that has been called may be able to testify
- 3 about some issues of custody, but it is clear that Youk Chhang is
- 4 the right party to ask about the much broader issues; he knows
- 5 more about custody, but also he knows more about the authenticity
- 6 and the reliability of documents.
- 7 I think that's the last point I want to make. We are not just
- 8 focussing on the custody of the documents; we are also focussing
- 9 on the authenticity of these documents.
- 10 [10.20.54]
- 11 I feel that, so far, the position seems to be, of the OCP, that
- 12 these documents are authentic because DC-Cam has stated that they
- 13 are authentic. And this can be translated to: these documents are
- 14 considered to be authentic because Youk Chhang says that they are
- 15 authentic.
- 16 [10.21.14]
- 17 For that reason, we need to question Youk Chhang on his training,
- 18 on his approach, on his technical knowledge.
- 19 And also, again, I repeat, he stated preference for a handwriting
- 20 sample and perhaps forensic testing of documents.
- 21 May I remind you that he, himself, first has stated that he
- 22 considers all these documents to be authentic because he has
- 23 verified them, but then, in this article that I mentioned
- 24 yesterday, he states that forensic testing and handwriting
- 25 samples may be needed to truly authenticate these documents. In

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- 1 other words, he, himself, is not that convinced of his own
- 2 approach.
- 3 So, to summarize our position, if we don't get this clarification
- 4 on the approach by DC-Cam on the authentication of these
- 5 documents, if we do not hear Youk Chhang, then these documents
- 6 cannot be considered to be authentic and reliable. There will
- 7 just be this black box called DC-Cam of which we do not know the
- 8 approach, and the Defence needs to be able to test this approach.
- 9 That's why we ask for Mr. Youk Chhang, and that is the Defence's
- 10 position as to the admissibility of evidence.
- 11 And I hope I have not spoken more than 5 minutes. I give the
- 12 floor to my colleagues.
- 13 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 14 Thank you, Defence Counsel.
- 15 Ieng Sary defence, now it's your turn.
- 16 [10.23.00]
- 17 MR. KARNAVAS:
- 18 Good morning, Mr. President. Good morning, Your Honours. And good
- 19 morning to everyone in and around the courtroom.
- 20 I apologize if I may be speaking a little bit faster than
- 21 normally, but I have a lot of territory to cover.
- 22 First, let me work backwards.
- 23 The civil parties talk about the threshold that was used by the
- 24 OCIJ in determining that the documents were authentic, reliable,
- 25 and of course relevant. What threshold?

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- 1 I remind that we filed a third investigative request requesting
- 2 from them their methodology and modalities. No answer was ever
- 3 provided, nothing was ever provided by the OCIJ suggesting as to
- 4 how they went about in testing the authenticity and reliability
- 5 of any of the documentary evidence. And therefore, to simply say:
- 6 OCIJ did it, therefore we must trust it, is, in my opinion,
- 7 ludicrous.
- 8 And keeping in mind the constant battle that is going on now with
- 9 respect to that particular organ of this particular institution,
- 10 I don't think that we can just simply say that it has that much
- 11 credibility and we should therefore accept it blindly.
- 12 Let me talk about, very briefly, the examples that were raised by
- 13 the National Co-Prosecutor, who, in my opinion, simply made an
- 14 offer of proof or, put it more bluntly, testified as to why he
- 15 believes these documents are authentic and reliable.
- 16 [10.24.37]
- 17 He claims that the content is consistent with -- and he gives
- 18 examples of various words or phrases or what you have. That's his
- 19 testimony. That's an offer of proof that was made by the
- 20 prosecutor themselves, but obviously they've come to the
- 21 conclusion, somehow, that these particular words or phrases are
- 22 consistent with certain individuals or certain organizations. If
- 23 that is the case, then why not bring those people or show exactly
- 24 why they're consistent through some sort of evidence? To simply
- 25 file a motion, a submission where they make an offer of proof is

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- 1 insufficient.
- 2 The -- And then it seems to be that, simply because they made
- 3 this offer of proof in writing, in their submission, they want to
- 4 reverse the burden on the Defence, and somehow we have to now
- 5 carry that burden. We submit, Your Honours, that, in the
- 6 international jurisprudence, it works the other way around.
- 7 [10.25.41]
- 8 And that brings me to what the International Co-Prosecutor
- 9 indicated. And yesterday, we heard about the Prlic Case. Now, it
- 10 was déjà vu for me because I spent 5 years litigating Prlic,
- 11 representing Dr. Prlic. And the procedure that was used in that
- 12 case -- Granted, it's adversarial primarily, it's a hybrid
- 13 system, but in that particular system -- and now I'm making an
- 14 offer of proof, but I will provide the Trial Chamber with all of
- 15 the decisions concerning the admissibility of evidence -- the
- 16 Prosecution had to present some witness, not necessarily with a
- 17 chain of custody, but a custodian, as to how the documents were
- 18 generated. We then heard witness testimony. At the conclusion of
- 19 the witness testimony, the Prosecution would then make an offer
- 20 of admission of certain documents. The Defence could object. The
- 21 Trial Chamber would then make a decision.
- 22 [10.26.52]
- 23 If documents, due to time limitations, were not presented to
- 24 witnesses, then, through the bar table, we were able, as a last
- 25 resort, to make an offering. And then the parties would have the

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- 1 right to object, and the Court would make a decision.
- 2 It's a simply -- it's a totally different process. I'm not
- 3 suggesting that we adopt that here, but if we're going to talk
- 4 about international standards, I don't think the standard is as
- 5 the Prosecution claims it is, and what they're suggesting is that
- 6 you only look at relevance.
- 7 If it purports to be relevant on its face, then accept it,
- 8 because authenticity and reliability are, in and of themselves,
- 9 one thing that can be determined later on, and that goes to the
- 10 weight.
- 11 We submit that is not the case. And while I appreciate the
- 12 compliment paid to me, that I was somewhat academic yesterday --
- 13 although I hardly think that my presentation was academic if at
- 14 all -- I am not suggesting that we sort of -- that Your Honours
- 15 ruminate over, you know, whether it's authentic and then after a
- 16 while go to whether it's reliable. It is a quick process, it is a
- 17 very quick process.
- 18 [10.28.08]
- 19 What we are suggesting, Your Honours, what we are suggesting, is
- 20 that there has to be some sort of a methodology for Your Honours
- 21 to look at all of the evidence. And to simply say that it comes
- 22 from this institution or that it has this logo and, therefore,
- 23 from this logo, take it from us, the Prosecution, it means that
- 24 it's a reliable, authentic and relevant document, is
- 25 insufficient.

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- 1 And finally, with respect to articles in newspapers -- actually,
- 2 that's my second-to-last point -- in some courts, in some --
- 3 before some chambers -- and I believe it was the Boskoski
- 4 Chamber, I'll have to look it up -- in that instance, Judge
- 5 Parker, who presided over that particular case, did not rely on
- 6 any newspapers, newspaper articles. The Trial Chamber, in that
- 7 case, determined that that was insufficient. Now, I can
- 8 understand that, in this in this particular tribunal, we may
- 9 wish to look at, but I don't think that, simply because it says
- 10 "Reuters", it comes in -- or Washington Post, it comes in and
- 11 everything in it can be used for the truth asserted therein.
- 12 [10.29.30]
- 13 Finally -- and this is my final point, Your Honours -- with
- 14 respect to Duch and the Duch Case, I wasn't in the Duch Case. He
- 15 was represented by another team that had another strategy, that,
- 16 in essence, came in and plead -- he plead guilty and there was an
- 17 eight-month trial process to determine whether he was indeed
- 18 guilty, which is the civil law system.
- 19 But to simply say that, because we did this in Duch, where -- we
- 20 should automatically do it in this case, I would respectfully
- 21 suggest that this is not the test. We are in a new case and we
- 22 have to approach this evidence from a different standpoint.
- 23 And I'm here representing Mr. Ieng Sary, and I'm entitled to make
- 24 my objections, and I'm entitled to request that the Prosecution
- 25 meet its minimum burden in tendering the documents.

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- 1 [10.30.35]
- 2 I wasn't at Duch and I shouldn't be -- not me, but my client, Mr.
- 3 Ieng Sary, should not be penalized because the Duch lawyers
- 4 decided that it wasn't in their interest or it wasn't within
- 5 their theory of the case to challenge certain documents.
- 6 I apologize for speaking too quickly; 5 minutes was clearly not -
- 7 is not enough for my presentation, but I appreciate nonetheless
- 8 the opportunity to give rebuttal in this instance.
- 9 Thank you very much.
- 10 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 11 Thank you.
- 12 Finally, we hand over the floor to the defence for Khieu Samphan.
- 13 You may now proceed.
- 14 [10.31.25]
- 15 MR. KONG SAM ONN:
- 16 Thank you, Mr. President, Your Honours. I would like to object to
- 17 the response by the Prosecution that the time for the -- the
- 18 four-year time for examination of documents in the case file is
- 19 more than sufficient. But in reality it is not the case.
- 20 [10.31.54]
- 21 The reason why I raised my argument earlier on, because I was
- 22 based on the solid ground. We, are human being, we are not
- 23 (unintelligible), we are not machine, so the examinations of
- 24 documents, in certain cases, we can do it with years, but in
- 25 other instances it may not.

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- 1 [10.32.10]
- 2 And the Prosecution was erroneous when they pointed out that
- 3 those documents, thousands of documents in the case file was
- 4 available at one specific time, some four years ago, but it was
- 5 not the case because many documents has been added to the case
- 6 files and it has gone through translation, and-- So, it does
- 7 not-- And we have some problems finding certain document in the
- 8 language that we converse in with. That is also an issue
- 9 confronting the Defence.
- 10 Secondly, the Prosecution, just now, mentioned by themselves that
- 11 this is a large case. So this case involve voluminous documents,
- 12 and the standard approve must meet certain defined criteria.
- 13 [10.33.19]
- 14 If legally speaking, when we talk about the standard of
- 15 admissibility of the documents, it regards -- regardless of the
- 16 size of the case, but we will have to have the minimum standard
- 17 of admissibility. And in this case, before us is a large case,
- 18 and there should be a standard of admissibility.
- 19 And the Prosecution, in their respond, said they they make an
- 20 analogy that the gathering of evidence, for example the police
- 21 gathered evidence, we they say that police might be biased, and
- 22 the document gathered by the police may not be admissible by the
- 23 Chamber.
- 24 Well, actually, the police are the public offices and they
- 25 protect the interest of the public. However, the DC-Cam is a

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- 1 privately run organization. It may serve the interest of the
- 2 public by keeping the custody of the document, but it was not
- 3 actually an office or function of this organization.
- 4 [10.34.46]
- 5 And I observe that the Prosecution does not argue that the
- 6 Chamber should summon Mr. Chhang Youk to testify before the
- 7 Court. Even in the domestic jurisdiction, the police are, at
- 8 times, summoned to testify before the court as well. So Mr.
- 9 Chhang Youk has to appear before this Chamber upon summoned by
- 10 the Court.
- 11 As for the use of time, the Prosecution and the representative of
- 12 the civil party argued that, if we have to summon each and every
- 13 witness, then it will lead to the prolonged proceedings. But
- 14 Defence takes the position that in search for truth and justice,
- 15 if it is necessary to ascertain the truth, we will have to summon
- 16 those important witnesses. If we do not have the indicia of
- 17 reliability or relevance of the document, it is more than
- 18 necessary to summon those witnesses. Otherwise, the Chambers
- 19 would make a decision based on the document that will not
- 20 substantiate it.
- 21 For example, the argument raised by a national prosecutor just
- 22 now. He said Mr. Khieu Samphan used to be the President of State
- 23 Presidium. So of course, if we look at the time for the
- 24 Prosecution to work, they actually had work on the document for
- 25 four years already. He was not the head of the State but he was

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- 1 the President of the State Presidium.
- 2 So I think that the Prosecution may be erroneous, let alone the
- 3 journalists. They are sometime foreign journalists or foreign
- 4 officers; they did not understand the historical context and the
- 5 actual context of Cambodia overall, so they were subject to
- 6 erroneous statement or -- statement as well.
- 7 [10.37.23]
- 8 And in that document, it also pointed that Mr. Khieu Samphan used
- 9 to be the prime minister as well. But Mr. Khieu Samphan had never
- 10 been an acting prime minister at all. But there was some news
- 11 articles which printed the report that Mr. Khieu Samphan had been
- 12 the acting prime minister. So, once again, if we fail to look in
- 13 depths into the documents, then we would not be able to assess
- 14 its reliability.
- 15 [10.38.06]
- 16 There are a number of other points which I already presented
- 17 yesterday, and I think the Prosecution failed to respond to the
- 18 points I made yesterday as to whether or not there was existence
- 19 of those kinds of things.
- 20 Once again, the earnest request of the Defence to examine the
- 21 reliability and relevance of the document is indispensable to
- 22 ascertained the correctness and properness of the documents which
- 23 serve as the solid basis for the -- for the decision of the
- 24 Chamber.
- 25 So long as we have a specific clarification of the source of

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- 1 document, the reliability of the document, as well as the
- 2 reliability of the content of the documents, the Chamber may make
- 3 a prejudicial decision on the admissibility of those documents.
- 4 Thank you.
- 5 [10.39.20]
- 6 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 7 Thank you, Counsel.
- 8 It is now appropriate to take an adjournment of -- and we will
- 9 take a 20-minute break. We will resume at 11.00. Thank you.
- 10 (Court recesses from 1039H to 1101H)
- 11 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 12 Please be seated. The Court is now back in session.
- 13 We will now continue our hearing on the objections on documents.
- 14 Yesterday, we heard objections concerning documents that have
- 15 been already granted and E3 classification.
- 16 We will now hear objections regarding contemporaneous DK
- 17 documents that the Trial Chamber intends to place before it.
- 18 According to our direction in Memorandum E159, we will hear
- 19 objection -- let me repeat, the memorandum is E159 -- we will
- 20 hear objection on the Al documents first.
- 21 The Defence has been allocated two hours to present its
- 22 objections, and it was left to the discretion of the Defence how
- 23 to divide its time between them. If the three defence teams do
- 24 not share the time amongst themselves it would be -- would have
- 25 45 minutes. If you reallocate the times amongst yourself, please

