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Case File No 002/19-09-2007-ECCC/TC

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- 1 PROCEEDINGS
- 2 (Court opens at 0905H)
- 3 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 4 Please be seated. The Court is now in session.
- 5 As scheduled and due to the early conclusion yesterday, the
- 6 defence team for Ieng Sary concluded their oral objections to the
- 7 remaining documents put forward by the Co-Prosecutors and this
- 8 morning Khieu Samphan's defence will take the opportunity to
- 9 present their oral objections.
- 10 Before I hand over the floor, I'd like to make one amendment to
- 11 the second decision yesterday on the wording assessment of
- 12 evidence. It shall be changed to the probative value of evidence;
- 13 therefore, it is not the assessment of the evidence, but its
- 14 probative value.
- 15 [09.07.40]
- 16 And for the conclusion of yesterday's hearing, it seems that the
- 17 decision was not that clear in the English interpretation and in
- 18 order to clarify the matter, I'd like to hand the floor to Judge
- 19 Cartwright in English so that all parties can clearly understand
- 20 the decision of the Trial Chamber.
- 21 JUDGE CARTWRIGHT:
- 22 Thank you, President.
- 23 As the President has indicated, there were some difficulties with
- 24 the English translation yesterday. The President ruled that the
- 25 Trial Chamber will not allocate time to discuss the probative

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- 1 value of the documents. Any such issue may be addressed as
- 2 documents come up naturally during trial, but also in closing
- 3 statements.
- 4 [09.08.46]
- 5 Thank you, President.
- 6 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 7 Thank you, Judge Cartwright.
- 8 We now hand the floor to Khieu Samphan's defence so that they can
- 9 present their oral objections to the documents as stated in the
- 10 third paragraph of the memorandum of the Trial Chamber that is
- 11 document E172/5. Khieu Samphan's defence have this whole morning
- 12 to present their oral objections. You may proceed.
- 13 MR. KONG SAM ONN:
- 14 Thank you, Mr. President. Good morning, Your Honours. Good
- 15 morning, everyone.
- 16 [09.09.48]
- 17 I'd like to make the presentations on our oral objections to the
- 18 documents submitted by the Prosecution. The submission of
- 19 documents by the Prosecution was done before the Trial Chamber
- 20 made its decision to make the severance of Case 002 and it was
- 21 made after the issuance of Closing Order by the Co-Investigating
- 22 Judges.
- 23 We do have some questions regarding the examination of the list
- 24 of documents. For instance, the Trial Chamber already makes some
- 25 points regarding the annexes and it was also made after the

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1 Co-Prosecutors already submitted the list of documents. There are

- 2 some questions that I'd like to raise in general.
- 3 [09.11.36]
- 4 Firstly, in regard to the facts determined by the Trial Chamber
- 5 for the subsequent trials, for example, the facts related to
- 6 cooperatives, work sites, security centres, killing sites or the
- 7 facts related to the movement which would fall into the third
- 8 phase that they should not be put for discussion during this
- 9 first trial. As we can see, a number of the documents in the list
- 10 of documents submitted by the Prosecution do not mean to be for
- 11 the facts before the Trial Chamber at this stage, but it will be
- 12 for subsequent trials, so we will not discuss these documents.
- 13 In addition to that, in regard to the allegations, for example,
- 14 genocide or religious persecution which, as parts of crimes
- 15 against humanity or the grave breaches of the Geneva Convention
- of 1949, are supposed to be done in subsequent trials and
- 17 proceedings.
- 18 [09.13.35]
- 19 Secondly, the Trial Chamber also issued its decision to sever the
- 20 proceedings against Ieng Thirith and yesterday, defence counsel,
- 21 Michael Karnavas, also made this point in regard to the facts and
- 22 allegations against Ieng Thirith that this matter should not be
- 23 discussed in this trial proceeding and, for that reason, Khieu
- 24 Samphan's defence will not discuss the matters related to this
- 25 Accused. So we will not make comments or make oral objections to

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- 1 these particular types of documents.
- 2 Thirdly, a majority of documents in the list submitted by the
- 3 Prosecution are not relevant to the facts and the case file being
- 4 discussed before the Chamber. This is pursuant to Internal Rule
- 5 87.3(a) whereby the Trial Chamber can reject requests for
- 6 examination of evidence if the evidence is not relevant. Your
- 7 Honours, that is at the discretion of the Chamber to decide so --
- 8 that is whether the documents submitted by the Prosecution are
- 9 relevant or otherwise and you can make a rejection to that
- 10 submission.
- 11 [09.15.36]
- 12 Fourth, for new documents and also pursuant to the decision of
- 13 the Trial Chamber; there is document E172/5 which clearly states
- 14 the facts regarding the new documents that shall be discussed in
- 15 Annex 21 and that shall be discussed separately, not during this
- 16 particular hearing. And as defence counsel for Khieu Samphan, we
- 17 observe that the new documents are not collective in one annex,
- 18 but they are scattered in almost every annex; that is, the annex
- 19 of the list submitted by the Prosecution. The new documents
- 20 amount to 341 and we, as Khieu Samphan's defence, will not make
- 21 comments or make our oral objections to these documents yet. This
- 22 is not the appropriate time for discussion on these new documents
- 23 and, of course, we believe that the Trial Chamber will give the
- 24 opportunity for the parties to discuss these documents at a later
- 25 stage.

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1	[09.17.43]
2	Fifth, as a principle when it comes to the statements, for
3	example, the statements of the witnesses alleging the acts or the
4	activities of the Accused, I request that the person or the
5	individual who makes such a statement shall be cross-examined in
6	order to ascertain the truth that the statement that is made by
7	such individual is true and correct; in particular, when it comes
8	to the acts or the activities of the Accused. We believe that
9	there shall be an opportunity for Khieu Samphan's defence team as
10	well as other defence teams to cross-examine those individuals
11	who make such statements and that is a principle which is also
12	applied internationally.
13	As for the 341 new documents that I just mentioned, we, the Khieu
14	Samphan defence, submit that the Prosecution should re-examine
15	these documents and decide whether they are relevant to the
16	context of the proceeding in this first trial and to what extent
17	and whether they should be removed from this first trial. This
18	can be done to minimize the time and also to remove the
19	irrelevant documents. It is not the position of the defence
20	counsel to object to every single document submitted by the
21	Prosecution. It is the Prosecution's role to determine whether
22	the documents are relevant to the facts being tried at this
23	particular stage of the proceeding and if the Prosecution has a
24	view that the documents are not relevant then the documents shall

be removed so that we can save more time on the objections.

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- 1 [09.21.03]
- 2 During yesterday proceedings, we heard the oral objections by the
- 3 other two defence teams. Therefore, what I present today and you
- 4 -- and I wish not to repeat the points already raised by the
- 5 defence teams yesterday and I'd like to seek the President's
- 6 permission for my colleague, Ms. Guissé, to make particular
- 7 points regarding the oral objections to those documents.
- 8 Thank you, Your Honour.
- 9 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 10 Ms. Guissé, you may proceed.
- 11 MS. GUISSÉ:
- 12 Thank you very much, Mr. President. Good morning, first and
- 13 foremost, Mr. President, Your Honours. Good morning to all
- 14 parties.
- 15 [09.22.08]
- 16 May I begin by what I consider everyone would feel is good news;
- 17 that is, Mr. Khieu Samphan's defence team's objections will be
- 18 much more brief than originally anticipated in light of some of
- 19 the Defence objections that have been raised by my fellow defence
- 20 counsel. Very seasoned lawyers on this side of the Bench have
- 21 made very compelling and brilliant arguments; therefore, I will
- 22 not repeat what has already been laid out before you.
- 23 I will also avoid being redundant; however, I would point out and
- 24 underscore some of the points that Mr. Khieu Samphan's defence
- 25 team feels are very relevant. Allow me to begin with Annex 6.

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1 Annex 6 is called by the Co-Prosecutors as biographies pertaining

- 2 to the regime of Democratic Kampuchea. A certain number of
- 3 objections have already been made by my colleagues; particularly
- 4 by my esteemed colleagues from the defence team of Ieng Sary in
- 5 that these documents do not fall within the scope of the first
- 6 trial. This was said yesterday, and I want to underscore a
- 7 problem that was raised by another team during the hearing of the
- 8 16th of February during which it was called to your attention the
- 9 problems pertaining to the chain of custody of these documents.
- 10 [09.24.24]
- 11 For example, allow me to refer to document D366/7.1821,
- 12 D366/7.1.30, D366/7.1.27. All of these documents, for example,
- 13 are presumed to be documents of the Government of Democratic
- 14 Kampuchea and yet we have no idea as to how they were obtained,
- 15 how and who held custody of them, in what conditions they were
- 16 drafted and then later on conserved.
- 17 Your Honours, you also have before you documents that are annexed
- 18 as witness statements; such is the case for documents D125/138.3,
- 19 D125/138.5. These -- these documents belong to TCW-457, and yet
- 20 upon analysis of these witness statements -- these are written
- 21 records of -- written records of interviews -- these are indeed
- 22 statements according to which the statement simply recognizes the
- 23 names mentioned in the documents; therefore, the reliability of
- 24 these documents are found wanting; therefore, there are grounds
- 25 to reject them.

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- 1 [09.26.41]
- 2 I would also briefly recall that we stand in objection to the
- 3 admission of the analytical reports of Mr. Craig Etcheson. I
- 4 would remind you of the references of these documents; they are
- 5 D2 -- D2/15.33 rather, D2-15.34, D2-15.36, D2-15.37.
- 6 We have absolutely no information with respect to how these
- 7 documents were obtained by Craig Etcheson, and the context and
- 8 conditions in which he obtained them. Therefore, there are no
- 9 grounds to admit them.
- 10 [09.27.43]
- 11 Allow me to move now to annex number 7. With respect to the
- 12 commerce reports of Democratic Kampuchea, once again, I will
- 13 refer the Chamber to the arguments developed by my esteemed
- 14 friend, Mr. Kong Sam Onn on the 15th of February. I simply want
- 15 to highlight what was argued previously with respect to the
- 16 admission of new documents. There are seven documents that figure
- 17 in Annex 21, and yet here what we are dealing with are documents
- 18 that are not new. Therefore, we will raise those points once
- 19 Annex 21 is indeed submitted.
- 20 However, all of these commerce reports are subject to the same
- 21 arguments that were previously stated. Specifically, the chain of
- 22 custody of these documents is dubious and deficient. We have
- 23 already stated what we deem as -- documents collected by DC-Cam
- 24 as unreliable based on the testimonies provided before this
- 25 Chamber by the DC-Cam representatives. However, I would

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1 especially call your attention to the fact that some of these

- 2 documents contain written annotations, with respect to which
- 3 TCW-583 would be able to provide a certain number of
- 4 clarifications. However, the defence for Khieu Samphan finds it
- 5 very problematic that such documents could be admitted when they
- 6 contain written annotations when we have no idea as to when or
- 7 how these written annotations were made.
- 8 [09.29.56]
- 9 And once again I would refer the Chamber to the testimony given
- 10 by the DC-Cam representative with respect to handwritten
- 11 documents. Once again, you will be able to take such information
- 12 into consideration during your deliberations and you will be able
- 13 to rely on these documents considering the fact that the chain of
- 14 custody of these documents is completely unknown.
- 15 I now wish to move on to Annex number 8, and once again I shall
- 16 be very brief. These documents refer to the district record of
- 17 Tram Kak. I will reiterate the objection based on the fact that
- 18 these documents are not relative to the first mini-trial. I would
- 19 also want to recall some of the arguments raised by the defence
- 20 team for Ieng Sary by repeating once again the importance to rely
- 21 only on documents whose authenticity cannot be contested. Ben
- 22 Kiernan has, in fact, admitted that he's relied on photocopies
- 23 and other such documents. The originals are not available at this
- 24 stage, and we certainly hope that the Chamber will not base its
- 25 decision on such documents.

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- 1 [09.31.48]
- 2 Allow me to move on to Annex number 9, as well as Annex number
- 3 10, which I will deal with together. A very brief -- as I feel
- 4 that my esteemed friends from the defence teams from Ieng Sary
- 5 and Nuon Chea have been articulate -- therefore I will not
- 6 belabour the proceedings, and simply state that some of these
- 7 documents have been, or may have been obtained through torture.
- 8 But, once again, I will ask you whether or not these documents do
- 9 pertain to the first mini trial. And, therefore, they are not of
- 10 concern to us at this particular point in time.
- 11 Allow me to make a few comments on Annex number 11, which concern
- 12 the trial transcripts of Case File number 1. Counsel Karnavas
- 13 spoke elaborately on this issue, but I will insist, once again,
- 14 on the importance of absolutely excluding these trial
- 15 transcripts. This is a criminal course -- a criminal case,
- 16 rather, in which we are governed by adversarial debate. And in
- 17 such conditions it is abundantly clear that all trial transcripts
- 18 for a case file, during which certain acts may have been
- 19 discussed, should be excluded.
- 20 [09.33.48]
- 21 I would recall that, in the Co-Prosecutor's introductory
- 22 submission -- the Co-Prosecutors, in their annexes, makes
- 23 reference to E9/31. And I refer specifically to paragraph 19. The
- 24 interest of the Co-Prosecutors to submit Annex 11 is based on the
- 25 following. And I read paragraph 11:

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1 "These transcripts contain statements and testimonies of Duch as

- 2 well as other witnesses, civil parties, who are concerned with
- 3 S-21 and the DK regime. This testimony assists in proving the
- 4 occurrence of the crimes alleged at S-21 and the participation of
- 5 the Accused in those crimes."
- 6 In no uncertain terms, Your Honours, the Co-Prosecutors intend to
- 7 use this annex not only to highlight facts that are relevant to
- 8 the first trial, but also to draw attention to the alleged
- 9 participation of the Accused to these alleged crimes. Therefore,
- 10 there's a two-pronged reason for excluding these documents. Mr.
- 11 Khieu Samphan is mentioned in document D284/4.94.1. This is a
- 12 statement made by Mr. Raoul Marc Jennar in which the name of Mr.
- 13 Khieu Samphan is mentioned many times.
- 14 [09.36.06]
- 15 We firmly and staunchly object to the admission of these
- 16 documents, and if the Co-Prosecutors believe that the statements
- 17 of Mr. Raoul-Marc Jennar and those of others have to be
- 18 considered by this Chamber, it is incumbent upon them to make
- 19 sure that such witnesses be summoned, so that they can be
- 20 cross-examined by all parties.
- 21 I would like now to speak on Annex 14. Once again, I shall be
- 22 very concise, in light of the arguments that have been developed
- 23 by the Ieng Sary defence team. I believe that it would be
- 24 important to call your attention an additional point, in order
- 25 for you to understand whether these documents are relevant to the

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- 1 first trial. I refer the Chamber to a submission of the
- 2 Co-Prosecutors with respect to the annexes E9/31. Once again, I
- 3 will quote paragraph 22:
- 4 "They claim that annex 14 lists 51 site identification reports,
- 5 which were prepared by the OCIJ investigators on the specific
- 6 crime sites that were the subject of the judicial investigation
- 7 and the indictment."
- 8 [09.38.03]
- 9 I will recall -- and this is a very important point -- you
- 10 decided and responded to some of the arguments made by the Ieng
- 11 Sary defence time team. You had decided in your Severance
- 12 Order, in document E139, paragraph 9, the fact that constitutes
- 13 the crimes alleged in this first trial do not concern education
- 14 sites, detention centres or other locations. Now, based on that,
- 15 you have already decided beforehand that such documents which
- 16 deal specifically with clearly identified crime sites do not fall
- 17 within the scope of this first trial and are therefore not
- 18 relevant at this stage. Therefore, we must remain consistent with
- 19 Internal Rule 87.3(a) and 3 of the ECCC Internal Rules.
- 20 I now wish to make a few remarks on Annex 15 -- that deals with
- 21 maps and photographs. It is rather difficult for the defence team
- 22 to comment on each of the 461 documents that originate from
- 23 various places, and for which there may not be original copies. I
- 24 will simply recall, once again, that, in E9/31, paragraph 23, the
- 25 Co-Prosecutors, in justifying the submission of such an annex --

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- 1 the Co-Prosecutors claim that the maps consist primarily of
- 2 locations identified in the Closing Order as crime sites,
- 3 Cambodian border areas relevant to proving the international
- 4 armed conflict, and maps showing the DK zones and sectors.
- 5 [09.40.29]
- 6 Further on, the Co-Prosecutors also explained that this annex
- 7 include photographs of the crime sites and the events that are
- 8 the subject of the Closing Order, including S-21, regional
- 9 security centres, execution sites, and work sites such as the
- 10 January 1 Dam. Once again, I will recall this is a quote from
- 11 paragraph 23 of document E9/31. A very large number of these
- 12 documents simply are not relevant to the first trial.
- 13 As another illustration, I would refer you to document
- 14 D108/19/1/5, which is a drawing of an execution site. I would
- 15 also refer you to document D108/39/10, which is a depiction of a
- 16 mass grave site. Once again, these documents fall well beyond the
- 17 scope of the first mini-trial. Similarly, and as a general
- 18 characterization, this annex contains maps as well as drawings
- 19 that are annotated by witnesses who obviously were heard by the
- 20 Co-Investigating Judges.
- 21 [09.42.14]
- 22 I deem it very important to possibly cross-examine these
- 23 witnesses, if these exhibits are indeed to be admitted. I'm
- 24 referring here to document D276/7.5. This includes a map of some
- 25 military bases in a particular province. And, given the fact that

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- 1 a witness has annotated such a map not only falls beyond the
- 2 scope of the first trial -- I believe that such a document calls
- 3 for clarifications and these clarifications would justify
- 4 summoning the witness. The reliability of certain documents is
- 5 being questioned, and as an example, I would draw your attention
- 6 to some of the maps and documents obtained by the Vietnam Centre.
- 7 This is an archive, and the Vietnam Centre Archives enjoyed
- 8 funding and financial donations from veterans and private
- 9 individuals.
- 10 And I will quote the following passage in English:
- 11 [09.44.00]
- 12 (Intervention in English) "The virtual Vietnam Archive may not
- 13 have what you are looking for, especially if you are looking for
- 14 official records of facts or figures." (End of intervention in
- 15 English)
- 16 Quite obviously, the virtual Vietnam Archives website has made it
- 17 very clear that they do not employ any scientific methodology in
- 18 obtaining their documents, and yet the Co-Prosecutors are asking
- 19 you to admit these documents and to base your decision on them.
- 20 My esteemed friend Michael Karnavas has already made a few points
- 21 on the Cambodia Genocide Program, and therefore I will not repeat
- 22 his comments.
- 23 [09.44.55]
- 24 However, I will stand in full support of what he said, and also
- 25 draw your attention to the following documents -- D108/50/1.4.