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- 1 inform the Chamber, otherwise it will be allocated the 45 minutes
- 2 time, as I just said.
- 3 And Nuon Chea's defence have the first time allocation.
- 4 [11.04.09]
- 5 MR. PICH ANG:
- 6 Mr. President, regarding the Al document, the Lead Co-lawyer
- 7 would give the floor to my other lawyer within the team.
- 8 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 9 Thank you for the National Lead Co-Lawyer for informing the
- 10 Chamber of this decision. And, yes, we agree to that request.
- 11 Once again, Nuon Chea's team you may proceed.
- 12 MR. IANUZZI:
- 13 Thank you, Your Honour. Good Morning. I will be handling the
- 14 general objections and a few specific objections with respect to
- 15 the documents contained in Annex 1.
- 16 I imagine I'll take about 15 minutes maximum. I'm informed that
- 17 Mr. Son Arun has no remarks, so we're happy to cede the remaining
- 18 time to our colleagues on this side of the stage.
- 19 I'd just like to start off by incorporating, by reference, the
- 20 general submissions that were made yesterday, the general remarks
- 21 with respect to the general issues made in the morning, and the
- 22 remarks made, with respect to DC-Cam, by my colleague, Pich Ang,
- 23 in the afternoon.
- 24 We do submit that those objections, those issues that we raised
- 25 yesterday apply across the board, to the Accused's statements

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- 1 contained in Annex 1 and in fact all the documents which will be
- 2 put before the Chamber.
- 3 [11.05.58]
- 4 I'll be making reference to document E109/4.1. Again, that's
- 5 Annex 1, the Prosecution's submission, the Accused's statements.
- 6 By my count, there are 19 statements attributed to Nuon Chea on
- 7 this list, out of a total of 233 documents. Of those 19, there
- 8 are three sub-categories, there are seven DK speeches, 10
- 9 interviews with the Accused, including, among the interview
- 10 group, a letter, and two OCIJ documents.
- 11 So, first, I'd like to start off with some specific objections.
- 12 My colleague, Michiel Pestman, yesterday, made reference already
- 13 to one of the documents on this list. That's the 9th document on
- 14 Annex 1. Coincidentally, that also refers to Hun Sen's spy number
- 15 9 -- that's Khem Ngun. Mr. Pestman has already made an objection
- 16 to that document yesterday, so we stand by that objection.
- 17 [11.07.11]
- 18 Two of the documents on the list, two of the interviews,
- 19 specifically number 15 on the list -- that's D366/7.1.664 -- and
- 20 document number 16 on the list -- that's IS20.33 -- are two
- 21 interviews by unknown persons, the first one by simply an unknown
- 22 person, the second one by a Japanese journalist.
- 23 We submit, we take the position that these two documents in
- 24 particular fail to satisfy even the prima facie showing, the
- 25 prima facie standard that was discussed yesterday, so we would

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- 1 specifically object to those documents as being inadmissible.
- 2 Generally generally -- with respect to all of these statements,
- 3 with respect to the 19 statements, we would submit that, to the
- 4 extent that the Chamber intends to rely on any portion of them,
- 5 that goes to the acts and conduct of the Accused or to key issues
- 6 in the case, those documents, in their original form, should be
- 7 brought into Court, put to Nuon Chea for his comment, and if he
- 8 objects, if he lodges an objection with respect to authenticity
- 9 or anything else, then we submit the interviewees of those
- 10 statements should come in, should be subject to
- 11 cross-examination.
- 12 [11.08.46]
- 13 Now, touching upon an issue that was raised yesterday and again
- 14 today, that the trial will be brought to a standstill by the
- 15 production of original documents, putting them all to the
- 16 Accused, I note these are 19 documents; that will hardly bring
- 17 the trial to a standstill. It's practicable, it's possible. As
- 18 far as I know, many of the originals are available. In any event,
- 19 Nuon Chea's still with us, he's still testifying. Those documents
- 20 can and should be put to him.
- 21 For example, one of those documents -- that's number 11 on the
- 22 list, the Prosecution's list -- it does not have a document
- 23 number, it's a new document -- that is a letter to Hun Sen from
- 24 Nuon Chea -- allegedly a letter to Hun Sen from Nuon Chea. So,
- 25 for example, that document should be put to Nuon Chea for his

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- 1 confirmation and comment, and if he challenges that document,
- 2 then Hun Sen should be brought to Court to the extent that the
- 3 Chamber intends to rely on that document for any reason.
- 4 [11.09.46]
- 5 Another special category: the last two of the 19, that's 18 and
- 6 19 on the list, one is C8 and one is D20. These are two documents
- 7 that were prepared by the OCIJ. It's the initial appearance of
- 8 Nuon Chea, the written record of the initial appearance, and the
- 9 written record of the adversarial hearing with respect to his
- 10 provisional detention.
- 11 Now, obviously, we don't object to these documents prima facie,
- 12 they are case file documents, we accept that statements have been
- 13 taken by the OCIJ, but we would like to mention -- I would like
- 14 to mention, that Nuon Chea, when making these statements, was not
- 15 represented by counsel. As I recall, if I recall correctly, Mr.
- 16 Son Arun had been appointed but was in Battambang, was unable to
- 17 attend, no international counsel had been -- or had been
- 18 appointed at that point, and the OCIJ went ahead anyway, took the
- 19 statement of Nuon Chea, took a waiver, took a waiver of Nuon
- 20 Chea, who was, as we said, as we argued, coerced -- coerced --
- 21 into exercising his right to remain silent.
- 22 We did litigate that and we don't intend to re-litigate it, we
- 23 don't intend to suggest that Your Honours may somehow overrule
- 24 the decision that were made below, but we do suggest -- we do
- 25 suggest -- that you may take into consideration all the

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- 1 circumstances surrounding those interviews.
- 2 [11.11.14]
- 3 So, for example, if you choose to give any weight to anything
- 4 that was said during those statements, you do need to take into
- 5 account that Nuon Chea was unrepresented and that his waiver, as
- 6 we said time and again, was uninformed and indeed coerced.
- 7 With respect to all of the documents, as I said, we do -- we do
- 8 -- we do take the position that they should be put to Nuon Chea.
- 9 As to the remaining documents on the list -- that's number 20 to
- 10 233 -- those are statements of the remaining Accused.
- 11 And again we would reassert our general position: to the extent
- 12 that the Chamber intends to rely on those statements or anything
- 13 to do with the acts and conduct of the Accused, key issues in the
- 14 case, then you may only do that should those individuals, the
- 15 makers of those statements, the other co-accused be brought to
- 16 Court and be made available for cross-examination.
- 17 [11.12.09]
- 18 I'm looking at the clock. That's all I have, in fact, so I do
- 19 cede the time to my colleagues on this side of the stage. And I
- 20 thank you very much.
- 21 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 22 Thank you, Nuon Chea's defence team.
- 23 Ieng Sary's defence team, you now have the floor to present your
- 24 objections.
- 25 MR. KARNAVAS:

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- 1 Good morning again, Mr. President. Good morning, Your Honours.
- 2 And good morning to everyone in and around the courtroom.
- 3 Much of what I was planning on covering during this period was --
- 4 has already been discussed yesterday and today, in my rebuttal
- 5 remarks, so I'll make it brief.
- 6 I don't see the point in going through every single document. You
- 7 will recall that, back in 5 January 2012, we did file our
- 8 objections with a comprehensive annex where we went through a
- 9 litany of documents presented by the Prosecution, and we provided
- 10 detailed responses in block form. That is, depending on the type
- 11 of document, we fashioned a general response and, when necessary,
- 12 we changed that response or amended it to fit the particular
- 13 document.
- 14 As I noted yesterday, the Prosecution lumps everything into one
- 15 category that is "statements". So, if something is reported in a
- 16 newspaper article, it is presumed to be a statement; if it is a
- 17 speech that allegedly was given by Mr. Ieng Sary, it is a
- 18 statement.
- 19 [11.14.28]
- 20 We, of course, feel that our primary objection is, first and
- 21 foremost, the Prosecution needs to be extremely precise on what
- 22 it is that they're claiming. Is it an article? Is it a speech? Is
- 23 it an actual statement? And what are the circumstances?
- 24 So for instance, if you were to look at just one example -- and
- 25 this would be D312.2.8 -- this is a -- they claim this is a

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- 1 statement of Mr. Ieng Sary, and when we look at it, it's actually
- 2 an article. And we've indicated yesterday, as we have in our
- 3 annex, that, unless we have the opportunity to confront the
- 4 individual who is summarizing, or making this article, or
- 5 attributing words to Mr. Ieng Sary, our primary position is such
- 6 evidence should not be admitted, and if it is admitted, that it
- 7 be subject to very little weight unless independent indicia can
- 8 be provided.
- 9 [11.15.45]
- 10 Let me go -- give you another example. For instance, here, this
- 11 is D366/7.1.633. This is -- they characterize it as a statement
- 12 of Ieng Sary in a "Washington Post" article entitled "Ship
- 13 Seizure Order Denied by Cambodia". And this happens to be an
- 14 article by Elizabeth Becker, concerning the Mayaguez.
- 15 What we don't have is Mr. Ieng Sary's actual comments, but rather
- 16 excerpts of what purportedly he's indicated.
- 17 And of course one has to ask the question: Why is this
- 18 significant? Is this plead in the indictment? And if so, how does
- 19 it connect to Mr. Ieng Sary?
- 20 But we would submit having an article by Elizabeth Becker, in the
- 21 "Washington Post", from 8 September 1975, in and of itself to
- 22 bring it in and to somehow use the content of what Becker alleges
- 23 Mr. Ieng Sary said as substantive evidence is unreliable and,
- 24 therefore, cannot and should not be admitted into evidence.
- 25 Of course, if Elizabeth Becker were to testify, then she could be

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- 1 shown this article that she purportedly authored and can be asked
- 2 to give evidence if indeed the Trial Chamber feels that this
- 3 particular article and the content or the subject matter through
- 4 the article is relevant.
- 5 [11.17.48]
- 6 And we assume that, if that is the case, then we should be
- 7 entitled to litigate the entire Mayaguez incident, which is the
- 8 U.S. behaviour, because there's ample evidence to suggest that
- 9 the U.S. went ahead and deliberately attacked, knowing full well
- 10 that no harm was being made to their -- to those who -- the
- 11 Americans that had been captured. And in fact a lot of American
- 12 soldiers lives were lost in that. But now we're off to a
- 13 litigation of an incident that may or may not necessarily have
- 14 anything to do with what is really at stake in this particular
- 15 tribunal.
- 16 [11.18.31]
- 17 So if I just point this out, it's just a mere example. Because of
- 18 our annex, I don't wish to go through every single example, Your
- 19 Honour. We've made our objections, you have them, and I think
- 20 that it would -- it's a better use of time for me to simply just
- 21 show you a sampling, and then you can you can decide how you
- 22 wish to approach these documents.
- 23 Another example is 366/7.1.363 (sic). This is titled "Statement
- 24 of Ieng Sary, Phnom Penh, Domestic Service Broadcast of Speech
- 25 entitled Ieng Sary Economic Progress". And then, when you look at

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- 1 it, this document is an excerpt of a broadcast version of the
- 2 speech. Again, it is not the entire speech. Supposedly, it is the
- 3 broadcast itself; we don't know.
- 4 We submit that some sort of testimony should come in, some sort
- 5 of proof should be provided by the Prosecution as to whether this
- 6 particular document is what they purport it to be. Certainly
- 7 we're not asking for the impossible.
- 8 [11.20.06]
- 9 Let me give you another example, Your Honours. There is the
- 10 example of D56-Doc.124. This is purportedly a statement of Ieng
- 11 Sary interview by Pal Steigan and Elisabeth Eide from Norwegian
- 12 Communist Party. This is a -- we submit that this is not a
- 13 statement; this is a partial English translation of the book "The
- 14 Assault on Kampuchea -- Why Vietnam Attacked".
- 15 Now, obviously, we don't think that this has any probative weight
- 16 at this point in time, particularly because it's outweighed by
- 17 any prejudicial effect, given that, unless the Prosecution can
- 18 bring the authors in and verify to some degree what the actual
- 19 nature of the statement, if a statement was gathered from Mr.
- 20 Ieng Sary, and for us to cross-examine, to test that particular
- 21 testimony. Simply bringing in a partial English translation of a
- 22 book and trying somehow to attribute the content of it to Mr.
- 23 Ieng Sary is insufficient.
- 24 Another example -- and this, perhaps, may be my last example
- 25 because, again, I think we've made comprehensive submissions