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1 This document is a map of roads which dates back to 2001. How is

- 2 this relevant to the first trial? That is, to have a road map
- 3 that dates back to 2001. What is the probative value of such a
- 4 document, which will be determined at your absolute discretion?
- 5 These are just a few of the examples of the hundreds and hundreds
- 6 of documents that illustrate, to my mind, the absence of
- 7 relevance, as well as the absence of reliability.
- 8 I will now move on to Annex 16, which contains audio and video
- 9 recordings. Once again, I ask what the relevance of these
- 10 exhibits are to the first trial.
- 11 I would refer you to video D294/2/25R. This is a video depicting
- 12 military drills of soldiers working under the Democratic
- 13 Kampuchea regime. There is also footage of forced labour. This
- 14 also applies to D295/2/56R. Now, for these two particular videos,
- 15 we assert that they simply are not consistent with the first
- 16 trial, and they therefore should be set aside. In fact, of all
- 17 the documents proposed by the Co-Prosecutors, a very high volume,
- 18 if not the bulk, of their submissions, are simply not relevant.
- 19 [09.48.00]
- 20 During the hearing of the 16th of February 2012, the Khieu
- 21 Samphan defence team rose to make objections to certain
- 22 transcripts of interviews. I would refer the Chamber to the
- 23 transcript of proceeding E1/45.1, page 67. With respect to these
- 24 interviews involving Steve Heder as well as Bunchhoeun, we stated
- 25 that such statements could not be admitted, unless there were an

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1 opportunity to cross-examine those who had actually made the

- 2 statements and produced the transcript.
- 3 Today, the Co-Prosecutors wish to admit audio recordings, which
- 4 include D210/5R, and we apply the same objections that we made to
- 5 the transcripts as we would to these audio recordings. We also
- 6 object to the admission of D269/9/1.9R, D269/9/.10R (sic),
- 7 D269/9.1.11R (sic), D269/9/1.12R. These are all interviews that
- 8 were conducted by Mr. Ben Kiernan during the 1990s. Once again,
- 9 we stand in objection to the admission of these transcripts, in
- 10 addition to D313.1.2.406.1 (sic). We also stand in objection to
- 11 the admission of the written transcripts of these audio
- 12 recordings.
- 13 [09.50.56]
- 14 Now, with respect to videos, we would object to the admission of
- 15 an interview given by Mr. Khieu Samphan in 1988. It is classified
- 16 under D313.10 -- or, rather, D313/10R (sic), D13.9R, D313.11R.
- 17 These documents or these recordings were obtained by the
- 18 Co-Prosecutors from DC-Cam. They've acknowledged that they have
- 19 no information with respect to the identity of the journalist or
- 20 how these recordings were obtained. These interviews are only
- 21 available in the Khmer language, and there are no transcripts
- 22 available. It is abundantly clear that an interview conducted in
- 23 such conditions, and the fact that the identity of the journalist
- 24 is not even known, provides clear grounds for the Chamber to
- 25 dismiss the admission -- or to dismiss these exhibits outright.

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- 1 You also have before Your Honours video recordings classified
- 2 under D269/9/1.13R. Despite an attempt by Mr. Ben Kiernan to
- 3 provide an explanation, there are many issues and problems
- 4 surrounding who, exactly, conducted the interview and in what
- 5 conditions, who the witness is -- so on and so forth. In light of
- 6 this, the exhibit can certainly not be admitted.
- 7 [09.53.21]
- 8 We also believe that objections should be made to documents that
- 9 are classified under D299/1.4R. These documents are partisan in
- 10 nature, and we have already raised our objection to them in a
- 11 previous hearing, but I simply want to reiterate that the issue
- 12 of impartiality, objectivity, as well as reliability, is dubious,
- 13 because this recording was produced by an East German team at the
- 14 invitation of the Vietnamese, circa 1979. In such circumstances,
- 15 it is entirely justifiable for the defence team of Mr. Khieu
- 16 Samphan to question the reliability of such documents and such
- 17 exhibits.
- 18 With respect to A16 -- with respect to annex A16, it is
- 19 impossible for us to make individual comments to the exhaustive
- 20 list of all documents, but those were a few of the main
- 21 illustrations.
- 22 [09.54.51]
- 23 I beg your pardon, Your Honours. Allow me to comment now on Annex
- 24 17, international communication documents. These documents have
- 25 been discussed at a previous hearing -- namely, during the

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- 1 hearing of the 17th of February. Issues of translation quality,
- 2 as well as chain of custody and other issues were discussed, and
- 3 in such circumstances, it was impossible to obtain a quarantee as
- 4 to whether or not these documents are entirely authentic and
- 5 reliable. And in order to substantiate some of the facts that are
- 6 being alleged against the Accused, we must be able to rely on
- 7 these documents, and yet it is impossible to verify the source of
- 8 these documents, to verify if there have been any problems in
- 9 translation, since we do not know the original source language.
- 10 I would take one example, which is the following document;
- 11 D313/1.2.265, D313/1.2.266, D313/1.2.268, D369/6.169. I will stop
- 12 there, but I could certainly provide further examples.
- 13 Once again, we are not casting doubt on the existence of these
- 14 telegrams. We are asserting, however, that the reliability -- the
- 15 threshold of reliability of these documents is extremely low.
- 16 With respect to our next 18, which contains international media
- 17 reports, once again there are certain numbers of new documents
- 18 that will be examined at a later stage.
- 19 [09.57.38]
- 20 I would make a very cursory reminder that at a recent hearing in
- 21 February, we had lodged objections to the admission of FBIS
- 22 documents. I will not repeat those objections here. However, I
- 23 would say once again that the general objections we have raised
- 24 are highly significant. They deal with press articles, media
- 25 clippings for which we have no indication of the author.

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- 1 This is the example of D56, document 001; D56, document 003;
- 2 D366/7.1.68; D56-Doc. 012; D56, document 15; D366/7.1.242. Again,
- 3 I will limit my examples there, but I can certainly go on to cite
- 4 further examples.
- 5 These documents are simply summaries or précises of press
- 6 articles. For example, you also have D56-Doc. 017; D56-Doc. 021;
- 7 D56-Doc. 011 and so on and so forth.
- 8 Similarly, we make objections to documents that are simply not
- 9 available in Khmer, for example D51, D313/1.2.276, and
- 10 D313/1.2.281, which is also not available in Khmer. I could also
- 11 go on, however.
- 12 We stand opposed to documents for which the original Khmer is not
- 13 available. Obviously, it is impossible for us to verify the
- 14 accuracy of another language version if an original version is
- 15 simply not available, and here I refer to the following:
- 16 D199/26.2.44.
- 17 This is just another illustration of some of the issues
- 18 encountered by the defence team and I would fail to understand
- 19 how one could rely on such a document in terms of reliability and
- 20 other indicia.
- 21 [10.01.19]
- 22 Mr. President, do I have your leave to continue and conclude my
- 23 remarks, or would you like to call for a break at this point?
- 24 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 25 You may continue for another half-an-hour before the break time.

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- 1 [10.01.40]
- 2 MS. GUISSÉ:
- 3 Thank you, Mr. President.
- 4 I go on then to Annex 19 which are academic articles. I shall
- 5 refer -- not refer to the objections levelled by the Ieng Sary
- 6 team and merely content myself with referring to a significant
- 7 point connected with document D2/15, which is Craig Etcheson's
- 8 famous report.
- 9 We object to the document for the reasons mentioned by Counsel
- 10 Karnavas, but we would also like to remind this Chamber of an
- 11 important point that was raised by the defence for Ieng Thirith
- 12 during the investigation. And there I refer the Chamber to D292
- 13 in which, in an extremely precise and detailed way, the Ieng
- 14 Thirith defence team noted the perfection of the methodology
- 15 followed to establish the report and the conclusions; sometimes
- 16 based on testimony obtained under torture, conclusions from a
- 17 single piece of testimony that were tied in to general
- 18 conclusions.
- 19 $\,$ And here I am taking you to the substance of objections and
- 20 problems listed by the Ieng Thirith defence at the time, simply
- 21 to draw the Chamber's attention to the fact that this report is
- 22 unsatisfactory and cannot be accepted by this Chamber. And if the
- 23 Co-Prosecutors do wish to insist on us examining the document,
- 24 then it would be necessary for Mr. Craig Etcheson to appear to be
- 25 cross-questioned about all of these difficulties inherent to that

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- 1 report.
- 2 [10.04.04]
- 3 I take you now to Annex 20 on the rogatory reports. Again, I
- 4 would echo the objections raised by my colleagues on other
- 5 defence teams, and also in international jurisprudence it is
- 6 taken that we cannot accept written testimony from witnesses
- 7 connected with the acts and conduct of the Accused or summaries
- 8 or confirmations of hearings of witnesses or civil parties unless
- 9 the accused themselves have an opportunity to cross-question
- 10 those witnesses, failing which I believe that these documents
- 11 should be rejected as not being submitted to proper adversarial
- 12 debate.
- 13 [10.05.09]
- 14 Those were the objections, Mr. President, that I wished to make
- 15 about Annexes 6 to 20 submitted by the Co-Prosecutors.
- 16 Very briefly, now, I'd like to look at the objections connected
- 17 with the list of the civil parties' documents. I shall be brief
- 18 because my colleagues have already pointed out that out of this
- 19 list of 10 documents, there are nine that don't relate to the
- 20 first mini-trial so, of course, the question of relevance is more
- 21 pertinent than ever and these nine documents should be rejected.
- 22 There is only one that could possibly be invoked in this first
- 23 mini trial, which is an article by Mr. Kiernan which he wrote
- 24 while he was a mere 21 year-old student. I shall not dwell on the
- 25 question of the probative value or reliability of such a

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- 1 document, but a university article by a student at that age, and
- 2 especially bearing in mind the fact that Mr. Kiernan's testimony
- 3 may come before this Court, then I will not dwell on that matter
- 4 now but we will reserve the right to come back to the civil
- 5 parties' document list at a later stage.
- 6 [10.06.36]
- 7 Closing then on this series of objections, I would draw to your
- 8 distinguished attention the fact that I am not objecting for the
- 9 sake of objecting. We're talking here about the role of all the
- 10 parties, whether they are -- it is the Prosecution, the civil
- 11 parties or the Defence to make sure that this Court, in its
- 12 deliberations, is not burdened with documents of which the
- 13 relevance and reliability is called into question.
- 14 And it's in the light of those elements and those ideas that I
- 15 would ask you to examine the objections that I have raised, and
- 16 that brings me to a close, Mr. President.
- 17 Thank you.
- 18 [10.07.22]
- 19 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 20 Thank you, Madam Counsel.
- 21 The time is now appropriate for a break. We shall take a
- 22 20-minute break and we shall return at 10.30.
- 23 When we resume, the floor will be given to the Prosecution and
- 24 the Lead Co-lawyers to respond to the oral objections raised by
- 25 the Defence.

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- 1 I notice the defence counsel is on his feet. You may proceed.
- 2 MR. ANG UDOM:
- 3 Thank you, Mr. President. Good morning, Your Honours.
- 4 Due to his health, Mr. Ieng Sary would like to waive his rights
- 5 to directly participate in today's proceeding, and instead he
- 6 would like to follow the proceedings in the waiting room
- 7 downstairs, and we'd like to seek your permission on that. Thank
- 8 you.
- 9 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 10 The Prosecution, you may proceed.
- 11 MR. ABDULHAK:
- 12 Mr. President, I apologize for interjecting. I was on my feet on
- 13 a slightly separate matter to do with scheduling.
- 14 The Scheduling Order indicates that we are to -- also to deal
- 15 with any objections by the Co-Prosecutors and the civil parties
- 16 to the defence lists, and I just wanted to inform the Chamber and
- 17 the other parties that we will not be making objections to the
- 18 defence lists. And so, for the purposes of scheduling, perhaps
- 19 Your Honours can take that into account.
- 20 I suppose the next matter to move on to, as the President
- 21 indicated, would be our responses, but I suspect given the
- 22 relatively brief submissions that the Defence have made, that we
- 23 won't -- that we might finish sometime tomorrow or, at the
- 24 latest, perhaps early on Thursday.
- 25 [10.09.24]

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- 1 So, as a scheduling matter, you may wish to take it into account
- 2 in terms of any further sessions that you may wish to consider
- 3 for this week.
- 4 Thank you.
- 5 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 6 Thank you, Defence Counsel.
- 7 Lead Co-Lawyer, you may proceed.
- 8 MR. PICH ANG:
- 9 Good morning, Mr. President, Your Honours.
- 10 The civil party counsels would like to inform the Trial Chamber
- 11 that we do not wish to make any oral objections to the documents
- 12 proposed by the Defence.
- 13 Thank you.
- 14 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 15 Thank you, civil party Lead Co-Lawyer, for your status. This is
- 16 useful for our scheduling purpose.
- 17 The Chamber has heard the requests made by the accused, Ieng
- 18 Sary, through his counsel not to directly participate in today's
- 19 proceeding and instead to follow it through the audio-visual
- 20 communication in the waiting room downstairs, due to his health.
- 21 [10.10.52]
- 22 The Trial Chamber grants the permission to Mr. Ieng Sary to the
- 23 request made through his lawyer to waive his right to participate
- 24 directly in the proceeding, and rather to follow it through
- 25 audio-visual communication in the waiting room downstairs.

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- 1 Defence counsel, you are required to deliver immediately the
- 2 letter to waive his right to participate directly for today's
- 3 proceeding, and it shall be signed or thumb-printed by the
- 4 Accused.
- 5 Security guard, you are instructed to bring the accused, Ieng
- 6 Sary, to the waiting room downstairs, and the ICT Section you are
- 7 instructed to link the proceeding through the waiting room
- 8 downstairs for today's proceeding, that is both for the afternoon
- 9 and the morning sessions.
- 10 THE GREFFIER:
- 11 All rise.
- 12 (Judges exit courtroom)
- 13 (Court recesses from 1011H to 1033H)
- 14 (Judges enter courtroom)
- 15 THE GREFFIER:
- 16 Please be seated.
- 17 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 18 The Court is back in session.
- 19 According to the schedule, response by the Prosecution and the
- 20 civil Lead Co-Lawyers for the civil parties concerning the
- 21 documents submitted by the defence teams. But before we broke,
- 22 both the Prosecution and civil parties' lawyers have made their
- 23 position clear that they would not object against the document
- 24 put forth by the defence teams.
- 25 Now, I turn to the Prosecution to provide response to the Defence

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- 1 concerning the documents they sought to be put before the
- 2 Chamber.
- 3 Now, I give the floor to the Prosecution to respond to objections
- 4 against the documents submitted by the defence teams.
- 5 But before we turn the floor to the Prosecution, we would like to
- 6 ask the Prosecution as to how much time you need to raise this
- 7 objection.
- 8 [10.36.29]
- 9 MR. ABDULHAK:
- 10 Thank you, Mr. President.
- 11 The way in which we propose to deal with the objections is for my
- 12 colleague to first respond in relation to a number of thematic
- 13 matters, following which we will make submissions in response on
- 14 each of the annexes and we will do so, if you like, in three
- 15 separate -- we propose to do so in three separate sessions.
- 16 [10.37.00]
- 17 We think we can complete the first session today and perhaps even
- 18 start the second session. We will certainly complete, most
- 19 likely, both the second and the third part of our responses
- 20 tomorrow so that, again most likely, we would be in a position to
- 21 hand over to the civil party lawyers either at the end of
- 22 tomorrow or perhaps at the start of proceedings, on Thursday.
- 23 That's that's the way we propose to proceed.
- 24 And I guess that just means -- and this is why I was raising the
- 25 matter just before we broke -- is, I believe that may -- then,

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- 1 with the civil parties' responses, we would conclude the
- 2 anticipated proceedings for this week. The civil parties can
- 3 obviously speak for themselves. I believe they only need
- 4 approximately one hour, so we may finish early on Thursday.
- 5 (Judges deliberate)
- 6 [10.38.24]
- 7 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 8 The prosecutor, you may proceed.
- 9 MR. VENG HUOT:
- 10 Your Honours, members of the Bench, colleagues, and everyone,
- 11 good morning.
- 12 Before the Prosecution responds to the specific Defence objection
- 13 which we have heard over the past one day and a half, I will make
- 14 a very brief submission on the applicable legal principle.
- 15 We will also outline the evidence which is before the Chamber
- 16 regarding the primary sources of the material listed in the
- 17 Co-Prosecutors' first phase document list.
- 18 [10.40.00]
- 19 Again, I will also outline the evidence which is before the
- 20 Chamber regarding the primary sources of the materials listed in
- 21 the Co-Prosecutors' first phase document list.
- 22 We feel this short recap may be of assistance to the Chamber,
- 23 since this is the last set of documents hearings on phase 1
- 24 documents, and a considerable amount of evidence and
- 25 argumentation has been put before the Chamber on these issues so

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- 1 far.
- 2 [10.40.45]
- 3 The legal principles.
- 4 The starting point is, of course, Your Honours' ruling on the
- 5 application of Internal Rule 87 insofar as it concerns
- 6 authenticity, relevance, and reliability of documents. As Your
- 7 Honours have indicated, Internal Rule 87 contains the legal test
- 8 for admission of evidence before the ECCC. Rule 87.1 creates a
- 9 general presumption of admissibility of all evidence. This
- 10 general rule is limited by Rule 87. 3, which provides an
- 11 exhaustive list of circumstances in which the Chamber may reject
- 12 a request for evidence.
- 13 In applying these provisions in Case 001 in decisions E43/4 and
- 14 E176, the Chamber adopted an approach consistent with
- 15 international jurisprudence. The Chamber interpreted Rule 87.3 as
- 16 requiring evidence to satisfy minimum standards of reliability
- 17 and relevance. In Case 002, the Chamber has provided further
- 18 quidance in its memorandum of the 31st of January 2012, document
- 19 number E162, indicating that evidence which is proposed for
- 20 admission must satisfy prima facie standards of relevance,
- 21 reliability and authenticity.
- 22 [10.43.06]
- 23 Thus, the Chamber indicated that if a document clearly lacks
- 24 reliability -- including authenticity -- it may be considered to
- 25 be unsuitable to prove the facts it purports to prove. This also

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1 reflects the core legal principles on which the Co-Prosecutors

- 2 have relied in previous written and oral submissions. The
- 3 relevant standard for reliability, relevance and authenticity at
- 4 this stage is prima facie.
- 5 Prima facie, of course, means "on the face of the document". It
- 6 means that, at the point of admission, Your Honours are not
- 7 required to be satisfied as to the exact origin, provenance,
- 8 chain of custody, or form of the document as to whether it is an
- 9 original or a copy. All that is required is that you are
- 10 satisfied that, on its face, the evidence appears to be relevant,
- 11 reliable, and authentic.
- 12 Relevance, of course, relates to whether or not the document
- 13 relates to an issue in the trial and tends to support the moving
- 14 party's position.
- 15 As for authenticity and reliability, we submit that prima facie
- 16 means that you simply need to be satisfied that the evidence
- 17 appears to be what it purports to be; in other words, that it
- 18 does not appear to be fake and that it has a minimum level of
- 19 probative value. So all that is required is sufficient indicia of
- 20 reliability.
- 21 Your Honours provided a helpful illustration of these standards
- 22 in memorandum E162. Your Honours stated that, where a document
- 23 does not appear to be a forgery or unrepresentative of the
- 24 original, the Chamber shall consider that document to have been
- 25 put before it, that is, the document is prima facie authentic and

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- 1 reliable because it is not, on its face, a forgery.
- 2 [10.46.40]
- 3 Once a document is put before the Chamber and admitted into
- 4 evidence, as Your Honours indicated in the memorandum, any
- 5 further submissions as to reliability will go to the weight to be
- 6 accorded to the evidence.
- 7 Similarly, you held in your judgement in Case 001, at paragraph
- 8 42 that "the assessment of probative value of evidence would take
- 9 place once the evidence has been admitted".
- 10 The reason we are highlighting this distinction is because many
- 11 of the submissions we have heard from the Defence do not, in
- 12 fact, go to the admissibility but rather to the weight of the
- 13 evidence.
- 14 [10.47.44]
- 15 For example, the question of whether the contents of a document
- 16 described an event correctly, or whether the author had direct
- 17 knowledge of the event he or she describes, these are all
- 18 questions that go to weight which you would ultimately ascribe to
- 19 the document. But such questions do not preclude the admission of
- 20 the document unless, of course, it is completely devoid of any
- 21 probative value.
- 22 [10.48.27]
- 23 As indicated earlier, another aspect of the legal position on the
- 24 admissibility of evidence at the international level and before
- 25 the ECCC is that there is no requirement to provide the original

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1 of a document. The Chamber has ruled that original documents are

- 2 a preferred method of proof, but not the only form in which
- 3 evidence can be admitted.
- 4 It is perfectly acceptable to admit photocopies where they are
- 5 prima facie authentic and reliable.
- 6 The Chamber has indicated that originals will be accorded more
- 7 weight than photocopies. In our submission, this preferential
- 8 treatment should also be extended to photocopies where the
- 9 originals are in a known location and no party has submitted
- 10 reasonable grounds to show that the photocopies are not true
- 11 copies of the originals.
- 12 We have explained these submissions in more detail in our filing
- document E168/1 dated the 20th of February 2012.
- 14 [10.50.10]
- 15 The Chamber has also made it clear in its reasoned decision that,
- 16 for the purposes of admission, it is not necessary to call
- 17 witnesses with personal knowledge to authenticate materials on
- 18 the case file. Equally, there is no need to establish the chain
- 19 of custody of a document. Your Honours have held that, instead,
- 20 evidence as to provenance and chain of custody will assist the
- 21 Chamber in assessing the weight to be ascribed to the evidence.
- 22 We have already made submissions as to the provenance and chain
- 23 of custody of a number of our proposed documents in our filing
- 24 E158 dated the 23rd of December 2011 and in the previous document
- 25 hearings. In addition, and as I will discuss a little later, you

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- 1 have already heard the testimonies of Chhang Youk and Vanthan
- 2 Dara Peou as to the provenance of the documents collected by
- 3 DC-Cam.
- 4 [10.51.45]
- 5 And of course, Your Honours, in the upcoming segment, we will
- 6 hear from numerous communication and administrative structure
- 7 witnesses who will be able to give evidence regarding
- 8 contemporaneous documents which have been proposed to put before
- 9 the Chamber. We say that all of this information is more than
- 10 sufficient to establish the prima facie relevance, reliability,
- 11 and authenticity of all the documents we have proposed for this
- 12 first phase of the trial.
- 13 We referred earlier to Your Honours' approach in distinguishing
- 14 between issues of admissibility and weight of evidence. This is
- 15 fully consistent with the approach taken by the international
- 16 tribunals in various decisions issued by the ICTY Trial Chambers.
- 17 The practice has been to distinguish clearly between the prima
- 18 facie standard applicable at the point of admission of evidence
- 19 and subsequent detailed assessment of the weight and probative
- 20 value of that evidence.
- 21 [10.53.20]
- 22 Mr. President, Your Honours, members of the Bench, returning to
- 23 the standard for admissibility:
- 24 It must also be kept in mind that criminal justice system of
- 25 Cambodia is derived from the Civil Law system. The procedure

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1 applicable at the ECCC is strongly influenced by the French

- 2 criminal code which incorporates the principle of free evaluation
- 3 of evidence. This principle allows for a low threshold on
- 4 admissibility because all evidence is ultimately assessed by the
- 5 judges to arrive at its actual probative value or weight.
- 6 Another reason specific to the Civil Law system, which supports a
- 7 low threshold for admissibility, is that the evidence on the case
- 8 file has been collected and reviewed by impartial and independent
- 9 investigating judges. So all of the evidence which is on the case
- 10 file has already undergone judicial scrutiny. That must go some
- 11 way towards meeting the prima facie standards. We recall that the
- 12 Co-Investigating Judges refused to admit a number of items on the
- 13 case file where they found them to be irrelevant or otherwise not
- 14 conducive to the ascertainment of the truth.
- 15 [10.55.22]
- 16 A select portion of the evidence which was accepted by the
- 17 Co-Investigating Judges is now being presented to the Trial
- 18 Chamber. This Chamber is comprised of qualified professional
- 19 judges. As experienced professionals, you are able to consider
- 20 each piece of evidence and give it the weight that it deserves,
- 21 taking into account the context, the totality of the documentary
- 22 evidence, the testimonies of witnesses, and the submission of the
- 23 parties. There is no risk that the admission of an evidential
- 24 item, which in the end is found to have low probative value,
- 25 would be prejudicial to the Accused.

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- 1 This principle has been upheld over and over again by
- 2 international courts.
- 3 In Prosecutor vs. Norman, in the Special Court for Sierra Leone
- 4 Trial Chamber held on the 11th of March 2005, that judges sitting
- 5 alone can be trusted to give second-hand evidence appropriate
- 6 weight in the context of the evidence as a whole and according to
- 7 well-understood forensic standards. And we strongly agree.
- 8 [10.57.20]
- 9 But how would the Chamber conduct this delicate exercise if it is
- 10 deprived of the ability to examine all the information which
- 11 provides the necessary context and facilitates an assessment of
- 12 the reliability and consistency of individual pieces of evidence
- 13 against the totality of the records.
- 14 It is our submission that in cases of this complexity, with
- 15 criminal offences which include important contextual elements, it
- 16 is crucial not to set the bar of admission too high, or else the
- 17 Chamber may find itself deprived of sufficient evidence in its
- 18 final deliberations.
- 19 [10.58.28]
- 20 As the ICTY held in the Delalic Case on the 19th of January 1998,
- 21 the threshold standard for the admission of evidence should not
- 22 be set excessively high, as documents may not necessarily be
- 23 admitted as ultimate proof of guilt or innocence, but to provide
- 24 a context and complete the picture presented by the evidence
- 25 gathered.

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- 1 Now I'd like to touch upon the main sources of the evidence. I
- 2 would now like to turn briefly to the main sources of documents
- 3 on the Co-Prosecutors' first phase list. I will pay particular
- 4 attention to documents which are contemporaneous to the
- 5 Democratic Kampuchea period. As these documents obviously
- 6 represent an important category of evidence, my colleagues,
- 7 particularly Mr. Tarik Abdulhak, will address a number of
- 8 subcategories in more detail.
- 9 [10.59.48]
- 10 Extensive information regarding the provenance in chain of
- 11 custody of contemporaneous DK documents is contained in:
- 12 1) documents on the case file;
- 13 2) written statements of witnesses; and
- 14 3) testimonies provided by Chhang Youk and Vanthan Peou Dara.
- 15 This evidence shows that our four main sources of documents
- 16 contemporaneous to the DK period, the Ministry of the Interior,
- 17 Tuol Sleng, National Archives, and the so-called Swedish
- 18 collection. Many of the documents from these sources were
- 19 collected first by DC-Cam and then provided to the OCP and OCIJ.
- 20 The list which we circulated to the parties on 23 January 2012 in
- 21 our filing document E161 shows that approximately 2384 documents
- 22 on the OCP's first phase list came from DC-Cam. I would recall
- 23 for the record that the true DC-Cam witnesses were able to
- 24 describe in significant detail the processes for cataloguing and
- 25 numbering of the documents which enabled all parties to easily

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1 ascertain the origin of each document. In most cases it is as

- 2 simple as looking at a document using its unique number on
- 3 DC-Cam's publicly available database.
- 4 [11.01.54]
- 5 However, it is important to also note that, during the course of
- 6 the judicial investigation, the OCIJ also obtained
- 7 contemporaneous DK documents directly from Tuol Sleng and the
- 8 National Archives and did not rely solely on DC-Cam as a source.
- 9 I will now deal with each of the four main sources I mentioned.
- 10 Now we touch upon the sources of documents from the Ministry of
- 11 Interior. Ministry of Interior documents were obtained by the OCP
- 12 and OCIJ from DC-Cam. Chhang Youk and Vanthan Peou Dara have
- 13 testified that this collection includes documents relating to
- 14 national security, such as confessions, correspondence,
- 15 biographies, and photographs. They have also testified that, to
- 16 their knowledge and belief, these documents were originally
- 17 collected by a team of Vietnamese experts in a house in Phnom
- 18 Penh in the period following the toppling of the Khmer Rouge
- 19 regime. The documents were collected and deposited in an office
- 20 of the Ministry of Interior until they were handed over to DC-Cam
- 21 in or around 1996.
- 22 [11.03.42]
- 23 Importantly, the witnesses have confirmed that DC-Cam has in its
- 24 possession the originals of all of these documents. I refer the
- 25 Chamber in particular to the transcript of Vanthan Peou Dara,

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- 1 testimony of 23 January 2012 at pages 74 to 80 of the English
- 2 version and at pages 62 to 66 of the Khmer version and Chhang
- 3 Youk's testimony on 1st February 2012 at pages 43 to 48 of the
- 4 English version and at pages 39 to 44 of the Khmer version. This
- 5 oral testimony is consistent with statements Chhang Youk
- 6 previously made in OCIJ interviews, and in which he additionally
- 7 specified that the house where the documents were found is
- 8 believed to have been occupied by Son Sen.
- 9 [11.05.04]
- 10 I referred you in particular to D204/4 written record of
- 11 interview of Chhang Youk dated 19 August 2009, in page 3 of the
- 12 English version and page 4 of the Khmer version. The testimonies
- 13 are also consistent with the information contained in an article
- 14 co-authored by Chhang Youk entitled "Documenting the crimes of
- 15 Democratic Kampuchea", dated 24 March 2009. This article is on
- 16 the case file as D155.3.
- 17 I referred you in particular to pages 226 to 230 which deal with
- 18 different types of documents in the Ministry of Interior
- 19 collection.
- 20 On the issue of originals, I note that during the judicial
- 21 investigation, original documents from this collection were cited
- 22 and scanned in colour by OCIJ officials. Numerous colour scans of
- 23 originals are on the case file and can easily be viewed by Your
- 24 Honours and the parties. On this point, I would refer Your
- 25 Honours to the OCP's response to Khieu Samphan's request for

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- 1 original documents which is document E168/1, dated 20 February
- 2 2012. In this response, at paragraphs 13 to 15, the
- 3 Co-Prosecutors outlined the evidence of the case file confirming
- 4 that originals were obtained from DC-Cam during the judicial
- 5 investigation.
- 6 [11.07.19]
- 7 I would like now to move on to the sources of documents from Tuol
- 8 Sleng.
- 9 Turning now to the Tuol Sleng documents, these primarily comprise
- 10 confessions, prisoner records, and biographies, but also include
- 11 documents originating from other offices and to ministries of
- 12 Democratic Kampuchea. They were obtained both from DC-Cam and
- 13 from Tuol Sleng directly during the course of the judicial
- 14 investigation.
- 15 [11.08.02]
- 16 In their oral testimony, Vanthan Peou Dara and Chhang Youk
- 17 provided information regarding this collection. I refer the
- 18 Chamber to the transcript of Vanthan Peou Dara's testimony on
- 19 23rd January 2012, pages 73 to 74 of the English transcript, at
- 20 pages 60 to 61 of Khmer transcript, and Chhang Youk's testimony
- 21 on 1st February 2012, pages 65 to 70, 105, and 117 of the English
- 22 transcript; and Khmer transcript at pages 57 to 61, page 89, and
- 23 page 100.
- 24 The two witnesses testified that DC-Cam took only photocopies of
- 25 documents from Tuol Sleng and that the originals remained at Tuol

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1 Sleng. These documents are identified in the DC-Cam database with

- 2 the prefix "TSL''. This prefix can be seen on the copies of Tuol
- 3 Sleng documents that the OCP and OCIJ obtained from DC-Cam.
- 4 With regard to documents found at Tuol Sleng which originated
- 5 from other DC -- from other DK offices, Chhang Youk testified
- 6 that, in his experience, it was not uncommon for documents from
- 7 one DK ministry to be found in a different ministry; for example,
- 8 because documents were sent as correspondence from one ministry
- 9 to another.
- 10 [11.10.42]
- 11 The case file also includes written records of interview by the
- 12 OCIJ of former Tuol Sleng museum staff. These witness interviews
- 13 provide valuable information as to the types of documents located
- 14 at the museum, the circumstances of their discovery, and the
- 15 process of organizing the collection. For the sake of the record,
- 16 I note that the witness statements are D108/42/1 which is a
- written record of interview of TCW-97 dated 25 March 2008,
- 18 document D108/32/2 which is a written record of interview of
- 19 TCW-368 dated 26 March 2008, and document D108/21/12 which is a
- 20 written record of interview of a witness who has not been
- 21 assigned a pseudonym, and it is dated 18 February 2008.
- 22 [11.12.43]
- 23 During his interview, the witness, TCW-97, who began working at
- 24 the museum in May 1979 and holds a senior position at the museum,
- 25 confirmed that he participated in the collection of documents

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1 from the buildings in the main S-21 compound and nearby houses.

- 2 He testified that, under the directorship of the late Oeng Pech,
- 3 the archivist assembled all documents relating to the same person
- 4 and assigned serial numbers to those dossiers. He also provided
- 5 detailed testimony as to the storage of these original records
- 6 from 1979 onwards. He describes the specific locations and
- 7 methods of storage used over the years.
- 8 witness TCW-368, a former staff member, told the OCIJ that the
- 9 documents found at Tuol Sleng, including in nearby houses,
- 10 included confessions, execution logs, interrogation logs,
- 11 summaries of confessions, study notebooks, CPK statutes,
- 12 speeches, and directives, and copies of the "Revolutionary Flag"
- 13 and "Youth" magazines.
- 14 [11.15.04]
- 15 During the judicial investigation, OCIJ officials inspected
- 16 and/or requested coloured scans of a large number of original
- 17 documents located at Tuol Sleng. These documents are all in the
- 18 case file and are clearly identifiable as copies of originals. I
- 19 refer Your Honours to documents filed pursuant to rogatory
- 20 letters D82 dated 29 January 2008 and D159 dated 4 July 2008. I
- 21 also refer Your Honours to the rogatory execution reports which
- 22 were filed together with the relevant copies. These reports
- 23 explained the circumstances of the inspection and copying of the
- 24 originals.
- 25 I will now move on to the sources of documents from the National

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- 1 Archives. With regard to the National Archives' collection, the
- 2 majority of these documents can be described broadly as
- 3 Democratic Kampuchea commerce records. Chhang Youk has testified
- 4 that, to his knowledge, the National Archives' documents were
- 5 first kept at the ministry of propaganda and information under
- 6 Mr. Keo Chanda. The documents were kept under Mr. Keo Chanda's
- 7 supervision until the National Archives were established with a
- 8 mandate to collect national documents. The documents were then
- 9 transferred to the National Archives where they were copied by
- 10 DC-Cam starting in/around 1996.
- 11 [11.17.47]
- 12 Chhang Youk testified that the original documents which they
- 13 inspected and copied appeared to be DK-era documents and that
- 14 these originals remained at the archives. I refer the Chamber
- 15 particularly to the testimony of Chhang Youk on 1st February
- 16 2012, at pages 56 to 62 of the English transcript and at pages 50
- 17 to 55 of the Khmer transcript.
- 18 Further information as to the provenance of documents at the
- 19 National Archives is set out in the article co-authored by Chhang
- 20 Youk which I referred to earlier; that is, document number
- 21 D155.3. At page 228, the article states that certain Standing
- 22 Committee minutes were deposited at the archives by Renakse
- 23 officials.
- 24 [11.19.14]
- 25 As with the Tuol Sleng documents during the judicial

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- 1 investigation, officials from the OCIJ inspected and/or obtained
- 2 colour copies of a number of original documents directly from the
- 3 National Archives. On this point, I referred Your Honours to the
- 4 documents filed pursuant to rogatory letter, D161; they are
- 5 attachments to the rogatory letter execution report, D161/1 dated
- 6 4 February 2009.
- 7 I would like now move to the sources of document under the
- 8 Swedish collection. I would like to conclude with documents
- 9 obtained from the so-called Swedish collection. This collection
- 10 includes contemporaneous DK media reports, DK public statements,
- 11 and FUNK or GRUNK publications.
- 12 In addition to contemporaneous reporting by international media,
- 13 the documents in this collection were obtained during the
- 14 judicial investigation from DC-Cam. Chhang Youk and Vanthan Peou
- 15 Dara are to -- also testified as to the origins of this
- 16 collection. I referred Your Honours to the testimony of Chhang
- 17 Youk on 1st February 2012, at pages 41 to 42 of the English
- 18 transcript and at pages 38 to 39 of the Khmer transcript, and on
- 19 6 February 2012, at pages 20 and 91 of the English transcript and
- 20 at page 16 and page 60 -- 76 of the Khmer transcript, and to the
- 21 testimony of Vanthan Peou Dara on 23rd January 2012, at pages 47
- 22 to 48 of the English transcript, at pages 38 to 39 of the Khmer
- 23 transcript.
- 24 [11.22.26]
- 25 The two witnesses testified that in total this collection

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- 1 comprise some 600 to 700,000 pages. They stated that these
- 2 documents were compiled by the Committee of Laos, Vietnam,
- 3 Cambodia, and Sweden Friendship whose members visited Democratic
- 4 Kampuchea in 1978. This collection was received by DC-Cam in
- 5 2007, following DC-Cam's public appeal for any private or public
- 6 collectors to provide documents relevant to the Democratic
- 7 Kampuchea. The documents received as part of the Swedish
- 8 collection are largely copies of originals which remained at Lund
- 9 University.
- 10 Your Honours, to conclude, I have outlined briefly the applicable
- 11 legal principles and the evidence on the case file concerning the
- 12 provenance and chain of custody for the four main sources of
- 13 documentary evidence.
- 14 In our submission, this evidence taken together establishes a
- 15 very strong basis for these records to be admitted as authentic
- 16 and reliable.
- 17 Your Honours, I now conclude my part of the response and I will
- 18 now hand over to my colleague, Mr. Tarik, who will deal with
- 19 specific Defence objections.
- 20 And I'd like to seek your permission in relation to Michael
- 21 Karnavas, yesterday afternoon, who stated that the Prosecution
- 22 sneaked in to evidence and we strongly object to that. We did not
- 23 sneak in evidence; we submitted those evidence officially.
- 24 [11.25.35]
- 25 Thank you, Your Honour.

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- 1 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 2 Thank you.
- 3 Now, the international Co-Prosecutor, you may proceed.
- 4 MR. ABDULHAK:
- 5 Thank you, Mr. President, Your Honours, counsel.
- 6 As my colleague has indicated, we will now move on to address,
- 7 perhaps more specifically, some of the objections that we've
- 8 heard over the last two days from the Defence and -- and we will
- 9 do so, perhaps, in two ways. One is by first dealing with some of
- 10 the thematic issues that have been raised and that I think are
- 11 common to a number of the defence teams, and then, secondly, by
- 12 going to those specific annexes, and again making submissions in
- 13 response to the objections that relate more specifically to those
- 14 annexes.
- 15 [11.26.52]
- 16 So I will proceed first to respond to some of these thematic
- 17 objections. Perhaps, as a way of also building on my colleagues'
- 18 submissions with respect to the legal position and information
- 19 that is before Your Honours on the provenance of the evidence and
- 20 then perhaps later in the afternoon, I will move on to three
- 21 specific annexes; they're Annexes 7, 15, and 19 from the OCP
- 22 list. And at that point I will hand over to the next OCP team,
- 23 and they will, with your leave, deal with the remainder of -- of
- 24 the annexes.
- 25 So, perhaps starting with one of these more basic points that

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1 were made yesterday, I believe, by my learned friend, counsel for

- 2 Mr. Ieng Sary, I think there was an assertion that the OCP was
- 3 trying to, as it were, circumvent testimonial proceedings and
- 4 have this case put before Your Honours simply by using documents,
- 5 and I think our -- both our motives and our professional ethics
- 6 were -- were put into question. I don't think those types of
- 7 submissions were -- were warranted.
- 8 [11.28.37]
- 9 Your Honours, of course the Co-Prosecutors have put forward very
- 10 extensive proposals for witnesses to be heard. Our witness list
- 11 which is E9/4.1 identified close to 300 witnesses and we proposed
- 12 to bring before Your Honours, of those witnesses, somewhere
- 13 between 80 and 90 relate primarily to matters of context,
- 14 operations of the regime, circumstances in which the Democratic
- 15 Kampuchea records were created, etc. So Your Honours, there's no
- 16 attempt to circumvent testimonial proceedings; far from it, what
- 17 we are trying to do is to put before Your Honours a selection of
- 18 documents which, in our submissions, will complement testimonial
- 19 evidence.
- 20 As for some of the errors or alleged errors that were raised,
- 21 they'll be dealt with by my colleagues. Suffice it to say, we
- 22 were surprised to hear a reference to our professional ethics;
- 23 particularly given that some of the examples that were given by
- 24 the Defence were, in fact, erroneous. But I'll leave that to my
- 25 colleagues.