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- 1 already, so there's no need, simply because you gave us the 40
- 2 minutes each, to actually take it -- is D366/7.1.589. This is
- 3 titled by the Prosecution "Statement of Ieng Sary and Ieng
- 4 Thirith in Email from Peter McGuire Containing Partial
- 5 Transcripts of Documents Entitled 'Kampuchea -- Death and
- 6 Rebirth'". And if we look at this particular document, Your
- 7 Honours, one has to question why it is being presented. This is
- 8 -- this document postdates the temporal jurisdiction of the ECCC,
- 9 it is not relevant to the proceedings in this particular case --
- 10 this is what we submit. The document is unsuitable to prove the
- 11 facts it purports to prove. It is an email to DC-Cam, where the
- 12 author provides certain insight, which he's entitled to. But we
- 13 submit that, if this document comes in, there has to be a showing
- 14 why the document, in and of itself, can come in. And for the
- 15 content of it to be used by the Prosecution in proving something
- 16 in the Closing Order without giving the benefit to the Accused to
- 17 cross examine the actual author, especially if the author is
- 18 indeed is available.
- 19 [11.24.06]
- 20 Simply admitting an email to Mr. Youk Chhang, where -- For
- 21 instance, it begins with:
- 22 "Dear Youk:
- 23 "Below are some quotes of Ieng Sary and Thirith Sing saying
- 24 ridiculous things."
- 25 I'm not going to go on any further. Now, he's entitled to -- this

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- 1 individual is entitled to his opinion, but I'm entitled to
- 2 question that opinion. What the Prosecution is not entitled to,
- 3 we submit, is to simply bring this in this document in through
- 4 the bar table without giving the opportunity to the Defence, and
- 5 to Mr. Ieng Sary in particular, to cross-examine this gentleman,
- 6 which goes back to my initial point of view that I wanted to make
- 7 this morning, Your Honours, and this is why I don't want to take
- 8 up the time to go through every document.
- 9 To simply say that, in a document, something might be in it that
- 10 purports to be somewhat relevant to something that's in the
- 11 Closing Order, that, in and of itself, is an insufficient basis
- 12 for admitting a document. And then to say: It doesn't -- don't
- 13 worry about authenticity and reliability, you can deal with that
- 14 when you get to the weight of it, in -- especially when you
- 15 determine how probative the document may be.
- 16 [11.25.36]
- 17 We submit that, before having these sorts of documents in, which
- 18 are mischaracterized as statements -- should not come in unless
- 19 the Prosecution is prepared to demonstrate the reliability of the
- 20 content they're in.
- 21 Obviously, if you have a copy from the "New York Post", we're not
- 22 challenging the fact that this did not appear in the newspaper.
- 23 We're not suggesting, for instance, that authenticity, in this
- 24 instance, needs to be proved. They can certainly bring in the
- 25 "New York Post", or the "Washington Post", or the "New York

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- 1 Times" as a copy of the newspaper, that's sufficient. But the
- 2 content itself, we could say, is reliable in a sense that it
- 3 hasn't been tampered with, so the article is what it purports to
- 4 be. But does it automatically come in? And do we take this piece
- 5 of evidence, which we submit is hearsay, an out-of-court
- 6 statement offered for the truth of the matter asserted therein,
- 7 or do we reject it?
- 8 We submit the better principle is for the Prosecution to try to
- 9 establish how this sort of an article is actually relevant, first
- 10 of all.
- 11 But second of all, and most importantly, if the article itself,
- 12 as the Becker article, contains excerpts of Ieng Sary's
- 13 statement, what was the rest of his statement? What else did he
- 14 say? What questions were posed to him? What were his actual
- 15 answers, as opposed to the paraphrasing that was done by
- 16 Elizabeth Becker, that was then looked at by an editor who then
- 17 edited it because they might have had because this is how the
- 18 newspaper business goes, because usually they're worried about
- 19 space, and how the article actually came out. Not to mention, as
- 20 I've indicated, if the content of the article would lead us into
- 21 another area of litigation that's not necessarily relevant to
- 22 this tribunal, then what's the purpose of admitting it?
- 23 [11.28.03]
- 24 So, to wrap up, Your Honours, we urge you to look at our annex.
- 25 We made our specific objections as to why we believe these sorts

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- 1 of documents should not come in. We've argued how we believe --
- 2 or what we believe the test should be in the process by which you
- 3 need to go through the documents.
- 4 And we submit that the better process, here, is for the
- 5 Prosecution to actually identify who are the witnesses they
- 6 believe can lay certain basic foundations as to certain types of
- 7 documents, whether they're telegrams, whether they're minutes of
- 8 meetings, whether they're UN documents. If they have such a list,
- 9 then perhaps the Prosecution should invite the Trial Chamber to
- 10 call those individuals at some point as early as possible or at
- 11 some point, in order to lay the proper foundation. And I think
- 12 that, if that were done, perhaps we wouldn't be going through
- 13 this exercise.
- 14 But getting back to Mr. Youk Chhang, since a great deal of the
- 15 documents based on the Prosecution's motion, where they listed
- 16 what I called the offer of proof on all the 26 categories of
- 17 different documents, they heavily rely on Mr. Youk Chhang and the
- 18 DC-Cam. And we submit that it is insufficient to simply say: This
- 19 document came from DC-Cam and, therefore, it has a certain it
- 20 is reliable, in and of itself.
- 21 [11.230.03]
- 22 Simply because a document came from an archive, that doesn't mean
- 23 that the document is authentic or reliable unless, unless -
- 24 unless and until you can establish that the archive does its own
- 25 screening process and, through that screening process, made a

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- 1 determination that the document was authentic and reliable.
- 2 What normally happens is an archive is developed, such as DC-Cam,
- 3 by simply collecting. If in fact DC-Cam has indeed gone through
- 4 the process of actually screening the documents, then of course
- 5 that's something to be considered.
- 6 But we submit simply saying here's a document that says "UN", and
- 7 it should automatically come in, we submit that's insufficient.
- 8 The Prosecution needs to establish certain other indicia. And
- 9 where we have articles or documents that are called "statements
- 10 of Mr. Ieng Sary", and they're merely excerpts, or summaries, or
- 11 paraphrasing Mr. Ieng Sary, we would submit that, if they are to
- 12 be admitted, that you do so with a proviso that at some point,
- 13 unless you have independent indicia that would validate the
- 14 content of whatever it is that Mr. Ieng Sary is alleged to have
- 15 said in those summaries, in that paraphrasing, unless you have
- 16 that independent indicia, that little or no weight be given to
- 17 it.
- 18 Thank you very much, Your Honours. I have no further remarks to
- 19 make on this, unless there are any questions from the Bench.
- 20 Thank you.
- 21 [11.32.11]
- 22 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 23 Thank you, Defence Counsel.
- 24 Khieu Samphan's defence now has the turn to present your
- 25 objections to the Al documents. You may proceed.

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- 1 MR. KONG SAM ONN:
- 2 Thank you, Mr. President. Good morning, Your Honours. Good
- 3 morning, everyone in and around the courtroom.
- 4 I'd like to make my remarks in regards to Annex 1, as it's the
- 5 base for the prosecutors' allegation.
- 6 In document E158, which indicates the reliability of various
- 7 other documents, it is only a mere indication of reliability by
- 8 the Prosecution. They also indicate the categories of documents
- 9 which are only the indicia, but nothing else indicating the
- 10 authenticity or reliability of those documents.
- 11 [11.34.14]
- 12 As there are huge volumes of documents in the list, it would be
- 13 excessive, as claimed by the Prosecution, so they relied on the
- 14 sheer volume of documents that they would not be able to act upon
- 15 the request for authenticities and reliability of these
- 16 documents.
- 17 So, with regard to such act of not revealing the details of those
- 18 documents, it is not the onus of the defence team to prove the
- 19 authenticity or reliability of those documents. If there are the
- 20 view of the large volume of documents under their list, then they
- 21 should review and select the documents which are of interest for
- 22 this trial.
- 23 Among 233 documents in Annex 1, only less than 70 documents which
- 24 -- have been indicated the indicia of reliability by the
- 25 Prosecution. However, they are weak. We can assume that the

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- 1 Prosecution are erroneous in two points in regards to the
- 2 authenticity and the reliability of those documents.
- 3 [11.36.41]
- 4 We also present our suggestions as the indicia for the
- 5 reliability of those documents to be debated before this Chamber.
- 6 I submit that there is a distinction as to the weight of the
- 7 document, based on its authenticity.
- 8 As to the reliability of a document, I submit that the statement
- 9 by the Prosecution is that we shall consider whether they are
- 10 related or relevant to the case file. If, in their view, they are
- 11 relevant, then they should prove the authenticity of those
- 12 documents.
- 13 For example, if it is a type of a media report or media article,
- 14 then the question is whether is it the original article from a
- 15 proper verifiable source of the author and the newspapers, rather
- 16 than a mere clip of the article or a retype of such an article.
- 17 This is in order to prove the authenticity of the document.
- 18 [11.38.21]
- 19 And number two, when we examine the content of such newspaper
- 20 article, we need to consider its reliability, whether they are of
- 21 interest to the substance of the Court. Sometimes it is -- of
- 22 course, seems to be of interest, but it is not a genuine piece of
- 23 information; it might be a fabrication.
- 24 So it is important that these two aspects need to be examined for
- 25 these types of documents.

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- 1 Another example: in document E158 of the Prosecution, which
- 2 presents the statements by the Accused -- and there are 31
- 3 documents in total which have been published in the newspapers,
- 4 including "Newsweek", "New York Times" and "Washington Post" --
- 5 the question we need to consider is how those articles were
- 6 obtained.
- 7 [11.39.55]
- 8 The Prosecution stated that some of the articles were obtained
- 9 from public sources, and others from DC-Cam, and the rest were
- 10 included in a case filed by the Co-Investigating Judges. This
- 11 information is insufficient to indicate the authenticity or
- 12 reliability of those documents. Furthermore, this information is
- 13 immaterial for these types of documents. In particular, the
- 14 debate of these documents is not the main focus on the articles
- 15 published in those newspapers. What we need to consider is the
- 16 reliability on the content of those articles, not on the format.
- 17 [11.41.15]
- 18 It is also likewise for the interviews of the Accused or the --
- 19 during the preliminary appearance. The Prosecution explains that
- 20 those documents were produced by the Office of the
- 21 Co-Investigating Judges, including the thumbprint or signature of
- 22 the Accused, as stipulated in the Internal Rules, and it was
- 23 officially stamped by the ECCC.
- 24 Of course, we applaud the endeavour by the Prosecution in showing
- 25 us those articles and the interviews of the Accused as to its

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- 1 authenticity. However, this is a rather long, tedious exercise at
- 2 this stage. What we want for type of documents is that, whether
- 3 the content is reliable -- it means whether what is said by the
- 4 Accused is reliable -- and the content or what is written by a
- 5 journalist is reliable.
- 6 The Prosecution failed to provide any indicia as to the
- 7 reliability beyond a reasonable doubt. So, literally, it means
- 8 that the examination is not right on the issue we wish to
- 9 discuss.
- 10 So it is very important that there be an actual examination
- 11 before the Chamber so that parties can confront the witnesses, so
- 12 that evidence available are admissible or not.
- 13 [11.44.06]
- 14 My final point. I would like to refer to the interview of the
- 15 Accused with other individuals, for example Co-Investigating
- 16 Judge.
- 17 In document E158, the Co-Prosecutor describes broadly this
- 18 document. However, the prosecutor failed to provide the indicia
- 19 of relevance and reliability. The prosecutor could only specify
- 20 as to which organ or office of this tribunal have included this
- 21 document into the case file and this document was recognized or
- 22 admitted in the -- in Case 001.
- 23 Earlier on this morning, the Chamber must have heard counsel
- 24 Michael Karnavas presenting his position on the documents
- 25 admitted to Case 001; he said that it was independent from the

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- 1 document admitted in Case 002. It can never be automatically be
- 2 admitted into Case 002; it must be subject to examination by
- 3 parties concerned because the position as well as the methodology
- 4 of the Defence, in the two cases, may differ greatly. Therefore,
- 5 the document admitted in Case 001 was completely independent and
- 6 separate, and it served the purpose of Case 001 separately. When
- 7 we were arguing in Case 002, those document must be subject to
- 8 re-examinations.
- 9 These documents include the records of interviews or interviews
- 10 with journalists or historians, and certain of certain records
- 11 of those interviews were summarized, and they were not even
- 12 summarized by the interviewers by themself. The interviewers
- 13 conducted interview, but the summary was done by someone else, so
- 14 it does not necessarily correspond to the original content or
- 15 intended message of the interviewee.
- 16 [11.47.17]
- 17 For these documents, the issue of reliability can be classified
- 18 in two levels, as I pointed out earlier: on the authenticity as
- 19 well as the reliability of such documents.
- 20 Therefore, we submit that the Chamber should take into
- 21 consideration each and every document submitted by the
- 22 Prosecution to incriminate the Accused.
- 23 As for the interviews conducted by journalists or historians, we
- 24 submit that we reserve our right to remain doubtful of the
- 25 reliability of the content of these records or the summary of

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- 1 those records are accurate. And the words or messages placed in
- 2 those reports might not reflect the accurate intention of the
- 3 interviewee.
- 4 [11.48.40]
- 5 It is the responsibility of the Co-Prosecutor to prove that those
- 6 records were gathered properly, and they had to -- they have to
- 7 prove that the record gathered by the Office of Co-Investigating
- 8 Judges was properly stamped by the competent organ of this
- 9 tribunal.
- 10 And we have to be sure that those records was prepared
- 11 contemporaneously when the interview was conducted or it was
- 12 actually summarized days after the interview. And we have to
- 13 question whether or not those records was based on a person
- 14 interpretation or it was based verbatim on the words of the
- 15 interviewee.
- 16 [11.49.40]
- 17 And if this is the case, what can be a verifiable means to ensure
- 18 that the interpretation of the person responsible for recording
- 19 the interview corresponds or reflects the words of the
- 20 interviewee?
- 21 These are the legitimate questions that we wish to hear. That's
- 22 why we would like to confront and examine each and every piece of
- 23 evidence submitted in this case file. Unless -- until we can do
- 24 that -- we can be sure that those evidence can be the basis for
- 25 the decision -- there are various questions that the Chamber