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- 1 [11.30.06]
- 2 Moving on to, perhaps, what was an essential theme in the
- 3 submissions that we've heard over the last two days and it is the
- 4 issue of relevance, Your Honours, and I think each of the three
- 5 teams have made extensive submissions on this issue and so we
- 6 will respond. To quote my friend, counsel for Nuon Chea, they
- 7 submitted that the -- it is only the two crime sites which are
- 8 currently included in this first trial that form the central
- 9 thread that Your Honours should be concerned with and that little
- 10 else is now relevant and that Your Honours should adopt a
- 11 clinical approach in excluding evidence that goes to any other
- 12 policies or events included in the indictment. And of course,
- 13 building on that approach, all defence teams have suggested that
- 14 numerous documents in the Co-Prosecutors' lists are not relevant
- 15 because they don't deal with the issue of the forced movement of
- 16 the population; whether it be in April '75 or as part of the
- 17 second-phase movement.
- 18 [11.31.29]
- 19 Now, I will deal with this in some detail because I think it is
- 20 important in order to understand this issue of relevance. It is
- 21 important, in our submission, to have a crisp understanding of
- 22 how we came to where we are today, how it is that we are dealing
- 23 with a document list which includes so many contextual documents.
- 24 And it was helpful. I think my friend, counsel for Khieu Samphan,
- 25 did state that this list was filed prior to Your Honours'

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- 1 Severance Order. The first-phase list, which contains the 20
- 2 annexes was of course filed on the 22nd of July 2012, at which
- 3 time this case had not been severed by Your Honours.
- 4 [11.32.23]
- 5 When we filed that list, we did so in response to a number of
- 6 topics which Your Honours had identified as relevant to the first
- 7 phase of the trial, again, prior to severance. Your Honours
- 8 indicated -- and this is reflected in the very filing which
- 9 accompanied our lists, Your Honours indicated that the topics to
- 10 be: number 1, structure of Democratic Kampuchea; number 2, roles
- 11 of each accused during the period prior to the establishment of
- 12 the Democratic Kampuchea; three, the roles of each accused in the
- 13 Democratic Kampuchea Government, their assigned responsibilities,
- 14 the extent of the authority, and the lines of communication
- 15 throughout the temporal period with which the ECCC is concerned;
- 16 and, finally, the policies of Democratic Kampuchea on the issues
- 17 raised in the indictment. That is the scope of issues in response
- 18 to which the Prosecutors' first-phase list was put together.
- 19 [11.33.38]
- 20 Now, as I said, that was done in July 2011. And in September,
- 21 Your Honours decided to sever the proceedings into a series of,
- 22 if you like, back-to-back trials. And this is, of course, found
- 23 in document E124, which is your order of the 22nd of September
- 24 2011. What is central to this issue, Your Honours, is that that
- 25 order retains the topics that I just referred to; it retains

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- 1 them.
- 2 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 3 Prosecution, please slow down, particularly when it comes to the
- 4 number -- the -- please repeat the document number so that it is
- 5 clear for the record.
- 6 MR. ABDULHAK:
- 7 Thank you, Mr. President. And, as a repeat offender, I apologize
- 8 to the interpreters and others who -- who are recording this
- 9 information.
- 10 So I was referring to the Severance Order, document E124 -- E124
- 11 and I was -- started indicating that, of course, when Your
- 12 Honours severed the trial and decided to proceed initially with
- 13 the crime sites relating to forced movements, you -- you
- 14 nevertheless retained all of those contextual elements.
- 15 [11.35.22]
- 16 Your order of the 22nd of September 2011 repeats those topics and
- 17 then it proceeds at paragraph 5 to add the specific crime sites
- 18 and specific charges which are the subject of the first trial.
- 19 And, of course, I'm sure we all recall at paragraph 6, the
- 20 Chamber indicated that it may also decide to include in that
- 21 first trial additional portions of the Closing Order.
- 22 Now, in light of what we now hear from the Defence, primarily, on
- 23 the issues of relevance, one may have expected to see objections
- 24 from the Defence to proceeding in this manner to including all of
- 25 these contextual elements which relate, of course, to the

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- 1 structure of Democratic Kampuchea throughout the period covered
- 2 by the Closing Order and to all of the policies covered in the
- 3 indictment, you -- you may have expected to hear similar
- 4 arguments that we're hearing this week, but of course that wasn't
- 5 the case.
- 6 [11.36.42]
- 7 This is what Nuon Chea's defence team said in their response to
- 8 the Severance Order. In fact, we had filed a request for
- 9 reconsideration primarily to ask Your Honours to include a small
- 10 number of additional sites, and the Defence filed responses to
- 11 that request, and it is that response which I am quoting from.
- 12 Nuon Chea's response was document E124/5, and at paragraph 3 --
- 13 I'm just reading one relevant passage -- "The Defence..." And I'm
- 14 quoting here: "The Defence urges the Trial Chamber to stand by
- 15 the current terms of its Severance Order; without a doubt, the
- 16 most sensible decision to emerge from the ECCC."
- 17 So a clear endorsement of Your Honours' approach in structuring
- 18 the trial in the manner in which I've just described.
- 19 [11.37.52]
- 20 Similarly, and in more detail, Ieng Sary also endorsed Your
- 21 Honours' approach. And in looking at -- in arguing that some of
- 22 the international jurisprudence on issue of severance wasn't
- 23 relevant and that is, in particular, the Mladic Case which was
- 24 the subject of a recent decision on severance, so in
- 25 distinguishing that case, the Ieng Sary says: "Unlike that case,

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- 1 Case 002 does not have alleged separate, joint criminal
- 2 enterprises. Case 002 has an alleged overarching, joint criminal
- 3 enterprise."
- 4 And I'm reading here at paragraph -- from paragraph 11 of that
- 5 filing, E124/6. Helpfully, they go on to state at paragraph 14 --
- 6 and I'm just reading one part of that quote:
- 7 "To discard portions of a Closing Order which are not defective
- 8 would be contrary to the civil law principle to ascertain the
- 9 truth. Severance pursuant to Rule 89 ter simply means that the
- 10 Accused will face trial for all charges in the Closing Order
- 11 albeit in stages/series of trials."
- 12 Clearly, Your Honours, an understanding which accords with the
- 13 approach that Your Honours have also since clarified.
- 14 [11.39.46]
- 15 There are additional references to this idea of an overarching,
- 16 single, joint criminal enterprise in that Ieng Sary filing. You
- 17 will find them at paragraphs 17 and at paragraph 18. The point
- 18 that Ieng Sary was making, of course, Your Honours, is that the
- 19 nature of the Severance Order is not to reduce the scope of the
- 20 case; it is simply to organize the order in which the charges are
- 21 heard. And, of course, it is important to note that both teams --
- 22 both Nuon Chea and Ieng Sary endorsed this approach.
- 23 Now, Your Honours then provided, as I said, further clarification
- 24 in your decision on our request for a reconsideration of the
- 25 Severance Order, and this is document E124/7 -- E124/7. And Your

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- 1 Honours there again, in fact, follow a similar reasoning to that
- 2 I just quoted from Ieng Sary's submission. In paragraph 8, Your
- 3 Honours state:
- 4 "The Severance Order is relevant only to the order and sequencing
- 5 of the trials in Case 002 enabling the Chamber to issue a first
- 6 verdict limited to certain counts and factual allegations at an
- 7 earlier stage."
- 8 [11.41.37]
- 9 And then at paragraph 10, Your Honours indicated a number of
- 10 considerations which motivated the Chamber in -- in making the
- 11 Severance Order and some of those considerations were to simply
- 12 divide the case into manageable parts to ensure, importantly,
- 13 that the first trial encompasses a thorough examination of the
- 14 fundamental issues and allegations against the Accused and to
- 15 provide a foundation for a more detailed examination of the
- 16 remaining charges and factual allegations against the Accused in
- 17 later trials.
- 18 And then, building on that, Your Honours clarify further, in
- 19 paragraph 11, that the Chamber, during the early trial segments
- 20 -- that is, the segments that we now are dealing with -- that the
- 21 Chamber, during those segments, will give consideration to the
- 22 roles and responsibilities of the Accused in relation to all
- 23 policies relevant to the entire indictment.
- 24 [11.42.48]
- 25 Of course, to be fair, Your Honours also make the point that a

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1 detailed, factual consideration in this first trial will be given

- 2 only to the implementation of the joint criminal enterprise
- 3 insofar as it relates to the forced movements, but nevertheless
- 4 you indicate that you see this first trial as laying a foundation
- 5 and as introducing evidence relevant to the entire period under
- 6 consideration.
- 7 And there, of course, again, in paragraph 12 of that decision,
- 8 Your Honours recall that you have not excluded the possibility of
- 9 adding further charges. And we submit, of course, that means that
- 10 you are able to do so, and of course, ultimately, it is Your
- 11 Honours' discretion, but you are able to do so only if you hear
- 12 contextual evidence and evidence relating to the structure and --
- 13 and communications of the Democratic Kampuchea that would enable
- 14 any further sites to be incorporated.
- 15 [11.44.00]
- 16 So your approach, as we understand it, Your Honours, is to use
- 17 this first trial as a foundation for subsequent trial -- trials
- 18 and, of course, interestingly, even though we had initially
- 19 disagreed with this approach, it has been strongly endorsed by
- 20 the defence teams. Your approach has also been to reinforce, a
- 21 number of times, that the Accused are required to answer all of
- 22 the charges and -- and that is why we were directed to make an
- 23 opening statement in relation to the entire indictment. Your
- 24 approach also incorporates the possibility of adding additional
- 25 crime sites, as I indicated, subject only to the notice

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- 1 requirement; obviously, which you have also set out in your
- 2 orders.
- 3 Now, of course, this structure does not relate only to documents;
- 4 it relates, of course, equally to the witnesses that Your Honours
- 5 have thus far selected. Again, we haven't heard objections from
- 6 the Defence to Your Honours' selection of witnesses. Again, one
- 7 might have expected that having -- calling witnesses that deal
- 8 with numerous aspects of the structure and operations of the
- 9 Democratic Kampuchea regime that that may have been objected to
- 10 by the Defence if their position is, that the sole focus of this
- 11 trial is forced movements.
- 12 [11.45.42]
- 13 In the various trial management meetings which have taken place,
- 14 of course, it has been made clear that we will likely spend the
- 15 best part of this year hearing testimonial evidence and that
- 16 testimonial evidence which relates primarily to the structure of
- 17 the regime, to its policies and -- and communications as well as
- 18 to roles of the Accused that go well beyond their participation
- in the alleged crime of the forced movement.
- 20 Equally, one might note that the ministries as to which you will
- 21 hear extensive evidence were in fact established by and large in
- 22 1976 -- that is, following most of the crimes that are currently
- 23 included in the crime base. Of course, Your Honours, Democratic
- 24 Kampuchea came into being only in January 1976 and so evidence
- 25 relating to the ministries and communication structure of the

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- 1 Democratic Kampuchea regime, by necessity, relate to matters
- 2 which took place perhaps after the crimes -- the alleged crimes
- 3 which are currently part of the -- this first case or this first
- 4 trial.
- 5 There are no fewer than, I believe, 52 witnesses that have been
- 6 identified thus far dealing with those contextual elements, and
- 7 we simply submit that your approach with respect to documents
- 8 should follow the same logic.
- 9 Your Honours have dealt with the severance matter on a number of
- 10 occasions. You're fully aware of the fact that our first phase
- 11 list was filed before severance. You did not consider it
- 12 necessary to ask any of the parties to amend their lists, and
- 13 that is, of course, because you have ordered that those
- 14 contextual issues will be the subject of this first trial.
- 15 [11.48.00]
- 16 An additional matter that relates to the issue of relevance is,
- of course, proof of contextual elements of the crimes. So putting
- 18 aside Your Honours' approach in -- including in this trial
- 19 elements relating to the regime, we, of course, bear the onus of
- 20 proving for the purposes of crimes against humanity that there
- 21 was a widespread and systematic attack as part of which these
- 22 crimes were committed.
- 23 Now, that is an element which we must prove, and at paragraph
- 24 1352, the Closing Order alleges that that widespread and
- 25 systematic attack was directed against the entire population of

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1 Cambodia. Recalling Ieng Sary's submissions that I quoted from

- 2 earlier, of course, you can't dissect this joint criminal
- 3 enterprise. It is alleged to have been directed at the entire
- 4 civilian population of Cambodia, and it is alleged to have lasted
- 5 throughout the period covered by the indictment.
- 6 [11.49.16]
- 7 And some of the matters that we are required to prove in order to
- 8 satisfy Your Honours beyond a reasonable doubt that crimes
- 9 against humanity have been committed are, of course, the
- 10 widespread or systematic nature of that attack against the
- 11 civilian population. And that widespread and systematic attack,
- 12 in our submission, needs to be established by reference to
- 13 evidence which shows occurrence of acts throughout the period and
- 14 in different parts of the country, not as a way of proving the
- 15 crimes themselves, but as a way of establishing that this
- 16 widespread and systematic attack covered the period and the
- 17 territory to which the Closing Order applies.
- 18 Similarly -- a similar argument, of course, applies to the joint
- 19 criminal enterprise. The Closing Order, as Ieng Sary correctly
- 20 pointed out, alleges the existence of an over-arching joint
- 21 criminal enterprise, and Your Honours have specifically included
- 22 in this first trial the paragraphs which relate to the existence
- 23 and scope of that joint criminal enterprise. And this is found at
- 24 paragraphs -- that joint criminal enterprise is found at
- 25 paragraphs 156 to 159 of the Closing Order.

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- 1 Again, as I indicated earlier, you've made it clear that the
- 2 implementation of the joint criminal enterprise is limited to the
- 3 issue of forced movements, but the existence of the joint
- 4 criminal enterprise as a whole is certainly a part of this case.
- 5 [11.51.08]
- 6 And what does that joint criminal enterprise entail? Well, it
- 7 entails, at paragraph 157, five policies: number 1, the repeated
- 8 movements of the population; number 2, the establishment and
- 9 operation of cooperatives and work sites; number 3, the
- 10 re-education of bad elements and killing of enemies; number 4,
- 11 the targeting of specific groups; and, number 5, the regulation
- 12 of marriage.
- 13 That joint criminal enterprise, again, like the widespread and
- 14 systematic attack, is alleged to have come into existence on or
- 15 before the 17th of April 1975 and to have continued throughout
- 16 the period covered by the indictment.
- 17 In fact, the paragraph 158, which is also a part of this first
- 18 trial, highlights that these policies are alleged to have evolved
- 19 and increased in scale and intensity throughout the regime.
- 20 And we submit, Your Honours, that what the Defence is trying to
- 21 do is to essentially tie our hands, make it impossible for us to
- 22 adduce before you sufficient documentary evidence of the
- 23 existence of that joint criminal enterprise which, of course, is
- 24 massive -- is alleged to have been massive in scale and, of
- 25 course, therefore, the evidence is voluminous.

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- 1 [11.52.40]
- 2 This is not a case that deals solely with forced movements of the
- 3 population. It is a far more complex case; it involves a far more
- 4 complex and wide-reaching joint criminal enterprise.
- 5 And again, I want to be clear; we're not suggesting that we are
- 6 here -- we will be seeking to prove those crimes at the crime
- 7 base level. We will follow Your Honours' direction, of course,
- 8 but we need also to be able to establish the existence of that
- 9 widespread and systematic attack, we need to be able to establish
- 10 the existence of the joint criminal enterprise.
- 11 And we do so, in part, by putting before you documents which
- 12 consistently reflect, in our submission, the existence of these
- 13 policies and of the attack on the civilian population.
- 14 Now, there is also another way of looking at issues of relevance
- 15 when one considers the five policies which are, of course, as I
- 16 said, alleged to form part of the joint criminal enterprise.
- 17 Again, Ieng Sary, quite correctly, indicated this is an
- 18 over-arching joint criminal enterprise and, of course, the
- 19 evidence shows, in our submission, that -- part of that joint
- 20 criminal enterprise, in fact, are inter-related.
- 21 [11.54.17]
- 22 And I will give a fairly straightforward example of how these
- 23 policies do interact and how it is important to understand, to
- 24 have a full understanding of all the five policies in order to
- 25 understand a specific crime such as forced movement of the

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- 1 population.
- 2 I'll read briefly from document D199/26.2.35 -- D199/26/2.35.
- 3 Mr. President, with your permission, I can show that document on
- 4 the screen, if that makes it more convenient for everyone to
- 5 follow. Would that be appropriate?
- 6 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 7 Yes, please, you may proceed.
- 8 MR. ABDULHAK:
- 9 I thank Your Honour.
- 10 I should indicate, this is a report of a speech given by Pol Pot
- 11 on the 4th of October 1977, in Beijing, and here Pol Pot is
- 12 discussing the factors considered important in the evacuation of
- 13 the urban centres in 1975. If we could have that document on the
- 14 screen now, please?
- 15 [11.56.30]
- 16 Perhaps there's a technical difficulty. I might just continue
- 17 because the passage I wish to read from is relatively brief. At
- 18 the the English ERN 00390921, Khmer ERN 00633021 and French ERN
- 19 00602498 is the following passage -- quote:
- 20 "One factor in the success of the revolutionary war in Cambodia,
- 21 he was reported as saying, had been the evacuation of city
- 22 residents to the countryside. This had been decided in February
- 23 1975, quote, 'because we knew that before the smashing of all
- 24 sorts of enemy spy organizations our strength was not strong
- 25 enough to defend the revolutionary regime'."