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- 1 should put on those evidence so that evidence can be given
- 2 probative values.
- 3 So we submit that we object to any presumption of reliability of
- 4 documents, and we also object to any admission or acceptance of
- 5 documents without having the opportunity to examine those piece
- 6 of evidence -- pieces of evidence.
- 7 [11.51.30]
- 8 And I would like to give an example for the Chamber to be extra
- 9 careful on your consideration on the articles published in
- 10 newspapers.
- 11 For example, document E165 in Annex 1, with a code D313/1/2 --
- 12 sorry .2.310. This particular document concerns the statement
- 13 made by Mr. Khieu Samphan. This document entitled "Interview by
- 14 Paola Brianti", intitulé: "Khieu Samphan Interviewed on
- 15 Executions, National Problems" in English Language.
- 16 According to the Prosecution, they submit that Mr. Khieu Samphan
- 17 may have been interviewed in the article which I mentioned
- 18 earlier, on the 22nd of October 1976. It was in October 1976, but
- 19 this document was published on the 26th of September 1976, so it
- 20 means that the submission of the prosecutor that Mr. Khieu
- 21 Samphan was interviewed, it seems that this newspaper was
- 22 published even earlier than Mr. Khieu Samphan interview; that was
- 23 impossible.
- 24 [11.53.56]
- 25 In addition, the venue for the interview, in that particular

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- 1 article of that newspaper, indicates that this interview was
- 2 conducted in Colombo City. But according to a letter of Mr.
- 3 François Ponchaud -- F-R-A-N-C-O-I-S, Ponchaud, P-O-N-C-H-A-U-D
- 4 -- sent to Mr. Noam Chomsky -- N-O-A-M C-H-O-M-S-K-Y -- Mr.
- 5 Ponchaud sent a letter to Mr. Noam Chomsky, dated the 17th of
- 6 August 1977. In that letter, he indicated that:
- 7 "I did not mention 'Famiglia Cristiana' in September in 1976
- 8 because I am well aware of the precise source, that the Italian
- 9 journalist had never interviewed Mr. Khieu Samphan. She came
- 10 along with a French journalist and she did not stay a step away
- 11 from the French journalist."
- 12 So we found a contradiction here. The submission that there was a
- 13 journalist interviewing Mr. Khieu Samphan back then, actually
- 14 there was no journalist interviewing him at all. So, if we rely
- 15 entirely on that newspaper, that Mr. Samphan was saying this and
- 16 that, that would not be conducive to asserting the truth before
- 17 this Chamber. Therefore, it is imperative that there is
- 18 examination and confrontation on the reliability of such
- 19 documents.
- 20 [11.56.47]
- 21 Mr. William Shawcross indicated that there was no journalist
- 22 present in the conference in Colombo who was allowed to meet with
- 23 Mr. Khieu Samphan. So this was the assertion by the two
- 24 well-known journalists who were present at that conference. So,
- 25 at that time, the journalist was not able to conduct the

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- 1 interview, so it was a false report, it was a make-up report,
- 2 because what was written in that report was not accurate.
- 3 As well, Mr. Noam Chomsky, he assessed the document -- that
- 4 article to this effect. I would like to read in English. Probably
- 5 it was fabricated. I would like to spell "Famiglia Cristiana":
- F-A-M-I-G-L-I-A C-R-I-S-C-R-I-N-A (sic).
- 7 This is a clear example that the Chamber should consider the
- 8 documents submitted by the Prosecution one by one.
- 9 [11.58.46]
- 10 Finally, due to -- in the interests of time, since the
- 11 Prosecution have not provided the clear indicia of reliability of
- 12 those documents, we have not been able to object to each and
- 13 every document presented in the annexes of the prosecutors in
- 14 this week hearing. But due to the aforementioned reasons, I would
- 15 like to repeat once again that the assessment of the
- 16 admissibility of the evidence shall be subject to examination,
- 17 and it shall be done before the Chamber. Thank you very much,
- 18 Your Honours.
- 19 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 20 Thank you, Counsel.
- 21 It is now time to adjourn for lunch. So the Chamber will adjourn
- 22 from now until 1.30, so we will resume at 1.30 to continue the
- 23 proceedings.
- 24 The security guards are instructed to bring Mr. Khieu Samphan to
- 25 the holding cell, downstairs, and bring him back to this

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- 1 courtroom before 1.30. Thank you.
- 2 (Court recesses from 1200H to 1333H)
- 3 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 4 Please be seated. The Chamber is now back in session.
- 5 We now hand over to the co-prosecution.
- 6 You have one hour to present your arguments.
- 7 You may now proceed.
- 8 MR. SENG BUNKHEANG:
- 9 Thank you, Mr. President. The Prosecution would like to present
- 10 our arguments as follows.
- 11 [13.35.25]
- 12 The documents in Annex 1, including a number of categories of
- 13 documents, mainly they are the statements of the interviews of
- 14 the Accused, Nuon Chea, Ieng Sary, and Khieu Samphan. Those
- 15 statements or interviews of the Accused, including the speeches
- 16 made by the Accused during the Democratic Kampuchea regime, which
- 17 were broadcast by the Phnom Penh radio and through the broadcast
- 18 of the Foreign Broadcasting Information Service, FBIS, or the BBC
- 19 SWB, or through the CPK broadcast system. It -- they also include
- 20 the speeches of the Accused during the time which they made
- 21 overseas trips, including the speeches made at the United Nations
- 22 Headquarters and during their visits to China and other
- 23 countries, which were subsequently broadcast by FBIS, or BBC SWB,
- 24 or other international broadcast.
- 25 [13.37.01]

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1 Also, they include the press conferences made by Ieng Sary or

- 2 Khieu Samphan while overseas, and which were broadcast by
- 3 international media. They also include interviews or statements
- 4 by the Accused with the journalists, historians or other
- 5 individuals. These also include documents, books or letters
- 6 written by the Accused themselves. Finally, they also include the
- 7 statements by the Accused -- that is, the official statements
- 8 during the judicial proceedings before this ECCC.
- 9 In order to touch upon the objections raised by the Accused,
- 10 apparently only the Ieng Sary defence team who presents their
- 11 objections to the annexes as instructed by the Trial Chamber. The
- 12 objection to Annex 1 by Ieng Sary defence team stated in two
- 13 documents -- that is: document number 1, E131/1/10.1, filed in
- 14 January 2012, in which it objects to 167 of the documents listed
- in Annex 1 of the OCP; number two, document E131/21.2, filed in
- 16 December 2011, which objects to 68 documents listed in Annex 1 of
- 17 the OCP.
- 18 [13.39.08]
- 19 Through these two documents filed by Ieng Sary documents -- and
- 20 if we review them carefully, it means they object to all the
- 21 documents under Annex 1. These objections were repetitious, in
- 22 each form, to all the documents, without looking at the fact or
- 23 the indicia of reliability of any particular document. This form
- 24 of repetitive objection is without any clear description on the
- 25 basis of such objections to the document in order to make their

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- 1 objections meaningful.
- 2 Regarding these objections raised by Ieng Sary's defence for the
- 3 documents made at ECCC, just one of the many shortcomings of this
- 4 defence team of Ieng Sary, as it can be viewed that their
- 5 objections are against those statements or interviews of the
- 6 Accused, which have been officially recorded by the ECCC,
- 7 including the records of interviews of the Accused -- the records
- 8 of preliminary appearances.
- 9 [13.40.44]
- 10 An example of this objection is that: Ieng Sary objects to
- 11 document number 18 and 19 of Annex 1, which are the records of
- 12 confrontations of the Accused, Nuon Chea, made on 19th September
- 13 2007, which is document number C8; and a record of initial
- 14 appearance of Nuon Chea, made on 19th September 2007 -- that is
- document D20. These objections were raised in document
- 16 E131/1/10.1, at number 16 and 17 respectively, of this Ieng
- 17 Sary's defence team.
- 18 In the two documents that Ieng Sary's team objects -- that is
- 19 documents C8 and D20 -- are the documents that Nuon Chea states
- 20 about his role and his functions during Democratic Kampuchea
- 21 regime and other events occurred during such periods, including
- 22 the statements that allege CIA of America, KGB of the Soviet,
- 23 Khmer Serey, and Vietnamese secret spies infiltrated the Party,
- 24 as stated in on page 4 of document B20, as well as the
- 25 statements that the Military Committee had the duty of national

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1 defence and the internal purge, stated on page 4 of document C8.

- 2 [13.42.43]
- 3 Furthermore, we can see that, even for his own statements before
- 4 the Co-Investigative Judges, which have been recorded during the
- 5 -- even during the judicial proceedings of the ECCC, they have
- 6 been objected by Ieng Sary. These objections are in Annex 1, at
- 7 number 133 and 134. They are the records of initial appearance
- 8 made on the 12th November 2007 -- that is, document D38 -- and
- 9 the record of confrontation, dated 14 November 2007. The document
- 10 number is C19. These objections were raised in the document
- 11 E131/21.2, at number 55 and 58 respectively.
- 12 In these documents, Ieng Sary describes his own personal
- 13 biography and background, his roles and responsibility during the
- 14 DK period, as stated in -- on page 3 of document C19 and page 2
- 15 of document D38.
- 16 [13.44.19]
- 17 Ieng Sary also objects to the records of interview of Khieu
- 18 Samphan, conducted by the OCIJ in the objective document number
- 19 227, 228, and 229, objecting to the records of interviews of
- 20 Khieu Samphan done by OCIJ in December 2007. And this document is
- 21 in the case file, including documents number D46, D48, D47, and
- 22 D49. These objections were raised in document E131/21.2, at
- 23 number 63 through 65. As the Chamber has already aware of, these
- 24 documents are the records of interviews of Khieu Samphan, when he
- 25 provides his evidence regarding his personal biography, the

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1 structure of DK, and the role and his functions during the

- 2 regime.
- 3 I would also like to provide some information regarding the
- 4 reliability of the records of interviews in Annex 1, for example
- 5 document number 25 and 27 of Annex 1 of the OCP.
- 6 Document 25 of Annex 1 of the OCP is a report by the Xinhua
- 7 regarding the press conference made by Ieng Sary when he went to
- 8 New York, in late August 1975.
- 9 [13.46.26]
- 10 Ieng Sary made comments regarding reasons of the evacuation of
- 11 people from Phnom Penh. And document number 27 of Annex 1 of the
- 12 OCP is an interview of Mr. Ieng Sary, which was broadcast --
- 13 which was published in the "Newsweek", dated 8th September 1975,
- 14 which were extracted from the meeting of the Non-Alliance
- 15 Countries of the previous week, when Ieng Sary was in Lima, in
- 16 Peru. In such time, Ieng Sary described the reasons of the
- 17 evacuation of people from Phnom Penh.
- 18 These two documents are the perfect examples indicating the
- 19 opposing opinions raised by the defence team in their objections.
- 20 That is: it is not necessary to summon the author or the writers
- 21 of the report in order to make the report reliable. In this case,
- 22 the reliability of the interviews or statements made by Ieng Sary
- 23 had been supported by various other documents.
- 24 For example, regarding the explanation of the evacuation of
- 25 people from Phnom Penh, as stated by Ieng Sary in New York, in

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- 1 late August 1975, as well as the report by the Xinhua, are almost
- 2 identical to the explanation made by Ieng Sary to the "Newsweek"
- 3 in Peru.
- 4 [13.48.19]
- 5 In these two documents, Ieng Sary stated that there are two
- 6 reasons for the evacuation of people from Phnom Penh: the first
- 7 reason is due to the food supply, and number two is due to the
- 8 situation of the enemy. In the press conference made by Ieng
- 9 Sary, he stated the situation regarding the food supply. And let
- 10 me present you with his quote:
- 11 "After liberation, our country faced two immediate tasks, that is
- 12 to resolve the food issues for the people and to maintain
- 13 security and peace.
- 14 "Regarding the first issue, we expect that we would find food for
- 15 people -- for almost 3 million people around Phnom Penh and in
- other towns, who used to receive food of 300 to 400 tons from
- 17 America every month, before the liberation. And after the
- 18 liberation, if they are still to live in Phnom Penh, they would
- 19 face starvation and hardship.
- 20 [13.49.38]
- 21 "While considering these factors and due to the unfavourable
- 22 circumstances of transporting food from country-side to Phnom
- 23 Penh, we have the duty to evacuate the people from Phnom Penh to
- 24 country-side which have been well prepared with sufficient food
- in order to receive those people." End quote.