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1 And then he goes on to say -- and I apologize for the blurriness

- 2 of the image -- he goes on to say:
- 3 "The enemy's secret agent network lying low in our country was
- 4 very massive and complicated, but when we crushed them, it was
- 5 difficult for them to stage a comeback. Their forces were
- 6 scattered in various cooperatives which are in our grip. Thus, we
- 7 have the initiative in our hands. The enemy dare not attack from
- 8 outside."
- 9 [11.58.06]
- 10 We submit, in this brief passage you see the interplay between
- 11 the policy with respect to enemies, the decision to evacuate the
- 12 city -- the urban centres and, of course, the use of cooperatives
- 13 to enslave the population.
- 14 What's interesting to note is that there are a number of
- 15 references to this reasoning behind the forced evacuations.
- 16 Another one appears in Khieu Samphan's book, which is document
- 17 number D213.2, D213.2, and it is also document E3/16. The
- 18 relevant ERNs are English 00498300, Khmer 00380993 to 4 and
- 19 French 00643907.
- 20 And I'm conscious of time. I will just read very quickly or very
- 21 briefly a part of this section of the book where Khieu Samphan
- 22 also considers the issue of the evacuation of the cities.
- 23 He's reflecting here on what he sees as omissions made by
- 24 researchers who were looking into this issue, and he says --
- 25 quote:

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- 1 [11.59.48]
- 2 "They have made accusations against Pol Pot about the evacuation
- 3 of the people from Phnom Penh and the provincial towns, but in
- 4 making those accusations, they did not think about the incredibly
- 5 difficult and violence-filled situation that the young and
- 6 immature state authority faced."
- 7 He goes on to discuss the existence of starvation in the city,
- 8 but he also then goes on to say that:
- 9 "The thing that might have led to greater danger for the young
- 10 and immature state authority was the situation in which tens of
- 11 thousands of people had already died and there were people who
- 12 were lying in wait to keep on killing one another like that.
- 13 These were very favourable conditions for the CIA agents to
- 14 conduct sabotage and join with the remnants of the former Lon Nol
- 15 armv."
- 16 [12.00.47]
- 17 And I will move on to a couple of lines below that, where he
- 18 says:
- 19 "The greatest danger was that this rebellion and turmoil would
- 20 create the opportunity for Vietnam to easily intervene from the
- 21 outside and seize Kampuchea back from America under the pretext
- 22 of coming to rescue it. At the time, in actuality, like it or
- 23 not, the CIA and the Vietnamese Communists were joining together
- 24 to kill the new state authority."
- 25 And there you have it, Pol Pot and Khieu Samphan both apparently

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- 1 making a connection between the need to evacuate the cities and
- 2 the perceived danger of enemies and a need to deal with them.
- 3 [12.01.36]
- 4 Your Honours, I am happy to stop here. I'm mindful of time and,
- 5 with your leave, I'm happy to resume after the break.
- 6 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 7 Thank you.
- 8 The time is now appropriate for lunch adjournment. The Court will
- 9 adjourn now and resume at 1.30, this afternoon.
- 10 (No interpretation) -- is now on his feet. You may proceed.
- 11 MR. IANUZZI:
- 12 Thank you, Mr. President. Good morning.
- 13 Very briefly, Nuon Chea would like to be excused this afternoon
- 14 to retire to the holding cell to follow the proceedings from
- 15 there.
- 16 We've prepared the necessary documents. We'll submit them to the
- 17 greffiers. Thank you.
- 18 [12.02.28]
- 19 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 20 Thank you.
- 21 Having heard the request by Nuon Chea through his defence counsel
- 22 to excuse himself not to be present directly in this courtroom
- 23 but instead follow the proceeding through audio-visual means from
- 24 the holding cell due to his health reason and the Defence has
- 25 mentioned that they would submit the relevant document with the

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- 1 thumbprint of the accused, the Chamber grants leave for the
- 2 accused to retire to the holding cell accordingly. He is directed
- 3 to follow the proceeding from the holding cell, downstairs, where
- 4 the audio-visual equipment is linked for him to follow the
- 5 proceedings.
- 6 [12.03.44]
- 7 And the defence counsel is advised to submit to the Chamber the
- 8 letter of favours immediately.
- 9 And the security guards are now instructed to bring the accused
- 10 to the holding cell downstairs and bring Mr. Khieu Samphan back
- 11 to this courtroom before 1.30, this afternoon. And Mr. Nuon Chea
- 12 shall remain in the holding cell, following the proceeding by
- 13 remote means.
- 14 The Court is now adjourned.
- 15 (Court recesses from 1204H to 1331H)
- 16 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 17 Please be seated. The Court is now back in session.
- 18 We would like now to, again, give the floor to the Prosecution to
- 19 present their response to the oral objection raised by the
- 20 defence teams. You may proceed.
- 21 MR. ABDULHAK:
- 22 Thank you, Mr. President. And good afternoon, Your Honours. We
- 23 will continue our thematic responses to Defence objections.
- 24 And just before we -- just before we broke, I was coming to the
- 25 conclusion of my discussion of issues of relevance. And of course

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1 we were submitting, Your Honours, that issues of the scope of the

- 2 joint criminal enterprise and proof of widespread and systematic
- 3 attack were very much part of this case, and supported the
- 4 introduction of a large number of contextual documents that are
- 5 in our first phase list.
- 6 [13.33.57]
- 7 Now -- and just before I leave this issue of relevance, my
- 8 colleague has indicated earlier the legal test for relevance --
- 9 there isn't a great degree of difference here between us and the
- 10 Defence. For example -- as far as, of course, the legal test is
- 11 concerned -- for example, at -- in document number E114, on the
- 12 6th of September 2011, Ieng Sary's defence team submitted a
- 13 general test of relevance, which appears to be, in general terms,
- 14 again, consistent with our understanding of the law, which is
- 15 that relevance is defined as evidence that tends to prove or
- 16 disprove a material issue. In other words, it is relevant if its
- 17 effect is to make more or less -- more or less -- probable the
- 18 existence of any fact that is at issue.
- 19 [13.35.06]
- 20 And of course the submissions we made earlier, before the break,
- 21 are that the existence of the joint criminal enterprise on the
- 22 territory of Cambodia, from 1975 to 1979, encompassing the five
- 23 policies I referred to earlier, is a part of -- is a matter at
- 24 issue, as is the widespread -- the existence of a widespread and
- 25 systematic attack. Another matter which, of course, the Defence

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- 1 are contesting in this trial.
- 2 So it is our submission, in conclusion, on the issue of
- 3 relevance, that evidence must be relevant if it tends to support
- 4 the facts that establish the existence of those five policies and
- 5 of the joint criminal enterprise -- the overarching joint
- 6 criminal enterprise.
- 7 We don't want to enter the issue of motives on the part of the
- 8 Defence, but I do think there is an attempt to restrict the scope
- 9 of issues examined in this trial that is at odds with what Your
- 10 Honours have ordered, and it is at odds with the Severance Order
- 11 and with Your Honours approach to structuring these trials, all
- 12 of which form part of Case 002.
- 13 I will state that we think repeated references to a quote
- 14 "mini-trial" are inappropriate. They're entirely out of place in
- 15 a Court that is dealing with crimes -- or alleged crimes -- that
- 16 affected literally millions of people. We would implore our
- 17 colleagues on the other side to refrain from the use of such
- 18 labels. They're offensive to the victims, and are simply not
- 19 reflective of both the scope and the complexity of this case.
- 20 [13.37.16]
- 21 I will move on to the issue of originals, very briefly. As my
- 22 colleague indicated, Your Honours have, of course, ruled that
- 23 there is no requirement for originals to be produced as a
- 24 prerequisite to admission, but of course, in Your Honours'
- 25 ruling, there is a preference given to originals. And my

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1 colleague also drew attention to a number of documents on the

- 2 case file which evidence extensive work done by the
- 3 Co-Investigating Judges to identify, locate, and scan original
- 4 documents. I will be showing you some of these relevant records
- 5 in the latter part of my submissions.
- 6 I'll just, for the sake of the completeness of the record, state
- 7 the D numbers of the rogatory letters that are immediately
- 8 relevant to this issue. They are: D161 -- and that relates to the
- 9 collection of documents at the National Archives; secondly, three
- 10 documents that relate to the collection of documents at DC-Cam
- and at the Tuol Sleng museum; those numbers are D248, D82, and
- 12 D159.
- 13 And of course, Your Honours, when one looks at these documents,
- one must also look at the documents that follow each of those
- 15 series -- each of those numbers is followed by a series of
- 16 filings which indicate how documents were obtained, whether
- 17 originals were viewed, scanned, and how they were -- the scans
- 18 were brought and made available to the -- on the case file.
- 19 I will deal next with another thematic objection, if I can call
- 20 it that, which I think we've heard from each of the three teams,
- 21 and which relates to the supposed test of acts and conduct of the
- 22 accused. My colleagues on the other side are correct in one
- 23 respect only, and that is that the test that hinges on the acts
- 24 and conduct of the accused applies only to the admission of
- 25 written witness statements in lieu of oral testimony. And that

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- 1 has been the subject of extensive filings which are in E96 and
- 2 following.
- 3 [13.40.27]
- 4 The case law that we refer to in those -- in our request E96 and
- 5 the filings that followed clearly indicate -- clearly indicates
- 6 that the case law or the international tribunals developed around
- 7 the issue of admission of witness statements. And I will take
- 8 Your Honours quickly through a couple of decisions of the ICTY
- 9 Appeals Chamber to illustrate my point. And, I think, one
- 10 decision of the ICTR.
- 11 The phrase "acts and conduct of the accused" is found in Rule 92
- 12 bis of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence of the ICTY, as I'm
- 13 sure Your Honours are well aware. And it relates to the types of
- 14 evidence -- types of testimonial evidence -- which can be
- 15 admitted by way of witness statements or transcripts. And,
- 16 essentially, what the what was -- the position of the ICTY is
- 17 that, similar to this tribunal, there is a general rule that all
- 18 evidence is admissible, provided that it has basic indicia of
- 19 reliability.
- 20 [13.41.54]
- 21 And there were attempts to admit into evidence, at times, witness
- 22 statements taken by a party to the proceedings. At the ICTY, of
- 23 course, the tribunal employs an adversarial model, where the
- 24 evidence is collected by the parties. So there were attempts to
- 25 file evidence in the form of witness statements collected by the

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1 parties, and it was in recognition that such -- of the fact that 2 such witness statements are potentially lacking in reliability 3 that Rule 92 bis was introduced. It was introduced to allow a narrow scope -- or narrowing of the scope for the admission of 4 5 witness statements. But it was never intended, nor does it apply, 6 to other types of evidence. And I'll just quote briefly from the 7 decision of the ICTY Appeals Chamber in Prosecutor and Galic -that's G-A-L-I-C -- this was the decision of the 17th of June 8 2002. It dealt with this issue of admission of witness 9 10 statements, and essentially the Court ruled, at paragraph 31, 11 that Rule 92 bis is the lex specialis which takes the 12 admissibility of written statements of prospective witnesses and 13 transcripts out of the scope of the lex generalis of Rule 89(c). 14 And that lex generalis of 89(c) is similar to what we have in 15 Rule 87.1. So, it was a provision designed specifically to deal 16 with witness statements. And so, one might say; well what is a witness statement? And I think our friends on the other side have 17 18 submitted that a number of documents should actually be treated 19 as witness statements, because they record statements of 20 individuals, and therefore, as such, they are in the same nature

22 [13.44.15]

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23 We say that that is not the correct approach. Witness -- the

of evidence as a witness statement.

- 24 definition of the term witness statement has itself been the
- 25 subject of a number of decisions at the international level, and

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- 1 it's fair to say that there isn't a uniform definition. But one
- 2 thing is clear; that witness statement doesn't mean any document
- 3 containing the word of any -- of a person. And I'll give you --
- 4 I'll give a couple of examples. In Prosecutor and Blaskic -- that
- 5 is B-for-Bob, L-A-S-K-I-C -- a decision of the 26th of September
- 6 2000, the ICTY Appeals Chamber ruled, looking at the meaning of a
- 7 witness statement, in paragraph 15 quote:
- 8 "The usual meaning of a witness statement in trial proceedings is
- 9 an account of a person's knowledge of a crime which is recorded
- 10 through due procedure in the course of an investigation into the
- 11 crime."
- 12 [13.45.32]
- 13 That is, Your Honours -- the idea of a witness statement is
- 14 restricted in international jurisprudence to statements taken for
- 15 the purposes of investigating a crime. It is those types of
- 16 statements that are subject to the acts and conduct test, not any
- 17 other type of written material, such as books or analytical
- 18 reports.
- 19 And that -- this reasoning, the core of this reasoning is
- 20 followed by the ICTR. A trial chamber decision of the 18th of
- 21 September 2001 -- and this is in the case of Prosecutor and
- 22 Nyiramasuhuko -- and I apologize if my pronunciation is sloppy.
- 23 This was a decision on the 18th of September 2001. At paragraph
- 24 9, the Trial Chamber was considering again the meaning of the
- 25 term witness statement, and they say it means "statements made

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- 1 during the course of judicial proceedings by prosecution
- 2 witnesses expected to testify at trial, regardless of the origin
- 3 of the said judicial proceedings".
- 4 [13.46.47]
- 5 The point being made, simply, is that the rules that prevent
- 6 written material coming in, if it relates to acts and conduct of
- 7 the accused, relate only to witness statements -- statements
- 8 taken for the purposes of the criminal proceedings, and taken in
- 9 an official capacity.
- 10 Now, of course, Your Honours, there are numerous secondary
- 11 materials that deal with acts and conduct of the accused. They
- 12 include contemporaneous Democratic Kampuchea documents; they
- 13 include international newspaper coverage of the events; they
- 14 include books and analytical reports -- numerous other documents.
- 15 And what we say is that, even where those documents touch upon
- 16 the acts and conduct of an accused, it is perfectly acceptable
- 17 for them to be admitted without calling each and every author of
- 18 each and every document to testify before Your Honours.
- 19 [13.47.58]
- 20 The position, as we have already stated in our written pleadings,
- 21 is different when it comes to witness statements.
- 22 Now, why do we make this position? Why do we make this
- 23 submission? Well, simply because we're not putting the books and
- 24 analytical reports forward to ask Your Honours to accept what's
- 25 written in them as proof beyond a reasonable doubt of those

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- 1 facts. We're putting them in to assist in the examination of
- 2 historical policy -- contextual aspects of the case. We're
- 3 putting them in as corroborative of direct evidence from
- 4 witnesses' contemporaneous documents. And, as my colleague
- 5 submitted earlier, with a professional trier of fact -- with a
- 6 Trial Chamber comprised of professional judges -- it is perfectly
- 7 acceptable to admit such secondary material, because Your Honours
- 8 are perfectly capable of sifting through it and giving it
- 9 appropriate weight.
- 10 And I would just note, in passing, that my friend, counsel for
- 11 Ieng Sary, alluded in passing yesterday that these types of
- 12 documents -- I think -- to be fair, I think he was talking about
- 13 reports -- media reports, perhaps -- that, where there are --
- 14 where there is a certain corroboration between a number of
- documents, where they seem to confirm the same type of fact or
- 16 discuss the same event, that that in itself lends them indicia of
- 17 reliability. And of course we agree with that submission. That
- 18 has been a theme that we have put before Your Honours throughout
- 19 these hearings, that you have to look at these documents as a
- 20 whole, and you have to look at the ways in which they corroborate
- 21 each other, and the ways in which they corroborate witness
- 22 testimony.
- 23 [13.49.57]
- 24 There is no harm; there is absolutely no prejudice, in them being
- 25 before Your Honours, because Your Honours are perfectly capable

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- 1 of giving them the appropriate weight.
- 2 I will come back to the issue of books briefly, because that is
- 3 one of the annexes that I'm dealing with, but I'll leave it for
- 4 now, and I will just briefly also recall in passing on a related
- 5 issue of calling witnesses with knowledge of documents to
- 6 authenticate the documents. Your Honours have, of course, now
- 7 ruled in paragraph 7 of your decision E162 that there is no
- 8 procedural requirement before this Court to call witnesses with
- 9 personal knowledge to authenticate documents. You indicated also
- 10 that testimony as to chain of custody and provenance, of course,
- 11 assists in assessing the weight to be attributed to documents.
- 12 [13.51.01]
- 13 And before I leave that point, as to witnesses who can give
- 14 testimony as to the provenance and circumstances in which
- 15 documents are created -- of course, the next segment has numerous
- 16 witnesses whom Your Honours have summoned who will of course
- 17 provide exactly that type of evidence. And I'm looking at a list
- 18 here -- of course, we start with Duch, but then following his
- 19 testimony, a series of communications witnesses, and then, of
- 20 course, Ministry of Foreign Affairs witnesses, Commerce,
- 21 Propaganda and Political Education, and administrative structure
- 22 witnesses. All of these witnesses will assist in our better
- 23 understanding of the documents that are before Your Honours.
- 24 [13.52.00]
- 25 I will deal briefly with the issue of confessions, simply because

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1 it's -- it has arisen a number of times in connection with 2 different -- with different annexes. And what I'm referring to 3 here is the prohibition in the Convention Against Torture, in Article 15. And I think our learned friend, counsel for Nuon 4 5 Chea, made reference to rulings of the Trial Chamber in Case 001. 6 And those rulings are, of course, on the record. What I wanted to 7 indicate was that what was read yesterday is not a full account, if you like, of that particular issue, as it came up before the 8 9 Trial Chamber. Your Honours made a general ruling, which was read, but then following that general ruling, the Prosecution 10 11 essentially submitted that our understanding was that a comprehensive decision on the issue of the CAT prohibition would 12 13 only be made if and when a party seeks to rely on the content of a confession, and that it would only then -- the issue would only 14 then be ventilated in full. We indicated that, of course, it's a 15 16 very complex issue and that we submitted that it needed to be dealt with comprehensively if rulings on principle were to be 17 18 made. And it was, I believe, Judge Cartwright who then indicated 19 that the Chamber reserved to the parties the right to make 20 further submissions. 21 [13.53.55] 22 Our -- in terms of the procedure, our basic proposal is that the 23 way to proceed is by dealing with documents as and if they are 24 raised in Court, and ruling on the appropriate uses. You will -25 you will hear from one of my colleagues in far more detail on the

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1 acceptable uses of this material. There are, of course,

- 2 acceptable uses of this material. There is no such legal test --
- 3 there is no legal test that states that torture-tainted evidence
- 4 is excluded. There is a two-pronged test that must be applied.
- 5 First, a statement has to be shown to have been obtained under
- 6 torture, and secondly the use of that statement or confession
- 7 must itself be prohibited. Unless those two conditions are
- 8 fulfilled, there is absolutely no prohibition on admitting
- 9 confessions. And of course there are numerous proper -- entirely
- 10 proper and legitimate uses of that material which my colleagues
- 11 will expand on in greater detail.
- 12 [13.55.17]
- 13 Moving on to another point which has to do with new documents, I
- 14 think counsel for Khieu Samphan submitted that their
- 15 understanding was that new documents identified in Annex 21 of
- 16 the Co-Prosecutors' list are not the subject of these hearings. I
- 17 believe they're incorrect on this. These are not new documents
- 18 submitted after the opening of the trial. They are simply
- 19 documents that we submitted back in April 2011, in respond to
- 20 Your Honours scheduling orders. Those documents are documents
- 21 which, at that time, were not on the case file, and they were
- 22 proposed by us. They're very much included in these proceedings.
- 23 As counsel indicated, they are scattered throughout the 20
- 24 annexes, and they're, of course, also separately identified in
- 25 Annex 21. Annex 21 is simply a listing for convenience of all

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1 documents that were proposed as new at that time.

- 2 [13.56.44]
- 3 I make this point because the label "new" no longer applies to
- 4 these documents. It is only once a trial commences, with the
- 5 initial hearing -- it is after that point in time the Rule 87.4
- 6 provides specific restrictions on the admission of new material.
- 7 It is once the trial has opened. And our submission is that all
- 8 of those documents that are identified as new in our -- all 80
- 9 lists, and in our first phase list -- that rule does not apply.
- 10 Those documents have been put before Your Honours and the
- 11 parties. They were put before you a while ago. They are the
- 12 subject of these hearings, and we invite the Chamber to consider
- 13 them admitted, as all of the other documents that are in the
- 14 annexes.
- 15 [13.57.40]
- 16 Moving on to another issue -- and this is to do with
- 17 considerations or allegations of bias of DC-Cam -- and we've
- 18 heard this a number of times over the last month or so. But on
- 19 this occasion this submission was only made by the Khieu Samphan
- 20 team. And I note that the Nuon Chea team have seemed to have
- 21 given up on that particular front, which we say is futile. Your
- 22 Honours, I don't want to spend an enormous amount of time on this
- 23 point. I think it is self-evident that the position of DC-Cam --
- 24 their mandate, their commitment, perhaps, to seeing
- 25 accountability and a recording of history -- ultimately are

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1 irrelevant for the purposes of admissibility of the documents

- 2 that were collected at DC-Cam. It was not DC-Cam's role to
- 3 investigate the crimes. The crimes were investigated by an
- 4 independent and impartial judicial authority. And what is
- 5 important to recall -- and, I believe, we all remember the
- 6 testimony of Mr. Youk Chhang when he indicated that DC-Cam's
- 7 doors are open to all parties. In fact, DC-Cam has been
- 8 approached by just about all of the participants in these
- 9 proceedings at one time or another to provide documents. And
- 10 anyone is free to consult DC-Cam's archives.
- 11 What's more, this particular position was endorsed by the
- 12 Co-Investigating Judges in two documents to which I will refer
- 13 briefly. And they are A110/II and D164/II. What these documents
- 14 make clear -- particularly the second document -- is that parties
- 15 are entirely free to visit any public library, consult any public
- 16 source, and propose any document which they consider relevant to
- 17 ascertaining the truth. No one was excluded from DC-Cam. None of
- 18 the parties were excluded from going there and searching for
- 19 documents.
- 20 [14.00.30]
- 21 In fact, none of the parties were excluded or prohibited from
- 22 consulting any public source. And so we say that it is not
- 23 appropriate for the Defence to turn around at this stage of the
- 24 proceedings and allege that, because DC-Cam has an interest in
- 25 recording the history and in seeing accountability for the crimes

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1 -- that for that reason, anything collected from DC-Cam must be

- 2 tainted and unreliable. That submission must surely fail.
- 3 I will now move on to deal with three annexes, and I will do so
- 4 briefly, because the Defence submissions or objections were not
- 5 particularly extensive on these particular annexes. And -
- 6 firstly, Your Honours, Annex 7, which contains commerce records.
- 7 On this annex, I recall that the Nuon Chea team accepted -- in
- 8 fact, encouraged their admission. I believe the Ieng Sary team
- 9 left it to the Trial Chamber's discretion as to whether or not
- 10 these documents should be admitted, and it was really only the
- 11 Khieu Samphan team that objected to these documents being
- 12 admitted.
- 13 [14.02.10]
- 14 They did so on a number of grounds. One of them was the
- 15 involvement of DC-Cam, which we've just dealt with. Another
- 16 complaint about these documents was the issue of chain of
- 17 custody, and there was also reference to the annotations which
- 18 appear on these documents. Now, I will just recall again that
- 19 Your Honours have ruled that evidence as to chain of custody is
- 20 not a condition precedent for the admission of material. All that
- 21 needs to be shown is that they are prima facie reliable and
- 22 authentic. Your Honours, in our submission, there is absolutely
- 23 no doubt that these documents are both reliable and authentic.
- 24 And we say so because there is extensive evidence on the case
- 25 file as to the provenance and origin of these documents. Khieu

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- 1 Samphan's counsel referred to the statements of witness TCW-583,
- 2 who was actually shown a number of these documents during the
- 3 judicial investigation, and was able to discuss them. He is on
- 4 Your Honour's trial list, and he will be available, we believe,
- 5 to further expand on the circumstances in which these documents
- 6 were created and just what they mean.
- 7 [14.03.50]
- 8 I wanted to use this annex to also illustrate the point we were
- 9 making earlier about the attempts of the Co-Investigating Judges
- 10 to obtain originals.
- 11 And, Mr. President, if I have your permission, I would like to
- 12 briefly display two or three documents that record -- that relate
- 13 to the commerce records and to the way in which they were
- 14 collected. So, if I have permission, I will proceed.
- 15 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 16 Yes, you may proceed.
- 17 MR. ABDULHAK:
- 18 Thank you, Your Honour. If we could show on the screen document
- 19 D161?
- 20 We made reference to this a little bit earlier, and -- Your
- 21 Honours, D161 is a rogatory letter issued by the Co-Investigating
- 22 Judges. I do apologize for showing the English version here. It's
- 23 just a little bit easier for me to follow what's on the screen.
- 24 [14.05.20]
- 25 If we can scroll down to the next -- to the second page of this

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1 document?