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- 1 And during the subsequent the week -- that is, in the interview
- 2 with "Newsweek" -- when he was questioned why there was
- 3 evacuation of people of Phnom Penh after their control of Phnom
- 4 Penh on the 17th April 1975, Ieng Sary states that:
- 5 "There are two reasons. "One is the food issue. And we think
- 6 there are still 2 million people in Phnom Penh, but when we
- 7 arrived, we found that there were more than 3 more, there were
- 8 3 million. Previously, the United States transported 300 to 400
- 9 tons of food to Phnom Penh per month.
- 10 [13.50.58]
- 11 "We do not have sufficient means of transporting food to the
- 12 city. For that reason, people had to travel to where the food
- 13 were take."
- 14 In New York, Ieng Sary also provided an interview regarding the
- 15 enemy situation, for quote -- "for national security. We seized
- 16 a document indicating that the enemies were preparing their
- 17 political and military plan in order to retake the control within
- 18 six months. We smashed their headquarters and their
- 19 organizations." End quote.
- 20 In the subsequent week, Ieng Sary also provided an interview with
- 21 "Newsweek", and when he was questioned for the second reason for
- 22 the evacuation of people from Phnom Penh, Ieng Sary replied --
- 23 quote:
- 24 [13.51.58]
- 25 "We found a document which talked in detail about the secret

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- 1 military plans by the Central Intelligence Committee of America
- 2 and the Lon Nol regime. In order to cause confusions after our
- 3 victory.
- 4 "There were three points in the plan.
- 5 "Number one. If we could not resolve the food supply issues for
- 6 the people, they will cause trouble and they will have their
- 7 agents infiltrated within the people.
- 8 "Number two. Majority of the Lon Nol soldiers who raised their
- 9 white flags. In fact, they hide their weapon; they have intention
- 10 to attack us after we liberate Phnom Penh.
- 11 "And number three. They had the plans to corrupt our soldiers and
- 12 to demerit our soldiers by providing them with women, with
- 13 alcohols, and money."
- 14 Your Honours, in all these cases, we can clearly see that a huge
- 15 number of press report so -- very similar situations regarding
- 16 the statements by Ieng Sary for the evacuation of people from
- 17 Phnom Penh, and these documents certainly described the
- 18 reliability of the press reports.
- 19 It can be stated that the statements made by Ieng Sary are proper
- 20 as he made various statements during his trips overseas, and then
- 21 he also gave interviews to international media regarding the
- 22 evacuation of people from Phnom Penh.
- 23 [13.53.58]
- 24 These examples clearly states that the position of the defence
- 25 team, which demands to summons the authors of the articles

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- 1 writers to provide a statement before this Chamber is not
- 2 warranted.
- 3 Also, the examples above clearly indicate that there is no likely
- 4 reason for the Chamber to invite an author or a writer of report
- 5 to provide testimony before this Chamber.
- 6 Another reason why there is no need to summons or to invite the
- 7 author, or the writers, or the journalist to appear before the
- 8 Chamber, is that those authors who report about those documents,
- 9 they did not make their personal statements, but they add the
- 10 statements of the Accused themselves.
- 11 And here we have the Accused present before this very Chamber.
- 12 For that reason, the Accused can exercise their rights to remain
- 13 silent, not to respond to any questions if they choose to do so.
- 14 Nevertheless, they still have the opportunity to object to these
- 15 statements if they believe that the reports or the statements are
- 16 incorrect; and they can provide their corroboration on these
- 17 reports.
- 18 [13.55.42]
- 19 Thus, there is no need for the Chamber to invite the authors, or
- 20 the report writers, or journalists to provide a testimony for
- 21 every document. It is not possible to do so in such a large scale
- 22 case, as there are thousands of relevant documents, and this
- 23 matter is also not required by the international tribunal in such
- 24 a sheer scale of case.
- 25 Your Honours, similarly, there are other examples which prove the

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- 1 reliability of the statements of the Accused in number 31 and 32
- 2 of Annex 1 of the OCP. Documents 31 is a media report by
- 3 "Washington Post" on 1st November 1975, regarding the press
- 4 conference made by Ieng Sary in Bangkok, whereby Ieng Sary
- 5 officially states, regarding the killing of the three leadership
- 6 label of the former Phnom Penh governors, including Long Boret,
- 7 the former prime minister of the Lol Nol regime, the killing of
- 8 Lon Non, the younger brother of Lon Nol, and the killing of Sirik
- 9 Matak.
- 10 [13.57.18]
- 11 At that time, Ieng Sary also rejects the report by the refugees
- 12 who lived in the Thai camps regarding the starvation, the
- 13 disease, and the killing inside the country, as he states that
- 14 the report by the refugees cannot be trusted as those refugees
- 15 who were living in Thailand were the ones who committed the
- 16 crimes.
- 17 In this case, how can the Chamber believe that these documents
- 18 are reliable without having to summons the author or the writer
- 19 of the reports? The response is that and the reports
- 20 consistently show similarity during the press conference in
- 21 Bangkok, regarding the statement of Ieng Sary.
- 22 Another example is document number 32 of Annex 1 of the OCP,
- 23 which is a report by "Bangkok Post". This document includes the
- 24 photograph of Ieng Sary meeting with the Thai prime ministers
- 25 regarding the relationship between these two countries and the

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- 1 discussions of the meetings, in the press report entitled
- 2 "Acknowledgement That There Were Killings".
- 3 [13.58.57]
- 4 This report also stated the statement by Ieng Sary regarding the
- 5 killing of the former officials of the Lon Nol regime, as Ieng
- 6 Sary was in the press conference made in the conference room of
- 7 Erawan Hotel, which started from 8.30 a.m. on that day.
- 8 The article describes the reasons why Ieng Sary states that the
- 9 people who evacuated from Cambodia were the one who committed the
- 10 crime. And when asked about the reports by the refuges that there
- 11 were killings inside Cambodia, Ieng Sary states that this
- 12 information cannot be trusted.
- 13 The Office of the Co-Prosecutors identifies these reports of Ieng
- 14 Sary's, and we consider they are important and relevant for the
- 15 Trial Chambers for the two reasons.
- 16 [14.00.04]
- 17 One, as the Chamber has already known, Khieu Samphan made his
- 18 statement in the congress and on behalf of the GRUNK, which were
- 19 made in late February 1975, appealing for the killing of the
- 20 seven traitors who were the former officials of the Lon Nol
- 21 regime, including Long Boret and Sirik Matak.
- 22 $\,$ In addition, in -- the confessions and the relevant documents in
- 23 the case filed indicate that Long Boret was defeated by the Khmer
- 24 Rouge soldiers on the 17 April 1975 at the counsels of the
- 25 Ministry of Information, and Sirik Matak was removed from the

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- 1 French Embassy a few days later. For that reason, the statement
- 2 by Ieng Sary is an official confirmation by the Government of the
- 3 Democratic Kampuchea about this killing.
- 4 [14.01.15]
- 5 Number two, these reports, which were dated 1st November 1975,
- 6 regarding the killing, regarding the starvation inside the
- 7 country, as raised by Ieng Sary and also in his response that, on
- 8 behalf of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and as a member of the
- 9 Standing Committee, the five standing committees of the CPK, they
- 10 did not take any measure to stop the killing or to tackle the
- 11 starvation. He merely rejects these issues before the
- 12 international community, and in fact he participated in this
- 13 criminal enterprise for a period of more than three years as a
- 14 leader of the Democratic Kampuchea regime.
- 15 With the President's permission, I'd like my colleague to
- 16 continue with our argument. Thank you.
- 17 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 18 The International Co-Prosecutor, you may proceed.
- 19 [14.02.30]
- 20 MR. LYSAK:
- 21 Thank you, Mr. President. In my time, I will try to address both
- 22 some of the general objections that have been made by the Accused
- 23 and also to try to respond to some of the specific issues and
- 24 documents that were raised today, as best I can, in my time.
- 25 Just following up on my colleague's point, one of the objections

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1 we've heard repeatedly here is that none of these documents can

- 2 be considered unless the actual authors of the documents are
- 3 brought in. And what we've tried to demonstrate by the examples
- 4 we've just shown is that, in addition to that statement being
- 5 legally incorrect, as Bill Smith has discussed, that it is not
- 6 necessary to bring in the authors of each of these documents to
- 7 see the reliability.
- 8 We have, as shown by these examples, statements that were made at
- 9 press conferences and interviews by Mr. Ieng Sary, for example,
- 10 as the representative of the Democratic Kampuchea Government,
- 11 where he made the same statements over and over again to
- 12 reporters. And we can look at multiple reports to see the
- 13 consistency of the statements made by Ieng Sary. That, itself,
- 14 shows the prima facie of reliability.
- 15 [14.04.02]
- 16 The second common point, here, is that the Accused say that they
- 17 want to be able to examine -- confront and examine the reporters.
- 18 One of the points we would like to make here is we are submitting
- 19 these media reports because they contain statements of the
- 20 Accused. The relevant statements that are being offered here are
- 21 not the statements of the reporters but the statements of the
- 22 Accused. The Accused themselves are here, and as my colleague has
- 23 pointed out, they have the opportunity to comment on these
- 24 statements if they wish.
- 25 Another objection that is contained in the Ieng Sary defence

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- 1 written objections, that I do not believe has been discussed in
- 2 the last two days, is an incorrect objection made by them to
- 3 documents that are listed in Annex 1 and the other annexes as new
- 4 documents because they were not on the case file. The Ieng Sary
- 5 defence objects to these as being subject to the particularly
- 6 high standards of Rule 87.4.
- 7 [14.05.17]
- 8 The reason this objection is incorrect is that the annexes, Annex
- 9 1 and all the others, were submitted in April of this year,
- 10 before the start of trial. The standard of Rule 87.4 only applies
- 11 to new documents that are offered after the start of trial, in
- 12 which case the party is required to demonstrate that they could
- 13 not, without reasonable effort, have obtained that evidence
- 14 before the start of trial.
- 15 So, it is simply incorrect, in the written objections of Ieng
- 16 Sary's defence, to be objecting to the documents and these
- 17 annexes on that basis, and I wanted to make that clear while
- 18 we're while we're responding orally to those written
- 19 objections.
- 20 And another general point that I heard has been discussed
- 21 yesterday and today concerns FBIS reports.
- 22 Many of the documents, the speeches, statements of the Accused
- 23 come from contemporaneous broadcasts by the Phnom Penh radio of
- 24 the Democratic Kampuchea Government that were picked up by
- 25 multiple sources and then published. One of those sources is the

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- 1 Foreign Broadcast Information Services, known as FBIS, which, as
- 2 Mr. Karnavas told you yesterday, was part -- an operation of the
- 3 Central Intelligence Agency, not a secret operation, but it was
- 4 an operation of them.
- 5 [14.06.59]
- 6 But FBIS was not the only entity that monitored radio broadcasts
- 7 from countries around the world and published them. You've also
- 8 heard reference to reports from the BBC SWB. SWB is a reference
- 9 to the Summary of World Broadcasts. And this is another source --
- 10 another entity that also monitored broadcasts coming from the
- 11 radio in Phnom Penh and reported on them.
- 12 So, where we have particularly important speeches or statements,
- 13 we've endeavoured to try and include both the FBIS and the BBC
- 14 Summary World of Broadcasts versions because, in order to assess
- 15 the reliability, one can compare the two documents and look at
- 16 them.
- 17 We're not -- the point, here, is that one need not only rely on
- 18 FBIS, one need not only rely on BBC's reports.
- 19 [14.08.03]
- 20 Moreover, as we've seen in the proceeding so far, in a number of
- 21 cases, these same speeches were published by the Party themselves
- 22 within Democratic Kampuchea, in "Revolutionary Flag". So, in some
- 23 cases, we have a third source where we can check and look at the
- 24 same speech.
- 25 So there's many ways, here, to assess the reliability and

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- 1 establish the reliability of these speeches of the Accused
- 2 without bringing in authors or the or the means that the
- 3 Defence assert are necessary. And it is because of this that it
- 4 is very important for the Court to view the totality of the
- 5 evidence when assessing these speeches.
- 6 Let me give just one example of how the case file record and the
- 7 documents that have been proposed by the Co-Prosecutors contain
- 8 such multiple corroboration of key speeches.
- 9 Your Honours may recall that one of the documents that was put to
- 10 Mr. Nuon Chea the least few weeks was a speech that was made on
- 11 the 16th of January 1977, commemorating the 9th anniversary of
- 12 the Revolutionary Army of Kampuchea. And this is a perfect
- 13 example of what I was just discussing.
- 14 [14.09.45]
- 15 We have three versions of this speech in the case file: we have a
- 16 version that was broadcast by the BBC's entity, Summary of World
- 17 Broadcasts, which is document number 1 in Annex 1, and case file
- 18 number D248/6.1.14; we have the FBIS version of that speech as
- 19 well, which is the version that I was using in the Court, which
- 20 comes from document D262.26, and that is -- that is part of a
- 21 collection of FBIS reports for the entire month of January 1977,
- 22 so the relevant pages are, in English, 00168465 to 168470, French
- 23 ERN 00698444 through 698450, and Khmer ERN 00679792 through
- 24 679802.
- 25 [14.11.14]

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- 1 And the same speech was also published in the "Revolutionary
- 2 Flag", and that is document number D243/2.1.9.
- 3 So when it comes time for the Chamber to assess the reliability
- 4 of this information, it has multiple sources who have published
- 5 these speeches that it can look to in determining the accuracy
- 6 and assessing the reliability of the information.
- 7 And if you follow -- you can take these three documents and
- 8 follow through and see how they correspond and match each other.
- 9 And that is another way that we -- that we can confirm that these
- 10 were accurate reports of the speech.
- 11 Another example of this is a speech that was given by Khieu
- 12 Samphan on the second anniversary of the 17 April capture of
- 13 Phnom Penh. In our Annex 1, we have listed this speech as
- document 167. In the case file, it is IS20.24. And one of the
- 15 reasons -- ways that the Court can confirm that this was -- the
- 16 speech was given and that statements in the speech are correctly
- 17 reported is that there are other media entities that also
- 18 reported on the same speech. And in our annex, if you look at the
- 19 subsequent documents, which are documents 168 and 169, you will
- 20 find reports from the "International Herald Tribune", and also
- 21 reports -- a report picked up from the "AFP Press Service" that
- 22 discuss the speech by Khieu Samphan and repeat some of the key
- 23 statements in that speech.
- 24 [14.13.44]
- 25 In the time that I have left, now, I would like to turn to try to