- 2 And what we have done, Your Honours, is we have redacted the
- 3 names of the investigators, for obvious reasons. But of course
- 4 the full document is available on the case file. The highlighted
- 5 section describes the mission, which the Co-Investigating Judges
- 6 were entrusting the investigators with, and it states:
- 7 "They are to enter into contact with persons responsible for the
- 8 National Archive in order to request their cooperation for
- 9 consultation in copying of documents, audio-visual archives,
- 10 etc."
- 11 In a second paragraph, it says: "They are to consult such
- 12 materials and/or request the provision of physical or electronic
- 13 copies."
- 14 [14.06.21]
- 15 Now I would like to move on to D161/1 -- that is, D161/1. This is
- 16 to illustrate my submissions earlier as to how attempts -- work
- 17 was done by the Co-Investigating Judges and their office to
- 18 obtain original documents or at least to consult original
- 19 documents wherever available. And you see here, at -- on the
- 20 first page, in a highlighted passage, the investigator's report,
- 21 then on two dates, in 2009, they attended the National Archives
- 22 of Cambodia, and proceeded to consult and make colour scans of
- 23 the original documents, located within the archives. Fifty-one of
- 24 those documents were scanned in their entirety, and when you
- 25 scroll to the next page, it indicates that the annexes to this

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1 document are colour scans of the actual originals that are found

- 2 at the archives.
- 3 On the point -- I discuss -- I'm discussing these documents now
- 4 because of course the records collected at the National Archives
- 5 are, by and large, the commerce records. So it is the Annex 7
- 6 material that is being referred to in these rogatory letters and
- 7 reports. As to the origin of how these documents came to be at
- 8 the National Archive, Youk Chhang was able to provide some
- 9 information in his statement D150 -- D150 -- where he indicates
- 10 that the -- these particular documents were deposited at the
- 11 archives by members of the Renakse Front.
- 12 [14.08.21]
- 13 Just while we're on Annex 7, even though this point has not been
- 14 addressed in great detail, I think it might just be useful if I
- 15 point out, also, the relevance of these documents. There are 169
- 16 documents in Annex 7 and, on our review; it appears that 26 of
- 17 them are reports to Brother Hem, who, of course, is Mr. Khieu
- 18 Samphan. In addition to these 26 reports, approximately 98
- 19 documents which are Ministry of Commerce documents contain
- 20 annotations that refer to Brother Hem. They're usually
- 21 annotations that show that documents were sent for approval to
- 22 Mr. Khieu Samphan. These documents are, of course, relevant for a
- 23 number of reasons, including the fact that they evidence the
- 24 functioning of the regime, and they also evidence Mr. Khieu
- 25 Samphan's authority with respect to the Ministry of Commerce. And

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- 1 these are very much matters that are included in this first
- 2 trial.
- 3 [14.10.00]
- 4 And I might, at this stage, also display another document, and
- 5 this is D366/7.1.841. What we will do is we will display -- this
- 6 is another Annex 7 document -- we'll display it in Khmer
- 7 initially, just to show the document's format in the original
- 8 language.
- 9 If we could show that document, now, D366/7.1.843 (sic)? And,
- 10 Your Honours, this document appears to be a ledger which records
- 11 the supplies or storage of paddy and rice for the month of March
- 12 of 1977 -- indicates large amounts of produce being centralized
- 13 in Phnom Penh, and that produce having -- originating, rather,
- 14 from the Southwest Zone, the West Zone, the East, the Northwest
- 15 -- and -- rather, and the Northwest. We might just show that
- 16 document in English, also. It may be of interest to the -- to
- 17 those who are unable to read Khmer. But this document is, again
- 18 -- it bears an annotation indicating that it was sent to Mr.
- 19 Khieu Samphan -- to Brother Hem -- but it is also relevant -- and
- 20 you can see the relevant passages are marked in red on the screen
- 21 in the top left-hand corner -- shows that it was sent to Brother
- 22 Hem. It shows, in our submission, among other things, the fact
- 23 that the central government was very much in charge of the
- 24 collection and distribution of this type of produce.
- 25 [14.12.22]

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1 The issue of annotations was also raised, and I've indicated that

- 2 a number of these documents contain annotations -- I believe, 98.
- 3 On that issue, Your Honours, it is our submission that these
- 4 annotations, basically, are not relevant for the purposes of
- 5 admissibility. They are -- they appear to be annotations of Van
- 6 Rith, the Democratic Kampuchea Minister of Commerce. I won't say
- 7 more on that -- it will be the subject of testimonies before Your
- 8 Honours -- other than to say these are simple, apparently
- 9 administrative annotations. On their face, they appear to be --
- 10 to have been made in the course of business of the Ministry of
- 11 Commerce. I see no way in which the presence of those annotations
- 12 detracts in any way from the admissibility of documents,
- 13 particularly when you consider that what you have before you is
- 14 essentially originals or scans of originals.
- 15 [14.13.39]
- 16 Dealing with Annex 15, briefly -- and this, of course, is the
- 17 annex that contains a number of maps and photographs. And we
- 18 would note that the vast majority of these documents weren't
- 19 actually objected to. We kept notes over the last two days, and
- 20 it appears that only a small number were specifically identified
- 21 by Counsel. Of course, ample time was given to them. They all
- 22 completed their submissions in less than the time that was
- 23 allocated. Nuon Chea said that these documents had varied
- 24 relevance. The Ieng Sary team commented on photographs, stating
- 25 that -- submitting that, if they are purported to be fair and

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1 accurate representations of matters as they stood in 1975 or

- 2 images as they were in 1975, then I believe the submission was
- 3 that witnesses had to be called to testify as to those images. We
- 4 say that that submission is simply not legally correct, there's
- 5 no such requirement. There is a large number of photographs on
- 6 the case file. Many of them were taken after the 1979 period.
- 7 Your Honours are perfectly capable of looking at them and,
- 8 obviously, in light of, also, witness testimonies, giving them
- 9 any weight that you consider appropriate. I should say that,
- 10 where there are pictures of buildings in Phnom Penh -- by and
- 11 large they're not intended to be representative of buildings as
- 12 they were in 1975 or 1979. These -- many of these pictures were
- 13 taken by investigators in the presence of witnesses. They were
- 14 simply taken in order to identify relevant sites and witnesses
- 15 will be able to further describe those sites as they were at the
- 16 relevant times.
- 17 [14.16.20]
- 18 We have limited time, so I don't necessarily propose to go
- 19 through each -- I think there were six documents that were raised
- 20 by other counsels. As to document D108/39/8 -- if we could show
- 21 that document on the screen briefly, simply because I think it's
- 22 been referred to by a number of counsels -- D108/39/8. And my
- 23 learned friend, counsel for Ieng Sary, made extensive submissions
- 24 on this document.
- 25 MR. PRESIDENT:

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- 1 Yes, you may proceed.
- 2 MR. ABDULHAK:
- 3 Thank you. Thank you, Mr. President.
- 4 [14.17.17]
- 5 That document should be coming up on the screen briefly. My
- 6 learned friend made detailed submissions on the program that
- 7 produced this document. It is entitled "Genocide Sites in
- 8 Cambodia". Your Honours will recall that my friend made
- 9 submissions in relation to the use of the word "genocide", and
- 10 also to the methodology adopted in creating these maps. These are
- 11 maps, according to the introduction -- they're simply maps that
- 12 are intended to indicate the geographic location of suspected
- 13 crime sites. They're not ultimately conclusive, obviously.
- 14 They're not -- we're not putting them forward as evidence beyond
- 15 a reasonable doubt of these sites, but they are, we submit,
- 16 contextually relevant. The introduction of this document explains
- 17 how these sites were identified, and there's a number of sources
- 18 of information, including witness interviews, local informants,
- 19 use of Democratic Kampuchea's own documents, and various reports.
- 20 So this is an analytical document that, in our submission, does
- 21 have the basic indicia of reliability. Whether or not Your
- 22 Honours ultimately agree with its -- with the mapping or with the
- 23 location of sites -- that is a matter for Your Honours. It is a
- 24 matter to be decided following the trial and following all of the
- 25 evidence that will be put before you.

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- 1 [14.19.17]
- 2 We have no objection, if Your Honours consider it appropriate, to
- 3 call the authors. We wouldn't object to them coming to testify,
- 4 if that is the Defence's request.
- 5 And here is that document now, it appears on the screen. And you
- 6 can see that it simply indicates various locations where there
- 7 might be -- various locations that may contain crime sites --
- 8 that is, mass burial sites. These types of documents, we submit,
- 9 are relevant, again, because of the requirement to prove the
- 10 widespread and systematic attack on the territory of Cambodia as
- 11 a whole. They are relevant, also, because of the need to prove
- 12 the existence of a joint criminal enterprise to search for and
- 13 kill enemies throughout the country.
- 14 [14.20.22]
- 15 And the same applies to some of the other documents that were
- 16 challenged -- specifically, documents D108/19/1/5 and D108/39/10.
- 17 Again, these documents are maps of alleged killing fields, and we
- 18 submit they are relevant, and they do have prima facie
- 19 reliability that is sufficient for them to be admitted before
- 20 Your Honours.
- 21 Moving on to Annex 19 -- and this annex, of course, contain
- 22 books. I made submissions earlier as to the admissibility of this
- 23 type of material and the non-applicability of the acts and
- 24 conduct -- acts and conduct test to this material. I believe it
- 25 was -- submissions were made by counsel for Ieng Sary that

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1 authors -- that, for books to be admitted, that authors had to be

- 2 called. We submit that that is not the correct legal position.
- 3 While Your Honours have summoned a number of experts who authored
- 4 several of these books, our submission is that, ultimately,
- 5 hearing the authors is not a prerequisite to admission, because
- 6 the documents -- the books are being submitted as contextual and
- 7 corroborative evidence, and evidence that helps establish policy.
- 8 They are not -- in most cases, they are not primary evidence of
- 9 any criminal activity as such.
- 10 And, of course, Your Honours, when you look at the Defence lists
- 11 for -- where they've proposed materials to be put before Your
- 12 Honours, there are numerous books that have been proposed, and so
- 13 I simply note that in passing, because, obviously, all parties
- 14 see the relevance of books as material that can assist in
- 15 contextualizing some of the direct evidence that is being put
- 16 before you.
- 17 [14.23.06]
- 18 And the relevant list for Ieng Sary is 109/6.2. This contains a
- 19 number of books which are proposed to be put before Your Honours.
- 20 The same applies to Khieu Samphan, and you can find a number of
- 21 books and academic papers listed in E9/29.2, which was the
- 22 original list from April 2011, as well as the first phase list,
- 23 which is E109/1.1.
- 24 There is another list which we believe Your Honours should take
- 25 into account when considering Defence objections, and this is a

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- 1 list submitted by Ieng Sary, in April, as part of the initial
- 2 lists of evidence. And this is E9/25.2. Now this is quite a long
- 3 document, some 100 pages.
- 4 [14.24.38]
- 5 It contains over 1,000 documents that are proposed -- new
- 6 documents that are proposed to be put before Your Honours, and it
- 7 includes the full shopping list of documents that we've been
- 8 discussing these last two days, from newspapers to books and
- 9 academic papers to analytical reports, foreign government
- 10 materials, including CIA and the like, and, of course,
- 11 contemporaneous Democratic Kampuchea documents. We haven't
- 12 objected to any of this material. We feel it is important that
- 13 the Defence wish to put these documents before Your Honours, put
- 14 them to witnesses, and make submissions on them. We will,
- 15 obviously, not object. We consider it important for them to be
- 16 able to put their case, but we do also make the submission that
- 17 -- or make the observation, rather, than when Ieng Sary submitted
- 18 this rather lengthy list of documents, he was not proposing, at
- 19 the same time, to call their authors. And the reason, of course,
- 20 that wasn't done is obvious. This trial would never complete if
- 21 we were to call every author of every book and every analytical
- 22 report that is proposed to be put into evidence.
- 23 [14.25.51]
- 24 I will close by just dealing with one document, which I believe
- 25 most, if not all, of my learned friends made reference to. This

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- 1 is D2-15. It is an analytical report prepared by Mr. Craig
- 2 Etcheson.
- 3 Mr. Etcheson, of course, testified before Your Honours in the
- 4 first trial. Your Honours considered his expertise sufficient to
- 5 bring him in to testify on matters of structure of Democratic
- 6 Kampuchea. Of course, we support the Defence's request in this
- 7 regard, in part because this is -- this gentleman is one of the
- 8 leading experts on these issues in the world. He has been found
- 9 reliable by Your Honours, already. As my learned friend for Ieng
- 10 Sary indicated, he is available within 100 metres of us, and we
- 11 have also proposed him as a witness. So we see no particular
- 12 reason to object -- this testimony is -- can be obtained without
- 13 undue delay, and we're happy for the Defence's request to be
- 14 accepted.
- 15 [14.27.15]
- 16 Your Honours, that concludes my submissions.
- 17 I'm looking at the time. At this point, I would hand over to my
- 18 colleagues who will deal with Annexes 14, 20, and 17, but perhaps
- 19 Your Honours may wish to take a break at this stage.
- 20 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 21 Thank you.
- 22 The time is now appropriate for a 15-minute break. We will resume
- 23 at ten-to-three.
- 24 The Court is adjourned.
- 25 (Court recesses from 1428H to 1453H)

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- 1 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 2 Please be seated. The Court is now back in session.
- 3 The floor is now handed over again to the Prosecution to continue
- 4 their response to the oral objections.
- 5 MR. DE WILDE D'ESTMAEL:
- 6 Thank you very much, Mr. President. Your Honours, good afternoon.
- 7 Between now and four o'clock, I'm going to try and cover three
- 8 annexes -- 14, 20, and 17.
- 9 Looking at Annex 14, this concerns site ID reports. There are
- 10 only two documents, in fact, but the Defence spent quite
- 11 considerable time on those two documents and it is my duty,
- 12 therefore, to respond to them.
- 13 [14.54.41]
- 14 These are two site ID reports, not 151 reports as mentioned this
- 15 morning by Counsel Guissé. They were selected by the OCIJ as
- 16 being pertinent for this first phase of the trial.
- 17 The authenticity of these two reports cannot be reasonably
- 18 impugned. They were drawn up by the investigators from the OCIJ
- 19 according to the standard procedures. Each one of the documents
- 20 has the letterhead, date, the name of the investigator, the
- 21 reference to the rogatory letter, and the signatures of the
- 22 investigators. These are investigators who have taken oaths and
- 23 who are recognized in their functions. These reports were
- 24 recognized as being valid and they have been regularly filed.
- 25 The objections from the Defence tend to focus on the reliability

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- 1 or the probative value of these two documents.
- 2 [14.55.56]
- 3 But perhaps before going into the details of this, I'd like to
- 4 make an opening comment about the fact that this morning the Nuon
- 5 Chea defence team, once again, quoted during the hearing the name
- of a potential witness on the list of witnesses proposed by the
- 7 parties.
- 8 I refer to witness TCW-729, whose appearance here has not been
- 9 requested by the Co-Prosecutors but by the Khieu Samphan defence
- 10 team.
- 11 Quoting the name of potential witnesses in a public hearing
- 12 should not be tolerated. Once it's done, the harm is done and
- 13 it's too late to come back on anything, it's too late to raise
- 14 any objections.
- 15 We would like, once again, to ask the Chamber to make quite sure
- 16 that the different parties in this courtroom respect the
- 17 principle of the use of the pseudonym of each of the potential
- 18 witnesses who might be called to appear before this Chamber. We
- 19 would also like the Nuon Chea defence team to once again be
- 20 warned about this. Coming back to a review of these two
- 21 documents, the first of them is a report; it's D232/108, dated
- the 7th of January 2010.
- 23 Under a rogatory letter dated the 24th of July 2009, it consists
- 24 of a list of 26 locations and buildings in Phnom Penh which were
- 25 used during the Democratic Kampuchea regime, and the

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- 1 investigators tried to identify them and to specify their
- 2 locations and to photograph them. It's very important to point
- 3 out here that this report was prepared in response to a request
- 4 from the Ieng Thirith defence team dated the 16th of September
- 5 2009 which has code D209.
- 6 [14.58.37]
- 7 As to the contents of this document the report quite clearly
- 8 explains that certain locations or buildings were not
- 9 identifiable or positioned in any watertight way because there
- 10 were contradictory witness statements.
- 11 The report also says, that each time a building has been
- 12 apparently modified or demolished since 1979, it indicates what
- 13 the witness sources are, references for the testimony that was
- 14 used to identify these different places and there are also
- 15 statements by the accused which have helped us to localize these
- 16 buildings. A good number of these witnesses will be called to
- 17 testify in this first trial.
- 18 [14.59.40]
- 19 So the report appears to be objective. It's established in good
- 20 faith and it is relevant for this phase of the trial to the
- 21 extent that the buildings concerned are connected with the
- 22 administrative structure of Democratic Kampuchea. You will see
- 23 photographs of the locations where K-1 Office was or K-3, Nuon
- 24 Chea's office, Office B-1, in other words, the Foreign Ministry
- 25 and other buildings connected with the Foreign Ministry such as

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- 1 B-32.
- 2 You will see photographs of other ministries and other places
- 3 where the Democratic Kampuchea ministries were located, and other
- 4 places like K-15, the railway station or the Olympic stadium or
- 5 the headquarters of the Revolutionary Army of Kampuchea.
- 6 Other photos concern buildings within the Khmer Rouge
- 7 communications system such as K-7 or K-18.
- 8 The document could be used by the parties when they come to put
- 9 questions to the witnesses on whose evidence the current
- 10 investigating Judges have established the documents and other
- 11 witnesses, as well. So what the report really brings to our
- 12 discussions is a visual picture of the places and buildings which
- 13 are very often mentioned during our hearings.
- 14 [15.01.21]
- 15 So, the places and the buildings have been located on the basis
- 16 of certain testimony which is often being corroborated and the
- 17 weight that can be given to the document or certain parts of the
- 18 report may vary according to the credibility of the witnesses;
- 19 but it is up to you to appreciate that at the conclusion of this
- 20 trial. Here, I don't think we should be discussing, excuse me, I
- 21 think we are discussing the admissibility of the document rather
- than engaging in a lengthy discussion on its contents.
- 23 All of the 29 photographs contained within the site ID report are
- 24 also to be found in Annex 15 and a different Annex. In other
- 25 words, and these are all photographs of which the Code begins

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- 1 D232/108 followed by 1, 2, 3, etc.
- 2 [15.02.32]
- 3 The second ID site report is another one that the Defence dwelt
- 4 on it at a considerable length -- I'm referring to D369/38. The
- 5 signed original is in English. Thirty one photographs were made
- 6 in C2 and they are appended to the report and now to be found
- 7 under Annex 15, Maps and Photographs, on the table. This report
- 8 is about Chrang Chamres also known as M-1 and B-60, and it's
- 9 relevant for Trial 1. It concerns an entity, a work camp which,
- 10 as we see it, was placed under the responsibility of the Foreign
- 11 Ministry and Ieng Sary during at least one period of Democratic
- 12 Kampuchea.
- 13 Now we are aware that witnesses from this same ministry will be
- 14 called to testify during this same segment of the trial on
- 15 administrative structures. It seems to me, clear that this report
- 16 should be recognized as being relevant, both as concerns the
- 17 administrative structure of the Foreign Ministry and the role of
- 18 the accused, Ieng Sary, who was at the top of that ministry.
- 19 I will make a comment on the fact that the report is based on the
- 20 testimony of potential witness TCW-729.
- 21 [15.04.23]
- 22 He has testified twice before the investigating Judges,
- 23 interviews are D369/18 and D233/14, and this witness is on the
- 24 list of witnesses proposed by the Khieu Samphan team, as I said,
- 25 but it seems to me somewhat premature at this juncture to have a

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1 discussion on the reliability of that testimony. We think that we

- 2 ought to wait and see if this witness will be selected by the
- 3 Chamber to testify during this first trial segment. And,
- 4 secondly, if that is not the case, we will have to see what will
- 5 be done with the witness interview records that are to be found
- 6 in Annex 12. If they can be used, I'm referring to people who
- 7 will not appear before this Chamber, if they can be used entirely
- 8 or in part as evidence since they concern or do not concern the
- 9 acts and conduct of the accused, then the eventual outcome for
- 10 other documents will depend on this.
- 11 [15.05.53]
- 12 Another comment, Counsel Son Arun said this morning that witness
- 13 TCW-729 would necessarily be biased and would be seeking
- 14 evidence. This statement is gratuitous and unsubstantiated. The
- 15 witness has been heard twice, under oath, and we have to stress
- 16 that the investigators of the Co-Investigation Judges were the
- 17 ones who insisted that he accompany them to show the site of
- 18 Chrang Chamres, where he lived for three long years, as he said.
- 19 [15.06.35]
- 20 I might point out "en personne" that, when one has lived for
- 21 three years under difficult conditions -- and that's certainly a
- 22 euphemism under the Khmer Rouge -- in the same place, in the same
- 23 work camp, even as a young teenager, there's no reason that your
- 24 memory of those places would not be just as vivid as that of an
- 25 adult or that the witness, a long time afterwards would not be

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1 capable to draw a plan of that particular location. It is this

- 2 kind of vivid life experience which is understandably strong.
- 3 I wish now to move to Annex 20, which deals with rogatory letters
- 4 and the reports of rogatory letters, as well as the 112 rogatory
- 5 letters. The defence of Nuon Chea made only one single
- 6 observation with respect to these reports that emanate from the
- 7 Office of the Co-Investigating Judges.
- 8 The defence for Nuon Chea said that they should be handled with
- 9 great care in light of the partiality of the Co-Investigating
- 10 Judges. This subjectivity has not been proven at all. The fact of
- 11 the matter is, this is -- they have not lodged a specific or
- 12 relevant objection to the nature of these documents which does
- 13 not in any way challenge the authenticity or relevance of these
- 14 reports.
- 15 [15.08.22]
- 16 The defence of Ieng Sary has mentioned that certain reports
- 17 include witness statements as well as summaries of testimonies or
- 18 observations made by investigators. The Defence also said that
- 19 these reports should not be admitted. However, I should point out
- 20 that Counsel Ang Udom on the 10th of January 2012, during
- 21 cross-examination of civil party Romam Yun, was not remiss in
- 22 using a report of a rogatory letter under the reference D208/2
- 23 and specifically made the critical observations made by the
- 24 investigators with respect to the statements gathered.
- 25 This category of documents compels several observations.

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1 First and foremost, the authenticity of these documents cannot be

- 2 impugned just as I have pointed out for the site identification
- 3 reports. They bear all of the reliable indicia that I highlighted
- 4 earlier.
- 5 I wish now to elaborate on the relevance of these reports and a
- 6 distinction must be drawn between the several subcategories of
- 7 these rogatory letters. First, and foremost, the defence for Ieng
- 8 Sary was completely silent on a particular category of rogatory
- 9 letter of which there are 31 reports or PVs that concern the list
- 10 of written documents or audio-visual exhibits that were attained
- 11 by the Co-Investigating Judges from various organizations.
- 12 [15.10.24]
- 13 Those organizations include Bophana Centre; there are eight
- 14 audio-visual records out of the 112 exhibits; there are two
- 15 documents that were obtained by the Tuol Sleng Archives; there
- 16 were 20 documents obtained by the DC-Cam. We provided
- 17 explanations or, explanations were given with respect to how
- 18 these documents were obtained and there was one document that was
- 19 retrieved from the National Archives of Cambodia.
- 20 And, as my colleague pointed out, this document pertains to
- 21 commerce. These reports establish who and how these documents
- 22 were collected and they also draw to a very clear chain of
- 23 custody. Therefore, it is entirely logical that Your Chamber
- 24 should admit this category, this subcategory of documents.
- 25 [15.11.51]

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1 The second subcategory concerns 66 rogatory letters, which

- 2 pertain to the hearings of civil parties or witnesses by the
- 3 Co-Investigating Judges. Very often, as we are well aware, the
- 4 investigators were the ones conducting these interviews and
- 5 hearings on behalf of the Co-Investigating Judges. On other
- 6 occasions, investigators had described the circumstances under
- 7 which certain hearings or interviews were held that involved a
- 8 certain number of people who were identified over the course of
- 9 admissions and therefore, interviewed. They also identified those
- 10 who remained to be identified.
- 11 The other reports which outline steps as to why certain
- 12 interviews could not be completed. With respect to these 66
- 13 rogatory letter reports that deal with civil parties and
- 14 witnesses derive from original copies of the depositions and are
- 15 not summaries produced by investigators. We hope that these
- 16 documents shall be deemed admissible by the Trial Chamber or that
- 17 a decision not be made, at this particular stage, until your
- 18 Chamber issues the decision with respect to Annex 12.
- 19 [15.13.54]
- 20 Allow me to explain why. At least 54 rogatory letters concern the
- 21 hearings of witnesses or civil parties who figure on the list
- 22 E9/35 and you are well aware that this list summarizes the
- 23 pseudonyms of witnesses and civil parties that have been proposed
- 24 by all parties to these proceedings. The Chamber has already
- 25 communicated to the parties and stated that several dozens of

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1 these witnesses may be heard over the course of this first trial.

- 2 This does not forestall other witnesses or civil parties on list
- 3 E9/35 from being heard during the course of this same first trial
- 4 and that they may also potentially be providing testimony.
- 5 Therefore, one must be very prudent and cautious. I believe that
- 6 all parties and Judges should be satisfied that they have all
- 7 information necessary at their disposal, with respect to these
- 8 witnesses and civil parties and, specifically, information that
- 9 is contained in the rogatory letters that specifically concern
- 10 these individuals.
- 11 [15.15.28]
- 12 These include written records of witness interviews or hearings.
- 13 The Co-Prosecutor is requesting that these 54 reports be deemed
- 14 admissible to the extent that they concern witnesses and civil
- 15 parties who may potentially be heard. The Chamber enjoys absolute
- 16 discretion in this regard if they deem such reports to assist in
- 17 the ascertainment of the truth. Mr. President, Your Honours, as
- 18 may have been suggested by the defence team for Mr. Ieng Sary,
- 19 this is not part of some scheme of the Co-Prosecutors to try and
- 20 use summaries of witness statements in these reports, when these
- 21 witnesses will not be heard. Above and beyond these reports that
- 22 pertain to the hearings of civil parties and potential witnesses,
- 23 there are other rogatory letters, far fewer in number, which do
- 24 not concern any of the witnesses or civil parties that are listed
- 25 in document E9/35. There are at least 12 individuals that I have

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- 1 been able to identify. They include the following records:
- 2 D125/189; D125/193; D125/208; D166/134; and D125/212.
- 3 [15.17.35]
- 4 With respect to these very specific reports we request that the
- 5 status of the admissibility of these reports be attached to the
- 6 decision that will be issued with respect to Annex 12 and that we
- 7 not refer to them unless the witness or civil party may appear.
- 8 If Your Honours ultimately decide to admit, either in whole or
- 9 partially, these written records of witness interviews in the
- 10 case, that such witnesses or civil parties may not necessarily be
- 11 heard or be cross-examined by the parties, their rogatory letters
- 12 must also be admitted and they must also be deemed as relevant
- 13 and useful in elucidating the truth. The probative value to be
- 14 attached to these documents may obviously be lower than that
- 15 which would be attached to the originals of the written records
- 16 of witness interviews.
- 17 [15.18.51]
- 18 But, once again, this decision falls entirely upon yourselves.
- 19 Perhaps you will make the distinction between written statements
- 20 which concern directly the acts and conduct of the accused and
- 21 other testimony which concern only the crimes themselves per se,
- 22 without a clear identification of the accused. In such a
- 23 scenario, this distinction could also apply to the reports of the
- 24 rogatory letters that pertain to the 12 witnesses that I
- 25 mentioned earlier.

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1 In any event, we believe that those 12 reports are part and

- 2 parcel of Annex 12 and that they should be admitted either in
- 3 whole or partially. Lastly, I wish to mention the reports that
- 4 figure in Annex 20, concerning the circumstances of arrest of the
- 5 accused, as well as some of the evidence that was ceased during
- 6 those occasions to the extent that these pieces of evidence do
- 7 not figure on any of the list of documents that have been
- 8 submitted by the parties for the first trial. We defer to the
- 9 wisdom of Your Honours and of this Chamber to establish their
- 10 relevance. That, Your Honours, concludes my remarks on Annex 20.
- 11 I would now wish to turn to Annex 17 that concerns international
- 12 communications.
- 13 [15.20.38]
- 14 Of the 158 documents that have been classified under this
- 15 category by the Co-Prosecutors and which also appear on the list
- 16 that was issued in July 2011, under E109/4.17, concerning the
- 17 first phase of Case File 002, I would point out that only 151 of
- 18 these documents are the subject of today's proceedings. In fact,
- 19 only two documents were discussed during the hearings of the 16th
- 20 of January 2012, whereas seven other documents have already been
- 21 discussed during the hearing of the 16th of February 2012.
- 22 Therefore, it is not necessary to discuss them once again. Mr.
- 23 Karnavas was wrong to single out document D2-15.1. This is a
- document that must be read concurrently with D83-Annex-00011;
- 25 this document is entitled: "Autobiography of Ke Pauk".

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- 1 [15.22.02]
- 2 This document has already been discussed as these documents are
- 3 contained in the footnotes of the relevant sections of the
- 4 Closing Order. Be that as it were, we do not understand Mr.
- 5 Karnavas to be lodging an objection but rather airing a complaint
- 6 that this particular document was erroneously indexed under the
- 7 wrong category of international communications.
- 8 As for the defence team for Nuon Chea, Mr. Ianuzzi declared or
- 9 stated that this category not be dismissed outright since they
- 10 had also proposed a very large number of international
- 11 communications to be submitted as evidence. In fact, these 149
- 12 documents could be categorized in various subcategories, each of
- 13 which I will be able to provide detailed explanations. There are
- 14 so many documents that come from the French Archives, 68
- 15 documents that come from the United States of America, 11
- 16 documents that come from Amnesty International and three from
- 17 Vietnam.
- 18 Let us begin with the first category which concerns documents
- 19 that emanate from the Archives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 20 of France. There are 70 documents. The Co- Investigators from the
- 21 OCIJ had acted upon a rogatory letter to retrieve these documents
- 22 from the French Archives.
- 23 [15.24.15]
- 24 This letter was issued by the International Co-Investigating
- 25 Judge on the 13th of March 2009 and is classified under D199.

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- 1 What is this document, exactly? It is a contemporaneous document
- 2 -- all of these documents, rather, are contemporaneous and they
- 3 span between December 1973 and December 1978. In essence, they
- 4 are telegrams or reports that were exchanged between French
- 5 Embassies in Asia with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs based in
- 6 Paris under the heading "Diplomatie Paris". There are 21
- 7 telegrams that come from the Embassy of France in Peking, 18
- 8 telegrams that come from the Embassy in Phnom Penh, prior to its
- 9 closing, nine telegrams that come from the Embassy of Bangkok,
- 10 two from the Embassy in Hanoi and one telegram that comes from
- 11 the Embassy based in Kuala Lumpur ,as well as Vientiane, New York
- 12 and the former Yugoslavia.
- 13 [15.25.28]
- 14 There are 11 telegrams or communications that come from the
- 15 Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and five that are addressed to the
- 16 French Minister for Defence, as well as the Ministry of Foreign
- 17 Affairs prior to the evacuation of the French Embassy in Phnom
- 18 Penh.
- 19 With respect to their authenticity, document D199, which is a
- 20 rogatory letter issued by the International Co-Investigating
- 21 Judge covers several aspects such as the hearing of several
- 22 witnesses and civil parties who were residing and are residing in
- 23 France. It also covers research that was conducted within the
- 24 Archives.
- 25 Once again, this is a category of documents for which there are

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- 1 no reasonable grounds to contest their authenticity. These are
- 2 documents that have been copied under the official seal of the
- 3 French authorities following the instructions of the
- 4 Co-Investigating Judges. This is a formal guarantee of their
- 5 provenance. Therefore, there's absolutely no problem of
- 6 authenticity, there's absolutely no problem concerning the chain
- 7 of custody of these documents.
- 8 [15.26.55]
- 9 In document D199/2, the Embassy of France in Cambodia authorizes
- 10 the travelling of the investigators to France to guarantee access
- 11 to the diplomatic archives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in
- 12 France. The cover page D199/3, which was produced by two
- 13 investigators and signed in France -- this page mentions that
- 14 there were 605 documents that were obtained from the archives of
- 15 the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in France. Of the various
- 16 judicial documents, the French judicial authorities have attested
- 17 to the fact that these documents have been appropriately obtained
- 18 from the archives. And you will see mention of this in D199/5,
- 19 which is a summary of the rogatory letter.
- 20 The Co-Investigating Judges, after having analyzed these
- 21 archives, decided to place a certain number of these documents on
- 22 the case file through a decision that is referenced under
- 23 D199/26.2. The Co-Investigating Judges also decided that similar
- 24 documents from the same origins would also be placed on the
- 25 shared materials drive, through its decision D199/26.3.

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1	[15.28.58]	

- 2 Regarding the relevance of these documents, it can be said that
- 3 they are highly relevant to the historical background, insofar as
- 4 the nine -- there are nine documents that date prior to the 17th
- 5 of April 1975. They are relevant to the administrative structure
- 6 of the regime; they are relative to the role of the Accused prior
- 7 and during the regime. They are also relevant to the evacuation
- 8 of Phnom Penh. They also provide information on the demise that
- 9 awaited certain categories of enemies during the evacuation of
- 10 Phnom Penh. There are telegrams that come from the embassy in
- 11 Phnom Penh which provide a minute-by-minute, if not day-by-day
- 12 update of the evolving situation concerning all of the foreigners
- 13 who had been gathered in the embassy compound just prior to their
- 14 evacuation. With respect to the authenticity and the reliability
- 15 of these documents, it must be understood that, first and
- 16 foremost, the defence of Khieu Samphan has decided to also rely
- 17 on this type of documents, because the Defence had selected
- 18 themselves eight documents of the exact same nature amongst the
- 19 list of documents presented before this Chamber in April and July
- 20 2011.
- 21 [15.30.37]
- I'm referring to list E9/29.2 and E109/1.1. I stand corrected if
- 23 I am wrong, but I believe that the National Counsel for Khieu
- 24 Samphan said that three of these documents should not be
- 25 admitted. And yet these documents can be found in Annex 17, which

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- 1 was submitted by the very same team. This appears to me as a
- 2 contradiction. I refer now to document D199/26.172, which is a
- 3 report produced by the Ambassador of France in Thailand addressed
- 4 to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, dated October 6th 1977.
- 5 There's also document D199/26.2.64. This is a telegram signed by
- 6 a certain gentleman called Arnaud, who worked at the French
- 7 Embassy in Peking, and addressed this document to the Ministry of
- 8 Foreign Affairs, describing the situation in Cambodia.
- 9 [15.32.19]
- 10 There's also document D199/26.2.136, dated August 28th 1975. Once
- 11 again, this is another telegram that is signed by the same
- 12 gentleman -- Arnaud -- it emanates from the Embassy of France in
- 13 Peking and is addressed to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. It is
- 14 entitled "Cambodia".
- 15 An additional document, D199/26.2.38 is also on the list
- 16 submitted by the Khieu Samphan defence team. However, it has
- 17 already been the subject of debates during the hearings of the
- 18 16th of February 2012. I will therefore not dwell upon them. For
- 19 other documents, also -- can be derived from the same series of
- 20 French documents, but which were not listed in the
- 21 Co-Prosecutors' document. However, for your information, and to
- 22 further convince you of the fact that the defence of Khieu
- 23 Samphan contest their reliability, I would refer you to documents
- 24 D199/26.2.67 that is dated the 20th of April 1977; D199/26.2.173,
- 25 which dates back to October 7th 1977; as well as document

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- 1 D199/26.2.36, dated October 16th 1977.
- 2 [15.34.21]
- 3 These are three messages that are addressed by the Embassy of
- 4 France to China to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Paris. And,
- 5 lastly, I would draw your attention to document D199/26.2.142,
- 6 which is a circular note from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
- 7 produced in November-December 1976, entitled "Chroniques
- 8 Cambodgiennes". These documents are being recognized as
- 9 admissible by the Khieu Samphan defence. As for the Ieng Sary
- 10 defence team, I will quote Counsel Karnavas, who said, on the
- 11 16th of February 2012, that these Foreign Ministry documents were
- 12 only used for internal purposes. And I will quote Counsel
- 13 Karnavas, who said the following: "We would submit, and we
- 14 accept, that a government, under normal circumstances, does not
- 15 try to mislead itself."
- 16 Further on, he says -- and I quote:
- 17 "But these documents -- these French Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 18 documents seem to be documents generated in good faith,
- 19 attempting to try to figure out what is happening. And for those
- 20 reasons, we think that, while they may have been generated in
- 21 good faith, they may not necessarily be reliable, and unless --
- 22 independently, unless they are -- have independent indicia.
- 23 Therefore, little or no weight would be given to them, although
- 24 we do realize that they do come from a reliable source."
- 25 [15.36.30]

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- 1 Once again, the authenticity of these documents cannot be
- 2 challenged, nor the reliability of their sources can be
- 3 challenged. The only element that has to be determined is the
- 4 probative value to be attached to them. Referring to all of the
- 5 international documents, including those from French sources, we
- 6 were told that they would have to be corroborated by other
- 7 documents, and then, on the subject of Annex 18, Counsel Karnavas
- 8 said that if the French were listening to the same broadcasts
- 9 that the CIA were producing -- the FBIS reports -- that would
- 10 give a certain weight to those documents.
- 11 [15.37.32]
- 12 So here we have a whole series of documents that cannot be
- 13 seriously challenged, either from the standpoint of their
- 14 authenticity or their relevance to this first trial segment or
- 15 the reliability of their sources. So, in our view, they should be
- 16 considered prima facie admissible. Of course, you will see that
- 17 all of these documents have the same characteristics. In other
- 18 words, they have the letterhead of the Foreign Ministry; they are
- 19 entitled "Incoming Telegram" -- "Telegram en arrivée". They are
- 20 received by the Ministry from the embassies, they have a list of
- 21 addresses, and they all use the same typescript. I won't dwell on
- 22 this, since these were official documents which were transmitted
- 23 by the French authorities themselves.
- 24 As to the probative value to be given to the content of each one
- 25 of these documents, which are very often analyses of the