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- 1 address some of the specific documents that have been brought up
- 2 by the Accused in their comments, today.
- 3 Starting with the Nuon Chea defence team, they have repeated
- 4 their objection to the document reporting the discussion -- or
- 5 chit-chat, as Mr. Nuon Chea has characterized it -- between
- 6 himself and Khem Ngun. That is document number 9 on our Annex 1,
- 7 and IS20.28.
- 8 And if I can just make a few comments or observations regarding
- 9 that document.
- 10 First of all, in terms of establishing reliability, the prima
- 11 facie showing of reliability, Mr. Nuon Chea has already done that
- 12 himself. He has acknowledged that he had a discussion with Khem
- 13 Ngun in this time period. So he has confirmed that they met.
- 14 [14.14.55]
- 15 The issue that he is challenging is whether some of this --
- 16 whether or not he made some of the statements in this document.
- 17 That is the very function that the Chamber serves, though, is to
- 18 assess the credibility of the Accused and to read this document
- 19 in its in its totality.
- 20 A couple of comments in passing. I have not argued with the
- 21 Accused when he has characterized this as a chit-chat, but I
- 22 would note to the Chamber that, from the very first page of this
- 23 document, it is quite clear that this was much more than a
- 24 chit-chat.
- 25 The opening statement, here, in the document, reads as follows --

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- 1 And it is all written in the first person, as if it is a verbatim
- 2 report of a speech that Mr. Nuon Chea gave. The very first
- 3 statement in the Khem Ngun document reads as follows -- quote:
- 4 "The objective of my presentation is aimed at letting you see the
- 5 history of building the Party from the bare hands all the way up
- 6 until the present."
- 7 And later on in the same opening comments, attributed to Mr. Nuon
- 8 Chea is the following statement -- quote:
- 9 "So, if there is anything you comrades wish to ask, if I can, I
- 10 will explain. I will respond immediately. If I cannot respond,
- 11 wait for me to think further. This thinking is done without any
- 12 documents, just my recollection, and this document I consider as
- 13 unofficial, not yet official or complete, a living document of
- 14 one individual who joined in the resistance movement." End of
- 15 quote.
- 16 [14.16.48]
- 17 So it is clear, when you read this document, this is much more --
- 18 was much more than a chit-chat. This was a presentation that Mr.
- 19 Nuon Chea made on the history of the Party to Khem Ngun and a
- 20 number of other comrades who were present.
- 21 And in addition to the other -- There are two ways that we know
- 22 it's reliable, as I've indicated. Mr. Nuon Chea, himself, has
- 23 already confirmed that this meeting took place, and second, when
- 24 you read the document in its entirety, it is very clear that this
- 25 information could have only come from Mr. Nuon Chea.

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- 1 For the most part, 95 per cent of it is very -- is very much the
- 2 same story that he has been telling this Court. What is different
- 3 is that there is more details, which is not surprising, because
- 4 this statement was made in 1998, much closer to the time of
- 5 events. And there are a number -- a number of differences. But on
- 6 the whole, when you read this document, it is very clear this
- 7 could only have come from Mr. Nuon Chea.
- 8 [14.17.59]
- 9 Let me just read -- reference a couple of parts of it to show you
- 10 what I -- what I mean by that. I'm reading here from a section of
- 11 the document where -- that discusses the history back in the
- 12 '50s, establishing the Party. And the quote is as follows --
- 13 quote:
- 14 "So the Yuon, they used the tactic of pretending to dissolve the
- 15 Indochina Communist Party and set up a party for each individual
- 16 country in 1951. In Kampuchea, they gave it the name 'the Khmer
- 17 People's Revolutionary Party.' In Lao, they called it the 'Lao
- 18 People's Revolutionary Party'. But both these parties were under
- 19 the supervision of the Yuon Workers' Party because the Yuon
- 20 changed the name to the Worker's Party under the supervision of
- 21 the Yuon Party, still under Yuon control like before, militarily,
- 22 politically, economically, diplomatically, in every way."
- 23 [14.19.08]
- 24 Continuing on later: "As for our Cambodians as cadres, there were
- 25 very few. There we not any, they were only the puppets of the

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- 1 Yuon."
- 2 This statement is one we've heard repeatedly over and over by Mr.
- 3 Nuon Chea in this courtroom.
- 4 And later on you will find, again, almost identical statements,
- 5 here, to the ones that Mr. Nuon Chea has made in this courtroom.
- 6 You will find information that probably only he could have had,
- 7 including matters such as the fact that the Second Party Congress
- 8 was located on De Gaulle Street. That is in this document. There
- 9 were very few people who attended that Second Party Congress and
- 10 would have known that information. There's a detailed
- 11 description, in here, of the death of Tou Samouth, including the
- 12 same information that Mr. Nuon Chea provided to this Court. So
- 13 there's many aspects of this document that confirm its
- 14 reliability and confirm that it was indeed a report of a
- 15 presentation made by Mr. Nuon Chea.
- 16 [14.20.26]
- 17 Counsel for Nuon Chea also raised a number of other documents,
- 18 including documents 15 and 16 on our annex, which was correctly
- 19 indicated as, the first one, being an interview by an unknown
- 20 person altogether, and the second one, which is described as an
- 21 interview by a Japanese journalist.
- 22 And in short -- I would certainly not quibble with the arguments
- 23 made by counsel in relation to document 15. I looked at that
- 24 document at lunch time. At this point in time, we can't we
- 25 can't tell who -- where this where this statement came from.

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- 1 And certainly it is not a document that we place weight on, it's
- 2 not a document that I've asked Mr. Nuon Chea about.
- 3 [14.21.16]
- 4 There are certainly some statements in this case file that the
- 5 Court will look at and determine, if there is no further evidence
- 6 that we come across during this trial, that are not documents
- 7 that at most would be used for some sort of corroborative
- 8 purpose.
- 9 I would disagree with him with regard to the Japanese journalist
- 10 interview, which is document 16, simply because this document is
- 11 clearly a report or a transcript of an actual tape recorded
- 12 interview where you can follow along.
- 13 And, once again an interview related to the history of the Party,
- 14 where, based on the information itself, it's very clear that this
- 15 is information that came from Mr. Nuon Chea.
- 16 Now again, this is a document that I have not examined the
- 17 Accused on; at most, I would say, it would be used for
- 18 corroborative reasons, but it is part of the case file and
- 19 something that the Court can look -- can look to if it wishes.
- 20 And in later phases of this trial, it may become significant,
- 21 particularly if anyone's able to discover the tapes on which it
- 22 was based.
- 23 [14.22.31]
- 24 But these are matters, I would submit, that go to the weight of
- 25 the evidence. There is a sufficient reliability, when you look at

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- 1 this document, to put it before the Chamber, and then it becomes
- 2 a matter of the weight, based on the evidence, the totality of
- 3 the evidence that is heard.
- 4 Turning to the objections that were stated here, today, by Mr.
- 5 Karnavas on behalf of the Ieng Sary defence, one of the repeated
- 6 complaints is that we have grouped different types of documents
- 7 into Annex 1. I don't think that's a legal objection or a basis
- 8 for the Court to reject these documents in any way. I will simply
- 9 say this was a general grouping of documents that contained
- 10 statements attributed to the Accused. And it is certainly clear
- 11 when you read the annex, the nature of each document is very
- 12 clearly identified, whether it is a report from a newspaper,
- 13 whether it is a published speech.
- 14 So the assertion that -- the suggestion that we're trying to slip
- 15 something by the Court, I think, is simply -- is simply
- 16 ridiculous. We've grouped these documents together because they
- 17 have a common element: they attribute statements to the Accused.
- 18 [14.24.03]
- 19 Turning to a few of the specific documents that were mentioned by
- 20 counsel, counsel Karnavas raised document 26 on our Annex 1,
- 21 which is case file number D366/7.1.633. And this was a report
- 22 regarding the Mayaquez incident by Elizabeth Becker. And he
- 23 asked: How is this relevant?
- 24 Well, certainly, we are not putting forth this document to get
- 25 into a -- put before the Chamber the facts regarding that

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- 1 military event. The reason this document is submitted is simply
- 2 because it shows the role of Ieng Sary as Foreign Minister
- 3 defending in the acts and policies of the regime, and that is
- 4 all.
- 5 He has seized upon a few documents that I would described as
- 6 corroborative in nature, and so I certainly I would agree with
- 7 counsel that we have no interest in -- by submitting this
- 8 document, certainly we are not intending to litigate in this
- 9 Court the Mayaguez incident.
- 10 Mr. Karnavas also referenced what is document 67 in our Annex 1
- 11 -- in the case file, it is D56, document 124 -- which was an
- 12 interview of Ieng Sary by a representative of the Norwegian
- 13 Communist Party, Pal Steigan. And his complaint on this document
- 14 is that it was simply excerpts.
- 15 In response, I would simply refer the Court later on in the
- 16 annex, to document Number 70, which is case file number
- 17 D108/28.306, which is the entire notes of the interview by that
- 18 same person.
- 19 [14.26.26]
- 20 Mr. Karnavas also brought up document D366/7.1.589, which he
- 21 described correctly as an email referencing and identifying a
- 22 number of statements of Ieng Sary and Ieng Thirith. And certainly
- 23 it is not the Prosecution's intent to rely on an email like that
- 24 to prove this evidence. The email is discussing and identifying
- 25 statements from a documentary film, statements that were pulled

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- 1 out in a transcript of the film attributed to Ieng Sary and Ieng
- 2 Thirith. And obviously, if the Prosecution intends to present
- 3 this evidence and put it before the Chamber, we will play the
- 4 actual film.
- 5 The document is submitted simply because it aids us and it would
- 6 aid the Chamber in identifying the specific statements made by
- 7 Ieng Sary and Ieng Thirith in that documentary film, should we
- 8 play it -- should it be submitted and played in the Court.
- 9 [14.27.45]
- 10 And last and -- in terms of specific documents referred by Mr.
- 11 Karnavas, he discussed the interviews conducted of Ieng Sary by
- 12 Elizabeth Becker and asked, you know, where is the rest of Ieng
- 13 Sary's -- where is his entire statement to Elizabeth Becker.
- 14 Well, as the Chamber may or may not be aware, the Investigating
- 15 Judges wrote to Elizabeth Becker, requested copies of all her
- 16 documents relating to her interviews of Ieng Sary, and those were
- 17 put on the case file. And if you look at documents number 106,
- 18 109, and 110 in Annex 1, you will find the full documents related
- 19 to Elizabeth Becker's interviews of Ieng Sary.
- 20 Mr. Karnavas also asks that the Prosecution -- it is time now for
- 21 the Prosecution, he says, to identify which witnesses can provide
- 22 the foundation for documents such as telegrams and other
- 23 documents that are included in our annexes.
- 24 And in response I would simply note that the prosecutors -- the
- 25 Co-Prosecutors have already done that. I would refer counsel to

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1 our witness statements and witness summaries that were provided

- 2 at the start of the year, in which, very clearly, numerous
- 3 witnesses who provide this purpose were identified, and indeed
- 4 the Chamber has selected many of these witnesses as part of the
- 5 group -- the first group of 56 witnesses. So we will be hearing,
- 6 in this Court, from witnesses who provide that information.
- 7 [14.29.46]
- 8 And finally, in response to a couple of statements by Khieu
- 9 Samphan's counsel, if I understood, he took issue with our recent
- 10 Rule 92 filing on reliability of documents because we did not
- 11 provide sufficient details about individual documents. And again
- 12 this was a general filing that discussed principles; the details
- 13 regarding individual documents are contained in our annexes,
- 14 which provide extensive information about each document. And
- 15 obviously counsel can also look at the documents themselves in
- 16 the case file.
- 17 Counsel also argued that documents should not be admitted in Case
- 18 002 merely because they were admitted in Case 001, and that they
- 19 should have a right to challenge those documents here. And we
- 20 would certainly agree with that, and the Court -- this Chamber
- 21 has given no indication that it will automatically admit any
- documents merely because they were admitted in Case 001.
- 23 And in terms of the Accused's opportunity to challenge those
- 24 documents, that is why we are here today and are here this entire
- 25 week. So the Accused have been given every opportunity possible

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- 1 to challenge and contest these documents, and it is incorrect to
- 2 suggest that any documents will be admitted merely because they
- 3 were admitted in Case 001.
- 4 [14.31.31]
- 5 Thank you for the time, Your Honours. And that ends my comments
- 6 in response to the specific objections of counsel.
- 7 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 8 Thank you, Co-Prosecutor.
- 9 The time is now appropriate for a break. We will have a 20-minute
- 10 break and we shall resume after that to recommence our session.
- 11 (Court recesses from 1432H to 1450H)
- 12 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 13 Please be seated. The Court is now back in session.
- 14 [14.50.57]
- 15 I now hand over to the Lead Co-Lawyers. That will be the turn of
- 16 the lawyer who was requested earlier.
- 17 You have 30 minutes to make your response.
- 18 MR. NEKUIE:
- 19 Mr. President, Honourable Judges, I am most grateful for this
- 20 opportunity to speak.
- 21 Upon listening to some of the arguments that were developed by
- 22 all respective defence teams with respect to the annexes that are
- 23 of concern to us this week, there's one observation that I must
- 24 take note of with respect to the general line of Defence
- 25 regarding the admissibility of documents being proposed.