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- 1 situation that pertained in Democratic Kampuchea or about
- 2 relations between other countries in the region and Democratic
- 3 Kampuchea, it's our view that this kind of discussion is a little
- 4 bit premature within a hearing on admissibility, and that it
- 5 should normally be held at the stage of the closing arguments and
- 6 submissions at the close of this trial. So, I will limit myself
- 7 to giving a few illustrations of what the events described in
- 8 these documents, or rather how the events described in these
- 9 documents are corroborated by other sources as well.
- 10 [15.39.28]
- 11 Let me give you three examples. The first is a telegram. The
- 12 reference is D199/26.2.7. It's a telegram signed by Manac'h from
- 13 the French Embassy in Peking to the French Foreign Ministry,
- 14 dated the 19th of April 1974. In the telegram, Manac'h states
- 15 that Khieu Samphan and Ieng Sary will shortly be going to
- 16 Romania. This fact is corroborated by a great many other
- 17 contemporaneous sources which confirm that Khieu Samphan, as
- 18 deputy prime minister and defence minister, and
- 19 commander-in-chief of the CPNLAF, and Ieng Sary as special
- 20 adviser to the deputy presidency of the GRUNK council. Ieng
- 21 Thirith, who at the time was Minister for Popular Education and
- 22 Youth, and Chhak Sarin did leave Peking in a special plane, on
- 23 the 19th of April 1974, to visit several European countries,
- 24 including Albania, Yugoslavia, and Romania, and 11 African
- 25 countries; they came back to Peking at the start of May 1974. So

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- 1 the sources corroborating this fact include a FUNK publication
- 2 entitled "Nouvelles du Cambodge", number 708, dated the 23rd of
- 3 April 1974, reference IS 12.8. Then you have the opening pages of
- 4 document E3/40, also under the reference IS 3.9, which is not an
- 5 autobiographical document by witness TCW-694. And he is due to
- 6 appear before this Court. And he refers to this one-month trip,
- 7 including in seven African countries. There's also a report from
- 8 the U.S. Secretary of State, sent on the 30th of April 1974 to
- 9 the U.S. Embassy in Saigon referring to an article in the "New
- 10 York Times" which mentions Khieu Samphan's tour of Albania,
- 11 Yugoslavia, Romania, and, after that, the African countries. And
- 12 this is document D313/1.2.35.
- 13 [15.42.46]
- 14 There are two other documents which corroborate the evidence of
- 15 this diplomatic tour. There's D313/12.35. This is a communication
- 16 from the U.S. Embassy in Bucharest, Romania, dated the 2nd of May
- 17 1974, describing Khieu Samphan's visit to Romania. And we also
- 18 have witness TCW-475 who mentioned to the Co-Investigating Judges
- 19 that he had accompanied Khieu Samphan in 1974 on the occasion of
- 20 this same trip to Yugoslavia and Romania. This is document
- 21 D201/8, dated 18th of July 2009.
- 22 Let's give another example going back to the DK period, this
- 23 time, the arrest of Prince Sirik Matak at the French Embassy.
- 24 This has been described by a good number of documents, and of
- 25 course, first and foremost in the telegram from these French

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- 1 archives from Jean Dyrac, who was counsel at the Phnom Penh
- 2 embassy at the time of the evacuation, dated 20th of April 1975.
- 3 Document D199/26.2.212.
- 4 [15.44.32]
- 5 And that telegram is corroborated by three other documents.
- 6 There's a telegram of the 4th of May 1975 from the U.S. Embassy
- 7 to the U.S. Secretary of State, entitled "American Talks of Phnom
- 8 Penh after the Fall", which relates evacuation of Phnom Penh as
- 9 seen by an American citizen, which refers to Sirik Matak's
- 10 surrender to the Khmer Rouge. This is document 313/1/2.65.
- 11 Then there's the well-known newspaper article by John Swayne in
- 12 "The Times of London", on the 11th of March 1975, and he
- 13 describes the day-to-day atmosphere in the evacuation of Phnom
- 14 Penh seen from the French Embassy. And he describes daily life in
- 15 the embassy. And, needless to say, he also refers to the arrest
- of Sirik Matak on the same 20th of April 1975, and he also talks
- 17 about how all of the Cambodians had to leave the embassy and join
- 18 everybody else who was outside. This is number E3/51. It also
- 19 carries reference D366/7.1.278.
- 20 And, finally, I will recall that in document D365/1.1 --
- 21 D365/1.1.39 -- a 2nd of November 1975 article of the "Washington
- 22 Post" says that Ieng Sary declared that Sirik Matak had been
- 23 executed shortly after the fall of Phnom Penh. A third example,
- 24 which again relates to these French archives, and here we're
- 25 talking about Ieng Sary's trip between the 7th of March and the

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- 1 30th of March 1977 in Southeast and South Asia, in Burma, Sri
- 2 Lanka, Singapore, Malaysia, and Pakistan -- and this is described
- 3 in considerable detail in French Foreign Ministry document
- 4 D199/26.2.168.
- 5 [15.47.38]
- 6 This series of diplomatic visits is corroborated by a number of
- 7 other documents, for example, concerning his trip to Burma.
- 8 There's a FBIS document dated the 30th of August 1977. That's
- 9 D262.33. And this is a transcription of a broadcast on Radio
- 10 Phnom Penh, dated 29th of August 1977. Then there's another FBIS
- 11 document, D262.28, dated 24th of March 1977. It's an article
- 12 entitled "Singapore, Cambodia Issue Statement on Ieng Sary
- 13 Visit". And it was prepared on the basis of a Radio Phnom Penh
- 14 broadcast in Khmer on the 24th of March 1977. There are three
- 15 other sources which back up the events mentioned by the French
- 16 Ministry. There's a FBIS document dated 2nd of April 1977,
- 17 referring to Ieng Sary's arrival in Sri Lanka. There's an article
- 18 that came out in the "Straits Times" of the 22nd of March 1977;
- 19 "Sary Heads Khmer Delegation to Singapore". That's document
- 20 D313/1.2.323. And, finally, there's a BBC SWB document, D56-Doc.
- 21 069, 29th of March 1977, and the title of that is "Ieng Sary in
- 22 Pakistan".
- 23 [15.50.00]
- 24 This brings me to a close on the French archives, Mr. President,
- 25 and I will now turn to the United States declassified documents.

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- 1 These are contemporaneous American documents dating between the
- 2 1st of October 1970 and June 1978, which describe the political
- 3 situation in Cambodia during the period when they were
- 4 transmitted. And among these documents there are 15 telegram
- 5 communications from the U.S. Embassy in Phnom Penh to the U.S.
- 6 State Department, between the 1st of October 1970 and the 12th of
- 7 April 1975. There are 21 communications from embassies,
- 8 consulates, or missions in Saigon, Hanoi, Bucharest, Paris,
- 9 Tokyo, Vientiane, Hong Kong, Bangkok, Peking, Jakarta, or from
- 10 the U.S. mission to the United Nations. There are 14
- 11 communications, telegrams, aerograms, or other types of
- 12 communications from the U.S. State Department sent out to their
- 13 embassies, six communications from the Secretary of State
- 14 himself, and then there are 12 internal White House documents --
- 15 six of them are minutes of meetings of the U.S. National Security
- 16 Council, and the others are transcriptions of exchanges between
- 17 President Ford and Secretary of State Kissinger.
- 18 [15.51.51]
- 19 On the matter of their authenticity, let me say that, for all 68
- 20 of those documents, they are official, and a good part of this
- 21 collection of documents date from the 15th of March 1973 to 22nd
- 22 of December 1975, and they were published after declassification
- 23 by the U.S.A. National Archives and Records Administration. One
- 24 hundred and fifty documents from that period were annexed to
- 25 request D313 from the Co-Prosecutors, dated the 31st of December

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1 2009, Annex 3, and 35 of them are now included on the list of the

- 2 68 we are discussing here.
- 3 [15.52.50]
- 4 Other documents have been declassified, and they date back to
- 5 before the 15th of March 1973. They are held by DC-Cam. More than
- 6 100 of them were submitted to the Investigating Judges by a
- 7 request from the OCP of the 12th of February 2012. That is D366/1
- 8 and D366/5 -- a request of the 13th of April 2010. And they were
- 9 accepted by the Co-Investigating Judges. More than 20 of the
- 10 documents among the 68 are extracted from those declassified
- 11 documents that go back to before March '73. And then there are
- 12 certain rogatory letters from the Investigating Judges to the
- 13 American authorities to obtain some documents, such as D291 and
- 14 D291/6. You can see that certain documents were indeed obtained,
- 15 in particular telegrams from the American Embassy in Bangkok. And
- 16 five of these are on the list of the 68 documents, and then some
- 17 were obtained through rogatory letter D248 from DC-Cam.
- 18 Bearing in mind the fact that these documents have been
- 19 declassified and the general public can authenticate the
- 20 documents at their very source, and bearing in mind also that the
- 21 American authorities themselves had transmitted these documents
- 22 to the Co-Investigating Judges, then there is an assumption of
- 23 authenticity that these documents carry. And therefore the
- 24 Defence can only establish that they are counterfeit.
- 25 [15.54.58]

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- 1 Talking of relevance, 37 documents date back to before the 17th
- 2 of April 1975, and they concern the historic context that
- 3 prevailed during the five years of war. Thirty-one date to the
- 4 period of the regime itself. Out of these 68 documents, 26 of
- 5 them concern the role played by Khieu Samphan before and after
- 6 April 1975. Nineteen concern the role of Ieng Sary, and one
- 7 relates to the role of Nuon Chea. These documents are relevant
- 8 also because a number of them -- precisely, 21 -- concern the
- 9 forced movements of the population, principally the evacuation of
- 10 Phnom Penh. Four concern the administrative structures of the
- 11 centre, and two concern the military structures of the army. And
- 12 quite a few other documents in this American collection concern
- 13 the development and planning and sometimes the implementation of
- 14 the five PCK policies considered to be part of the joint criminal
- 15 enterprise by the Investigating Judges.
- 16 [15.56.24]
- 17 And there are 16 documents that concern specific groups targeted
- 18 by the regime before and after the 17th of April 1975. Others
- 19 relate to security centres, work camps, and cooperatives.
- 20 I have another five minutes on these American documents, Mr.
- 21 President, so if you will allow me, I shall continue on this
- 22 subject and turn to the question of their reliability. Well,
- 23 looking at the internal characteristics -- when you compare these
- 24 American documents to others of the same nature, but which were
- 25 put into the file through different channels, you will see that

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- 1 they have the same characteristics. The telegrams, the aerograms,
- 2 and other communications from the embassies in the State
- 3 Department -- all carry the same characteristics for the security
- 4 and the confidentiality of the documents, and there's always a
- 5 numbered list of references with an "EO" code, and there's a long
- 6 list of the addressees, normally speaking -- there are embassies
- 7 concerned or other U.S. departments or services. The same
- 8 typography is always used as well. Generally, they are headed
- 9 "unclassified" or "declassified", which shows that they are
- 10 public.
- 11 [15.58.05]
- 12 They are structured in the same way, as well. When the message is
- 13 long, it is cut up into several parts. When there are aerograms
- 14 that consist of telegram text transcriptions, they all have a
- 15 final page that is entitled "Message Attributes", setting out the
- 16 details of each telegram -- the sender, the addressee, the
- 17 confidentiality rating, and so on.
- 18 I'll just give one example of that sort of corroboration, because
- 19 we're short of time -- apart from those that I gave concerning
- 20 the French Archives that were corroborated by American documents.
- 21 Let's look at document D313/1.2.79, dated the 19th of August
- 22 1975. Here we have a communication by a U.S. liaison officer in
- 23 Peking which refers to Khieu Samphan's departure from China on
- 24 the 19th of August 1975, where he had been on a mission with Ieng
- 25 Sary. And he leaves for North Korea to visit Norodom Sihanouk to

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- 1 entreat him to come back to Phnom Penh. The document also talks
- 2 about Ieng Sary's, Sarin Chhak's, and Thiounn Prasith's departure
- 3 from Peking to go to Lima to attend the Non-Aligned Conference,
- 4 and then go up to New York for the UN General Assembly in
- 5 September 1975.
- 6 [15.59.55]
- 7 Turning to the presence of Khieu Samphan and Ieng Sary in China
- 8 between the 16th and the 19th of August 1975, there's a series of
- 9 FBIS transcriptions which corroborate that fact, but also a "New
- 10 York Times" article which itself reproduces a dispatch from the
- 11 Xinhua Chinese Press Agency, dated the 16th of August 1975 --
- document D56-Doc. 032. As to Khieu Samphan's trip to North Korea
- 13 and the outcome he achieved, which was Norodom Sihanouk's return
- 14 a few days afterwards to Cambodia, this is corroborated by FUNK
- 15 itself in the "Nouvelle du Cambodge" number 038, publication
- 16 reference IS 12.13. And the last article of publication also
- 17 refers to Ieng Sary's trip to Lima. It's just one example among a
- 18 good many other possible examples, which will, I hope, serve to
- 19 persuade you that these Annex 17 documents cannot be taken
- 20 individually but have to be seen as part of a larger set of
- 21 documents that have been submitted to this Court and which will
- 22 be discussed with witnesses who will be called to testify.
- 23 [16.01.46]
- 24 I believe it is wise for me to stop here, Mr. President, since we
- 25 have gone past 4 o'clock already, and I would ask for a further

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- 1 quarter of an hour tomorrow morning to complete my comments on
- 2 Annex 17. Thank you very much, Mr. President.
- 3 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 4 Thank you, the Prosecution. I notice the Defence Counsel is on
- 5 his feet. You may proceed.
- 6 MR. IANUZZI:
- 7 Thank you, Your Honour. A very brief request, if I may. I promise
- 8 not to take up too much of your time, and I assure you it has
- 9 nothing to do with the prime minister. This is a strictly
- 10 procedural request.
- 11 [16.02.26]
- 12 I'm looking at the agenda for the rest of the week, and I notice
- 13 that no time has been scheduled for replies.
- 14 So this is, therefore, a request to make a reply to the
- 15 submissions of the prosecutor and the civil parties. I'm making
- 16 it now, so that if it's granted, I'll have time to prepare
- 17 properly. Very briefly, I think replies are a key aspect of
- 18 adversarial hearings. I think that's reflected in Article 8.4 of
- 19 the Practice Direction on the filing of documents. There are a
- 20 number of issues that require clarification. We certainly have
- 21 the time, and I will be very brief if I am given the chance to
- 22 make a reply. There will be no prejudice to any parties, and
- 23 finally, perhaps most importantly, I think it will assist the
- 24 Chamber.
- 25 So, if I could have an indication today if there are any

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- 1 objections to that, and if I could be given, perhaps, half an
- 2 hour maximum at the end of the proceedings to make my
- 3 submissions?
- 4 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 5 Michael Karnavas, you may proceed.
- 6 MR. KARNAVAS:
- 7 Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Your Honours. And good
- 8 afternoon to everyone. I would have the same request -- perhaps
- 9 only 15 minutes.
- 10 [16.03.53]
- 11 But if we were given the opportunity to reply, we certainly would
- 12 like it. We understand it's not scheduled, and so we leave it up
- 13 to you. Thank you.
- 14 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 15 Defence counsel for Khieu Samphan, you may proceed.
- 16 MR. KONG SAM ONN:
- 17 Thank you, Mr. President. Our defence team for Khieu Samphan
- 18 would also request for time to respond to the response by the
- 19 Prosecution.
- 20 We should be given such an opportunity. Thank you.
- 21 (Judges deliberate)
- 22 [16.04.52]
- 23 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 24 The International Co-Prosecutor, you may proceed.
- 25 MR. DE WILDE D'ESTMAEL:

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- 1 Thank you very much. We are entirely in agreement with the
- 2 principle that the right of reply, which has been practiced in
- 3 previous sets of hearings. If I'm not mistaken, I believe that on
- 4 Monday the defence teams do have an opportunity -- may have an
- 5 opportunity to respond to our submissions.
- 6 And before you would deliberate on this issue, I would also ask
- 7 for a clarification with respect to scheduling: When do Your
- 8 Honours expect that the hearing on the -- audio-visual hearing of
- 9 a certain expert witness will be held? If we are to conclude this
- 10 week's hearings early, will this have an impact on the scheduling
- 11 of that hearing? Will it be held tomorrow, on Thursday, or, as
- 12 previously planned, for Monday?
- 13 I thank you.
- 14 (Judges deliberate)
- 15 [16.07.20]
- 16 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 17 After having heard the request by the three defence teams for an
- 18 opportunity to respond to the response made by the Prosecution
- 19 and the civil party lawyers regarding the documents sought to be
- 20 put before the Chamber, the Chamber agrees to the request made by
- 21 the three defence teams. The three defence teams will have a
- 22 combined allocation of one hour time to reply to the response
- 23 made by the Prosecution and the civil party lawyers. And it
- 24 should be done upon the conclusion of the response by the civil
- 25 party lawyers -- that is, after the conclusion of the

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- 1 Prosecution.
- 2 (Judges deliberate)
- 3 [16.09.00]
- 4 For the subsequent proceedings, we shall adhere to the scheduling
- 5 that we have made.
- 6 For instance, in regards to the testimonies of the expert, TCE-38
- 7 -- so that would be best on the scheduling order that we issued.
- 8 (Judges deliberate)
- 9 [16.09.57]
- 10 In order to clarify the matter further, we would like to inform
- 11 that the scheduling -- the hearing will proceed according to the
- 12 schedule, and it is likely that the proceeding will not continue
- 13 until Monday next week, as we still have two remaining days for
- 14 this week -- that is, tomorrow and after tomorrow. So, we will
- 15 try to conclude all the remaining issues up to Thursday, this
- 16 week. So the agenda for the schedule up to Monday the 19th shall
- 17 be moved, to be concluded within Thursday this week. And it is
- 18 likely that we will conclude then by Thursday.
- 19 [16.11.00]
- 20 And also be informed that, on Monday, we will proceed with the
- 21 questioning on facts and the questioning of the Accused or the
- 22 witnesses. Actually, we scheduled that for Tuesday next week, but
- 23 it will move back to Monday next week.
- 24 MR. IANUZZI:
- 25 Your Honour, excuse me, I'm confused. Let me just see if I have

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- 1 it right. Tomorrow, the Prosecution will finish, and they've got
- 2 approximately -- half a day? Then the civil parties, then we can
- 3 make our reply. Then we'll start with the video link hearing,
- 4 maybe on Thursday, and we'll try and finish that on Thursday?
- 5 Yes? Okay, thank you. I -- it's clear for me now. Thanks.
- 6 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 7 That is correct. We will continue the proceedings as planned. The
- 8 only thing is that there will be an opportunity given to the
- 9 right to reply to the response made by the Prosecution and the
- 10 civil party lawyers. And for the remaining agenda of the
- 11 schedule, we shall adhere to what has been issued. And, as
- 12 scheduled, we still have two remaining days for this week. So it
- 13 is likely that we will finish -- or conclude all the agenda
- 14 within this week, and not for Monday next week.
- 15 For that reason, on the schedule to question Nuon Chea on Tuesday
- 16 will be moved back to Monday next week, and we will notify to the
- 17 parties tomorrow. It also applies to the questioning of Kaing
- 18 Guek Eav, alias Duch, which was scheduled to Tuesday afternoon,
- 19 and it will be moved back to Monday afternoon.
- 20 The time is now appropriate for today's adjournment. The Court
- 21 will now adjourn, and it will resume tomorrow morning, starting
- 22 from 9 a.m.
- 23 Security guards, you are instructed to bring the Accused back to
- 24 the detention facility and bring them back in the courtroom
- 25 before 9 a.m., tomorrow.

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1	GREFFIER:
2	All rise.
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