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- 1 All defence teams seem to be in agreement, because they are
- 2 attempting to dictate to you, Honourable Judges, the requirements
- 3 that they feel must be applied in order to admit these exhibits.
- 4 These defence teams want to make you believe that, for each and
- 5 every document that is being put before you and for each document
- 6 that records a statement of their clients', they would have you
- 7 believe that the author or source of those documents must be
- 8 summoned before Your Honourable Chamber.
- 9 [14.53.03]
- 10 I believe that, upon listening to all of the arguments that have
- 11 been laid out since the start of hearing, their main line of
- 12 defence, their battle horse seems to only serve to protect their
- 13 rights and preserve the rights to a fair trial.
- 14 We have cited a certain number of cases from international
- 15 jurisprudence. The Co-Prosecutor has provided in detail the
- 16 indicia of reliability that you must rely upon in admitting
- 17 certain documents. We are of the opinion that it is our duty to
- 18 make a few legal clarifications, and in doing so we are going to
- 19 actually cite some of the arguments that the Defence had invoked
- 20 themselves this morning.
- 21 Counsel for Ieng Sary cited the Prlic Case, during which, indeed,
- 22 counsel Karnavas served to defend with ardour the interests of
- 23 his client, and a case in which a certain number of principles
- 24 emerged with respect to the administration of evidentiary
- 25 material and documents. The Ieng Sary defence team had however

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- 1 refrained or omitted from telling you of what these principles of
- 2 administration of evidence are. And the Appeals Chamber clearly
- 3 indicated that the right of the Accused to a fair trial was not
- 4 and is not an absolute right. The Chamber held that this right
- 5 had to be understood in tandem with a certain number of other
- 6 rights. It is in fact listed in detail in paragraph 41 of its
- 7 decision in November 2007.
- 8 Allow me to quote a very brief passage in which it is written --
- 9 paragraph 41, line 2, in English:
- 10 (Intervention in English:) "While such a hearing generally
- 11 entails the examination of evidence against the Accused, this
- 12 principle is not absolute." (End of intervention in English)
- 13 This is precisely one of the rules that the Appeals Chamber had
- 14 recalled during the case that was cited by counsel for Ieng Sary.
- 15 Further on in the same decision, the Appeals Chamber made an
- 16 abundantly clear statement, which is the following, and I will
- 17 quote it in the original English language:
- 18 [14.45.55]
- 19 (Intervention in English:) "Of even more relevance for the issue
- 20 at hand, since the criminals first case, the jurisprudence has
- 21 been constant in holding that, under the criminal system, a
- 22 statement of a person made otherwise than in the proceedings in
- 23 which it is tended, whether orally by a witness or in writing, is
- 24 not inadmissible, in particular when the source of hearsay is
- 25 known and subject to potential evaluation by a Chamber." (End of

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- 1 intervention in English)
- 2 Distinguished Judges, Mr. President, I think this focuses rather
- 3 clearly on what has to be done when the acceptability of exhibits
- 4 and documents has to be examined before this Court. For each
- 5 exhibit to be received, it is not essential that its author be
- 6 summoned here; that is not rooted in any kind of legal
- 7 foundation.
- 8 And since, here, we are talking about the proof behind certain
- 9 statements made by the Accused themselves, it also strikes me as
- 10 interesting that we should draw to your distinguished attention
- 11 the rules in the TPIY, in the Halilovic Case. This decision was
- handed down on the 19th of August 2005, and it's IT/01/48/AR76.2
- 13 of the ICTY.
- 14 [14.59.46]
- 15 Your Honours, in this situation, Mr. Halilovic, the Accused, was
- 16 opposing the submission by the prosecutor of declarations that
- 17 had been gathered by the same prosecutor outside the Chamber in
- 18 the absence of his own lawyer, before the trial. And during the
- 19 trial, the prosecutor had decided to submit these declarations to
- 20 a test of acceptability, and the -- submit them as evidence, and
- 21 the Chamber that was examining that evidence decided to accept it
- 22 without any need for the authors of the interview to be present
- 23 in the court -- the interview given by Mr. Halilovic to the
- 24 prosecutor's office -- although such people were available if
- 25 necessary. Mr. Halilovic opposed that move by the Chamber and

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- 1 decided that such proof could be accepted without the authors of
- 2 the interview being present and the interview itself being given
- 3 without the assistance of his lawyer.
- 4 [15.01.22]
- 5 These are the same complaints being put to the prosecutors here,
- 6 on the subject of acceptability of evidence in this Court, but it
- 7 is through that case, Your Honours, that the Chamber stated that,
- 8 when it came to authenticate documents used as evidence, there
- 9 was considerable discretionary power on the Bench to accept them
- 10 or not. Once the Chamber had taken a decision on the
- 11 admissibility of the circumstances concerned, then the evidence
- 12 had to be accepted. There was no breach of the Defence's rights
- 13 in so doing. I believe, therefore, that the juridical principles
- 14 that have been certainly referred to at considerable length by
- 15 the two prosecutors in this Chamber are precisely those which
- 16 should be applied here. And when I use the word "should be" in
- 17 the sense of a duty, I am certainly not levelling from a civil
- 18 party any kind of injunction in your direction. Quite the
- 19 contrary, this is an opportunity for me to recall to you and to
- 20 the Defence that the power to judge and to appreciate matters
- 21 lies entirely with you and all matters which are submitted to
- 22 you. And in particular, when it comes to the administration of
- 23 evidence, your discretionary power is extremely broad and is only
- 24 defined by the limitations of the criteria of reasoning that you,
- 25 yourselves, bring to bear in respect to any particular document.

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- 1 [15.03.45]
- 2 Now, apart from the Chamber's written memorandum, which has
- 3 already provided considerable description of the criteria for the
- 4 pertinence of a document, I think we have also heard explanations
- 5 from the Prosecution on the basis of examples brought up by the
- 6 Defence, what admissibility criteria will lead to a reasonable
- 7 conclusion in the matter of admissibility of documentary proof
- 8 before this Chamber. And accepting such documents, Your Honours,
- 9 does not necessarily mean you are going to accept the fundamental
- 10 -- see them as fundamental basis for handing down a sentence of
- 11 any kind with respect to the Accused. It is simply in cases where
- 12 the probative value is inferior to other forms of proof that such
- 13 items are submitted to you.
- 14 There are Accused who have accepted here, including Mr. Nuon
- 15 Chea, to testify on their own behalf, and a certain number of
- 16 questions and answers are certainly going to be put in this Court
- 17 on the facts at issue.
- 18 It is, therefore, not right to discuss the probative value of
- 19 these documents submitted at this stage. It is simply a matter of
- 20 checking whether the indicia of reliability and relevance are
- 21 sufficient for them to be put before the Chamber.
- 22 [15.05.47]
- 23 We believe that the requirements asked of you by the Defence are
- 24 not credible, and they are all the less serious in that the
- 25 Defence itself attributed to these exhibits a kind of

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- 1 reliability, in their own way.
- 2 And I will illustrate what I am saying. Let me refer to the book
- 3 by Mr. Khieu Samphan, which is 00595365 -- that's its ERN in the
- 4 French version -- in respect to which Judge Lavergne posed some
- 5 questions the other day -- to Mr. Khieu Samphan the other day,
- 6 asking him to confirm certain statements. And at that point in
- 7 time, Mr. Khieu Samphan stated that he was indeed the author of
- 8 the work, confirming that certain passages read to him were
- 9 indeed written by his own hand.
- 10 And what I would like to say, Your Honours, is that it is very
- 11 surprising, after having written towards the beginning of his own
- 12 work -- and I quote:
- 13 "Most of the events that I'm going to refer to are generally
- 14 well-known, and I have based myself on research already conducted
- 15 to have the information and to record a certain number of facts
- 16 that I had forgotten. Whatever disagreement I may have with the
- 17 authors quoted below, each one of these texts were certainly very
- 18 useful to me on this or that point."
- 19 [15.07.53]
- 20 And later on in the same book, Mr. Khieu Samphan contests a
- 21 certain number of information -- this is page 143 in the French
- 22 -- says that "in the absence of serious traces in the internal
- 23 documents of the Khmer Rouge that have been brought together in
- 24 the Cambodia Documentation Centre, we are obliged to base
- 25 ourselves on assumptions -- based on assumptions".

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- 1 Mr. Khieu Samphan himself, in a work of which he is the author,
- 2 is talking about research for documentary materials in DC-Cam,
- 3 which he believes is a serious institution. He refers to
- 4 publications that have helped him recall a certain number of
- 5 events concerning the Khmer Rouge. And now the same Khieu Samphan
- 6 wishes to persuade Your Honours that the fact of referring to
- 7 documents without the authors of those documents standing before
- 8 you in this Court will be a breach of his rights. There seems to
- 9 be an absence of logic here, Your Honours, which would justify
- 10 your accepting all of the documents submitted before you today
- 11 without any further criteria being imposed.
- 12 [15.09.43]
- 13 In the same -- in our dossier, Mr. Ieng Sary, in a memorandum
- 14 dated 1st of April 2011, entitled "Ieng Sary's Initial List of
- 15 Documents Already on the Case File", a notice concerning his
- 16 forthcoming initial list of new documents to put before the
- 17 Chamber -- This is ERN 00659454 in the English ERN. In this
- 18 document, Your Honours, Mr. Ieng Sary himself informed this
- 19 Chamber that he intends to refer to all of the documents that
- 20 have been collected by the Co-Investigating Judges, and he
- 21 considers, in paragraph 12, that this Chamber has an adequate
- 22 documentary charter, and he announced that he will be submitting
- 23 further new documents. That's the purpose of the submission,
- 24 which clearly shows us that Mr. Ieng Sary and his lawyers
- 25 attribute sufficient reliability to the exhibits that are in the

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- 1 file, because they are being used.
- 2 [15.11.49]
- 3 And now we are hearing requirements that have never been foreseen
- 4 or laid down in any kind of judicial way. The civil party
- 5 co-lawyers wish to state that, apart from the responsibility that
- 6 befalls you, Your Honours, to protect the rights of the Defence,
- 7 you also have the duty to make sure that the civil parties --
- 8 which includes victims who have suffered the crimes that we are
- 9 discussing in their flesh and blood -- you have the duty to
- 10 ensure that these civil parties are fully involved in the trial
- 11 and enjoy the same rights as the other parties.
- 12 The evidence that is before you is aimed to ensure that
- 13 particular balance. And I would conclude by saying, as regards
- 14 prior statements by the Accused, given there is no breach of
- 15 their rights and given that nobody is attempting to state that
- 16 they are necessarily quilty, but simply to corroborate evidence
- 17 which is going to be discussed here, there is absolutely no
- 18 objective reason, given the reliability criteria, of course, to
- 19 reject that evidence.
- 20 And we therefore conclude that your Chamber can exercise its
- 21 discretionary authority to accept such documents, which have been
- 22 sufficiently and adequately debated in this Chamber already.
- 23 Thank you very much.
- 24 [15.13.44]
- 25 MR. PRESIDENT:

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- 1 Thank you. We have heard the objection to document A1.
- 2 Then, we will proceed to hear the objection on document A2.
- 3 And the Defence has been allocated two hours to present its
- 4 objections, and it was left to the discretion of the Defence how
- 5 to divide its time between them. Unless there is a contrary
- 6 agreement reached by the defence teams, I therefore hand over to
- 7 the Nuon Chea defence first to present the objection to document
- 8 A2.
- 9 You may now proceed.
- 10 [15.14.59]
- 11 MR. IANUZZI:
- 12 Thank you, Your Honour. Good afternoon.
- 13 I did hear Your Honour say "two hours". I was under the
- 14 impression it was one hour.
- 15 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 16 Each team is allocated 40 minutes, unless there is an agreement
- 17 among the defence team. Otherwise each defence team is allocated
- 18 40 minutes.
- 19 MR. IANUZZI:
- 20 Thank you. In any event, I'll be extremely brief with our
- 21 objections to the documents contained in-- Sorry.
- 22 (Judges deliberate)
- 23 [15.16.33]
- 24 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 25 The Chamber wishes to correct the time allocation just now, the

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- 1 time that is granted to the defence teams. The time allocation
- 2 for the defence teams is one hour overall. In other words, each
- 3 defence teams is allocated 20 minutes to make their submission.
- 4 You may now proceed.
- 5 [15.17.10]
- 6 MR. IANUZZI:
- 7 Thank you. As I said, I'll be extremely brief. And in that case,
- 8 I'll attempt to speak very slowly.
- 9 With respect to the documents contained in Annex 2 of the
- 10 Co-Prosecutor's document list -- and that's E109/4.2 -- I have
- 11 three points to make.
- 12 First of all, I would just make reference again to the general
- 13 objections and observations that I made yesterday morning, and I
- 14 would incorporate those by reference to all of the documents
- 15 contained on the A2 list.
- 16 Second point I would like to make is to refer again to the
- 17 submissions made by my colleague, Jasper Pauw, with respect to
- 18 DC-Cam and the appearance -- the requested appearance of Mr. Youk
- 19 Chhang.
- 20 I'm informed -- we are informed, as best we can tell, nearly all
- 21 -- all or nearly all of the documents contained in A2 have passed
- 22 through the hands of DC-Cam -- emanate from DC-Cam. So our
- 23 objection, with respect to Youk Chhang, applies to all of these
- 24 documents or nearly of all these documents.
- 25 So we would submit that, should Your Honours care to rely on any

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- 1 of these documents, that you would need to first hear Youk
- 2 Chhang. Otherwise, those documents would be inadmissible.
- 3 And my final point relates to one document on the list, which
- 4 there seems to be a bit of confusion as to whether or not it was
- 5 a DC-Cam document or not. But in any event, just an abundance of
- 6 caution-- That's document number D200/2.12. That's a CKP
- 7 directive entitled "Instructions of 870". Seems that that
- 8 document was authenticated or attempted to be authenticated by a
- 9 Mr. Seng Mon, or witness Seng Mon, the OCIJ.
- 10 So, again, we would take the position that, should Your Honours
- 11 be interested in relying on that document to prove the acts and
- 12 conduct of the Accused or any key issues in the case, it should
- 13 be brought to Court and it should be put to Nuon Chea. Should he
- 14 object, Mr. Seng Mon or, excuse me, witness Seng Mon should
- 15 appear in Court for cross-examination.
- 16 [15.19.42]
- 17 And I cede the balance of time to my colleagues on this side of
- 18 the stage.
- 19 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 20 Thank you, Counsel.
- 21 We now hand over to the defence team for Ieng Sary. You may now
- 22 proceed.
- 23 MR. KARNAVAS:
- 24 Good afternoon, Mr. President. Good afternoon, Your Honours. And
- 25 good afternoon to everyone in and around the courtroom.

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- 1 I will also be brief, primarily because we've already indicated
- 2 the general nature of our objections, and we have filed an annex
- 3 which we were told it was somewhat repetitive, but of course
- 4 these are groups of documents. And if you look at our objections
- 5 to these documents on Annex 2 -- and I believe there are three
- 6 documents, and I'll list them in a moment -- our position is that
- 7 they should be rejected unless unless -- as a proviso the OCP
- 8 can sufficiently demonstrate the authenticity, reliability, and
- 9 relevance of the documents by demonstrating who is responsible
- 10 for the content of these documents.
- 11 [15.21.05]
- 12 So, assuming they're able to meet those conditions, our position
- 13 is they can be admitted. If they cannot, then we suggest that
- 14 they be rejected.
- 15 In the event that they are admitted-- In any event, we also
- 16 suggest, as we have in the past, that, when it comes time to
- 17 assessing the weight, that you take into consideration these
- 18 sorts of factors, that is the lack of ability to demonstrate who
- 19 exactly was responsible for producing the documents and under
- 20 what conditions they were produced.
- 21 In Annex 2, they indicated there were three documents. And I'll
- 22 just read it for the record: D366/7.1.59, D366/7.1.62, and
- 23 D366/7.1.23.
- 24 I don't think it's necessary for me to go into these specific
- 25 documents, given that, as I've indicated, these are general

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- 1 objections.
- 2 [15.22.22]
- 3 And of course, going back to what I had said earlier, if the
- 4 Prosecution does have witnesses, it is our position that simply
- 5 listing them on some annex is insufficient. Now that they are on
- 6 notice that they're going to be challenged on the admissibility
- 7 of documents -- and they were on notice, and they were in fact
- 8 the ones that called for this hearing -- I think it's up to the
- 9 Prosecution to simply state: Through these witnesses, we're going
- 10 to prove the admissibility -- or meet the criteria for the
- 11 admissibility of certain documents.
- 12 I don't think it's sufficient to say: We've provided the
- 13 haystack, now you go find the needle. They can simply state
- 14 exactly how they intend to demonstrate the reliability and
- 15 authenticity of these documents, and based on that, you'll be in
- 16 a position to determine whether to admit it or not. Thank you.
- 17 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 18 Thank you, Counsel.
- 19 Next, we hand over the floor to Khieu Samphan's defence team.
- 20 MR. KONG SAM ONN:
- 21 Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Honourable Members of the
- 22 Bench. Good morning, everyone in and around the courtroom.
- 23 I would like to present our point relating to document A2, which
- 24 the prosecutor has brought forward to incriminate the Accused.
- 25 [15.24.18]

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- 1 In Annex 2, there are 86 documents. Document D158, the
- 2 Co-Prosecutors indicate the indicia of reliability on the 36
- 3 documents in Annex 2, and they have classified three categories
- 4 of documents based on the publications. And the publication
- 5 itself consists of "Revolutionary Flag" magazine and
- 6 "Revolutionary Youth" magazine. And there were direct use of the
- 7 Communist Party of Kampuchea and there were various other CPK
- 8 publications.
- 9 [15.25.22]
- 10 The major question we have is the demonstration of the chain of
- 11 custody of the document, and this remains the question as always.
- 12 And I'm going to bring up a number of documents which manifestly
- 13 reveals suspicion on those documents.
- 14 What contains in the Annex 2 submitted by the prosecutors-- They
- 15 elaborated that there were content and substance in that annexes.
- 16 Actually, the content was not that substantive. It is a very
- 17 brief content and it lacked necessary information, which is
- 18 conducive to ascertaining how the documents were obtained. Were
- 19 the documents obtained by a reliable source or it was a make-up
- 20 document?
- 21 I would like to touch upon the first category of document, the
- 22 publication of the Democratic Kampuchea, consisting of 54
- 23 documents.
- 24 In those documents, there are 24 volumes of "Revolutionary Flag"
- 25 and 24 "Revolutionary Youth" magazines, and there are two other

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- 1 magazines.
- 2 The brief summary of the two magazines, the prosecutor have
- 3 failed to provide any substantiation to ascertain that those
- 4 documents was the actual copy of the original magazines, and
- 5 there is no way in which we can believe that those documents was
- 6 actually summarized properly from the original.
- 7 [15.28.00]
- 8 In addition, the Co-Prosecutors indicated that there was no copy
- 9 of the documents. So there is no quarantee that the summary of
- 10 those documents was actually the actual summary from the two
- 11 magazines.
- 12 As for the "Revolutionary Flag" or "Revolutionary Youth"
- 13 magazines, the Co-Prosecutor mentioned that 48 magazines out of
- 14 52 magazines were collected by the Documentation Centre from
- 15 various archives, namely from the Tuol Sleng archive, in 1979 -
- 16 correction, 1999.
- 17 The information that we have at hand is not sufficient at all.
- 18 Every time the prosecutor indicates the chain of custody of those
- 19 documents, the Co-Prosecutor often limits its argument to the
- 20 database available at the DC-Cam.
- 21 [15.29.52]
- 22 We need to look back further, as I mentioned on Monday, regarding
- 23 the Tuol Sleng archives. All we can demonstrate regarding the
- 24 uncertainty of those documents is that DC-Cam received those
- 25 documents from an institution or an individual. The gap here is

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- 1 that the documents that were delivered by an individual or an
- 2 institution, where did they receive those documents? There is the
- 3 missing link, as DC-Cam only received information from the
- 4 institution or the individual that delivered those documents. The
- 5 source of the document could be from another location or at a
- 6 different time, but it's uncertain and cannot prove its
- 7 reliability or the content of those documents.
- 8 For the four editions of the magazine in the Tuol Sleng archives,
- 9 there is no clear indication of its source. The Prosecution
- 10 states that two editions were recorded as received from Samdech
- 11 Hun Sen. As for the other two editions, the Prosecution fails to
- 12 indicate the letter "H" in the code means. The word "H", on that
- 13 letter, is not verified or confirmed by the Prosecution, so the
- 14 question is whether it represents an authority, an individual or
- 15 an institution; we don't know that.
- 16 [15.32.56]
- 17 The Prosecution also fails to provide any useful information
- 18 regarding the circumstances where the documents were obtained,
- 19 either through Samdech Hun Sen or through the source, "H", which
- 20 we cannot identify. And the question is we do not know from whom
- 21 the documents were received and from which location.
- 22 In addition, the Prosecution also fails to indicate that Chhang
- 23 Youk, at the DC-Cam, has certain original documents of those
- 24 documents and that Chhouk Rin confirms the authenticity of one of
- 25 those documents.

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- 1 [15.34.06]
- 2 What we want is to make the presentation of those original
- 3 documents and to call Chhouk Rin to appear before the Chamber.
- 4 Otherwise, it would not possible to give any credible weight to
- 5 those documents.
- 6 Your Honours, point number 2 is in relation to the decision by
- 7 the CPK. For those certain documents which was given by the
- 8 Prosecution, and -- they do not even have the numerical numbers
- 9 by the DC-Cam. The Prosecution acknowledge that they do not know
- 10 the original sources of those documents.
- 11 As for other documents, the Prosecution states that four
- 12 documents were found at a Tuol Sleng archive. And I believe they
- 13 are immaterial, as there is no indicia of reliability of those
- 14 documents.
- 15 The Prosecution then stated that one of those documents could be
- 16 given by Ben Kiernan to DC-Cam, and the other two documents were
- 17 given to DC-Cam by David Hawk -- it's D-A-V-I-D H-A-W-K, David
- 18 Hawk. And the document given by Ben Kiernan is IS6.3, which is a
- 19 document of the decisions dated 30 August 1976.
- 20 [15.37.39]
- 21 There is contradictory event regarding the receipt of these
- 22 documents, as I stated on Monday. We have issues with these
- 23 documents because we receive contradicting information regarding
- 24 the circumstances where the documents were obtained.
- 25 Based on the statement by the Director of DC-Cam, he states that

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- 1 the document is likely to be probably made by a representative of
- 2 the Front to Excellency Khieu Kanharith after the judgement by
- 3 the People's Tribunal already made in 1979.
- 4 [15.38.50]
- 5 On the contrary, Excellency Khieu Kanharith said he found the
- 6 document by himself, along with the minutes of meeting of the
- 7 Standing Committee, and that he found those documents in one of
- 8 the residences of the Khmer Rouge leaders, along Kampuchea Krom
- 9 Boulevard in Phnom Penh. So the source of obtaining the document
- 10 is suspicious.
- 11 And then we have to also consider whether the content of the
- 12 documents can be reliable and not fabricated. So we don't know
- 13 the source of the documents as we have this contradictory
- 14 information.
- 15 This is critical to the Defence because it could bring to light
- 16 the suspicions regarding the obtaining of these documents.
- 17 Since Monday, we also read you the correspondence between Ben
- 18 Kiernan and the Co-Investigating Judges regarding document
- 19 D269/4. This document is considered the most confidential, and
- 20 for that reason we don't know the content of that document at
- 21 all.
- 22 [15.41.42]
- 23 Another point in relation to the decision -- that is, the
- 24 decision of the Democratic Kampuchea Government. All the
- 25 documents received have certain suspicious elements or

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- 1 characteristics as the source of the document, through which the
- 2 documents were received by DC-Cam, was uncertain, and we do not
- 3 know whether it was within 10 years that the documents reproduce
- 4 or it was longer than that.
- 5 [15.42.58]
- 6 There are still many unresolved issues regarding the maintenance
- 7 of those documents as well as the examination of the reliability
- 8 of those documents. That would bring to our suspicion, and based
- 9 on this suspicion of doubt, the Chamber cannot rely on these
- 10 documents in order to use those documents as inculpatory evidence
- 11 against my clients.
- 12 Another example of the documents, which is the ERN -- the ERN
- 13 00079290 to 00079317, this document was obtained from the
- 14 Ministry of Interior. DC-Cam received this document from the
- 15 Ministry of Interior. The question is whether the document is an
- 16 exact copy of the original document or it was a copy of a copy of
- 17 a copy of the original document.
- 18 [15.45.24]
- 19 Your Honours, in summary, I submit that my position regarding
- 20 these documents which are to be placed before the Chamber must
- 21 have a clear indication of the linkage and a reliable source of
- 22 its authenticity. I'm grateful, Your Honour.
- 23 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 24 Thank you, Defence Counsel for Khieu Samphan.
- 25 The Chamber observes that, during your presentation of arguments

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- 1 and objections, you mistakenly used the actual name of the
- 2 witness in the witness list. The person was to be summoned by the
- 3 Chamber during other parts of the proceedings. Regarding the
- 4 witnesses of the civil parties who have been allocated pseudonyms
- 5 by the Chamber, you're reminded to use the pseudonym of that
- 6 relevant person or individual who will be summoned by the Chamber
- 7 at a later stage to provide testimony.
- 8 [15.47.22]
- 9 Yesterday, we had a similar event, but then the Nuon Chea's
- 10 defence team sought permission from the DC-Cam -- from the
- 11 Chamber first, regarding the revelation of the name of the
- 12 Director of the DC-Cam. And due to the special circumstances,
- 13 even if the pseudonym is used, and as the DC-Cam is well known,
- 14 the public would be able to identify the name of the Director of
- 15 DC-Cam.
- 16 So please adhere to the instruction by the Chamber regarding the
- 17 protection of the names of witnesses or civil parties who have
- 18 not yet been summoned to appear before the Chamber. And for that
- 19 reason, the pseudonyms shall be used.
- 20 The Chamber would like now to inquire with the Prosecutions,
- 21 regarding the objections raised by the defence teams on the A2
- 22 documents.
- 23 Do the Prosecution wish to make a reply to these objections? And
- 24 if you wish to do so, can you indicate how much time you need to
- 25 do so?

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- 1 [15.48.55]
- 2 MR. DE WILDE D'ESTMAEL:
- 3 Good afternoon. And thank you very much, Mr. President. Indeed,
- 4 the Prosecution does intend to reply, and we intend to dispose of
- 5 the entirety of the 40 minutes that have been allocated to us and
- 6 perhaps exceed by two to three minutes. We wish to begin our
- 7 statements tomorrow morning, and we shall be dividing our
- 8 presentation into two parts.
- 9 We would also wish to make a PowerPoint presentation before this
- 10 Chamber, and I do believe that we would not have sufficient time
- 11 to do so this afternoon. Thank you.
- 12 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 13 Thank you for informing the Chamber of your position.
- 14 So, since you would need more time than the time left for this
- 15 remaining of the afternoon, I don't need to ask the Lead
- 16 Co-Lawyer--
- 17 MR. PICH ANG:
- 18 Mr. President, for the A2 document, the Lead Co-Lawyers would
- 19 seek your permission to grant permission for the lawyer Ven Pov
- 20 to represent us in making the arguments.
- 21 [15.50.29]
- 22 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 23 Yes, your request is granted.
- 24 The time is now appropriate for the adjournment for this
- 25 afternoon's session. We shall now adjourn and we'll resume

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1	tomorrow morning, starting from 9 a.m.
2	Security guards, you are instructed the three Accused back to the
3	detention facility and, tomorrow morning, bring the three Accused
4	back from the detention centre; and for Khieu Samphan, bring him
5	to this courtroom; for the other two Accused, bring them to the
6	holding cells downstairs, where the audio visual communication
7	has been set up for them to follow the proceedings.
8	The Court is now adjourned.
9	(Court adjourns at 1551H)
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