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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 Today, the Chamber will continue the document hearing regarding
- 6 the key documents relevant to the roles of the accused, Khieu
- 7 Samphan, who will be the document will be presented by the
- 8 Prosecution, and after the conclusion by the Prosecution, the
- 9 floor will be given to the Lead Co Lawyers regarding the same
- 10 topic, and then the comment or objection by the defence teams,
- 11 including Ieng Sary's and Khieu Samphan's for those documents to
- 12 be presented by the Prosecution regarding the roles of the
- 13 Accused.
- 14 [09.07.01]
- 15 Mr. Duch Phary, could you report the attendance of the parties
- and individuals to today's proceeding?
- 17 THE GREFFIER:
- 18 Mr. President, for today's proceeding, all parties to this case
- 19 are present, except the accused Nuon Chea, who is absent due to
- 20 his health reason. However, he waives his direct presence for the
- 21 document hearing.
- 22 The accused Ieng Sary is present in the holding cell downstairs
- 23 due to his health reason.
- 24 Thank you.
- 25 [09.07.43]

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- 1 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 2 Thank you.
- 3 Before I hand the floor to the Prosecution, I'd like to inquire
- 4 from Nuon Chea's defence. On the afternoon of the 31st January
- 5 2013, the Chamber actually queried the -- Nuon Chea's defence
- 6 regarding Nuon Chea's position and willingness to waive his
- 7 presence to hearing the testimony of TCW 100 and/or TCCP-116.
- 8 Have you obtained any consent from your client?
- 9 MR. KOPPE:
- 10 Thank you, Mr. President. Good morning, Your Honours. Good
- 11 morning, Counsel.
- 12 As you are aware, Mr. President, our client was released from the
- 13 hospital last Thursday, but brought again, unfortunately, to the
- 14 hospital Saturday night where he is still at this very moment. We
- 15 were able to speak to our client yesterday, and he has instructed
- 16 us -- and he has actually signed a waiver to that effect that we
- 17 can continue with the civil party, as proposed by Your Honours
- 18 last Thursday, but he does not waive his right to be present
- 19 during the testimony of the proposed witness.
- 20 So we could continue with the civil party but not with the
- 21 proposed witness.
- 22 [09.09.28]
- 23 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 24 Thank you for the confirmation.
- 25 The floor is now given to the prosecutor to continue their

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- 1 presentation regarding key documents related to the roles of the
- 2 accused, Khieu Samphan.
- 3 You may proceed.
- 4 MR. ABDULHAK:
- 5 Thank you, Mr. President. And good morning, Your Honours. Good
- 6 morning, Counsel and members of the public.
- 7 As Your Honours will recall, we were looking at one of the books
- 8 authored by Khieu Samphan before we broke at the last session on
- 9 the 31st. Returning to that book now to put before Your Honours
- 10 and the public a few more relevant passages. The document is
- 11 entitled "Considerations on the History of Cambodia from the
- 12 Early Stage to the Period of Democratic Kampuchea" authored by
- 13 Khieu Samphan, document E3/16, and we've been quoting from
- 14 Chapter 5, and we will quote a few more passages from that
- 15 chapter.
- 16 [09.11.34]
- 17 And just by way of recalling where we left off, this was the
- 18 passage that I had read just before we went to the break, and I
- 19 might repeat it just to give context to the next part that we're
- 20 going to be looking at. This is at Khmer ERN 00380454; French,
- 21 00643883; and English, 00498277; and the passage related to Pol
- 22 Pot's monitoring of senior cadres who were suspected of being
- 23 traitors quote:
- 24 "The evidence Philip Short provided about the Vietnamese having
- 25 created the Khmer Rumdos movement, together with the evidence

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- 1 that other researchers have discovered, makes it clear that all
- 2 of Pol Pot's monitoring, following his 3 7 8 principle, of
- 3 Chakrey, Chhouk, Ya, and the other cadres who had cooperated with
- 4 the Viet Minh was correct. Thus, Philip Short was incorrect when
- 5 he wrote 'The role of Prison S 21 and the confessions was not
- 6 primarily to provide information, but rather to provide the
- 7 'proof' of treason that they needed to arrest anyone they had
- 8 already decided to arrest. The policy of independence from
- 9 Vietnam required the implementation of absolute policies inside
- 10 the country..."
- 11 [09.13.33]
- 12 And we will leave that passage and move on a little bit further
- down.
- 14 In this section, which I had started to read from when we went to
- 15 the break, Khieu Samphan discusses the deliberations or his
- 16 understanding of Pol Pot's deliberations on the confessions that
- 17 have been extracted from suspected cadres. Now, of course, we're
- 18 not reading this material for it's -- for the content of the
- 19 confessions, but rather, for what it contains by way of
- 20 commentary of Pol Pot's use of confessions and Khieu Samphan's
- 21 understanding of that process -- Khmer ERN 00380457 to 458;
- 22 French, 00643885; and English, 00498279; discussing the
- 23 confession of Koy Thuon: these responses were dated 4th of March
- 24 1977. As I understand it, in these responses there were three
- 25 primary themes that may have caught Pol Pot's attention.

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- 1 [09.15.15]
- 2 Now, just insert here, a note -- it's a long passage, so we will
- 3 only read two brief points, and the rest, of course, is available
- 4 on the record. Point number 1 quote:
- 5 "These confessions may have led Pol Pot to believe even more that
- 6 his arresting Ya was not wrong and Ya may have been an individual
- 7 that played an important role in the new party that they were
- 8 setting up."
- 9 And number 2: "But the issue that Pol Pot may have noticed most
- 10 of all was related to the confessions of Koy Thuon, meaning Doeun
- 11 of Office 870 having given to Ya secret information of the
- 12 Standing Committee on the matter of Vy and Lao, the secretary and
- 13 deputy secretary in Ratanakiri. Aside from Doeun, no one had
- 14 known this."
- 15 [09.16.19]
- 16 One page down in all three languages at footnote 193, Khieu
- 17 Samphan discusses the circumstances of Doeun's disappearance --
- 18 arrest and disappearance and the question of whether or not he,
- 19 that is Khieu Samphan, replaced Doeun as chairman of Office 870.
- 20 And this is what he says quote:
- 21 "There is some opinion that after Doeun's arrest, I rose to
- 22 become Office 870 Chairman to replace him. In fact, that is
- 23 untrue. I do not know who the Standing Committee assigned to
- 24 replace Doeun. As I have already said, secrecy was very firm at
- 25 that time. Even inside the same unit, inside Office 870, there

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- 1 was still secrecy. I did not even want to know or hear about what
- 2 Doeun did or where he went. All along, he was not at the office
- 3 very much. My wife was in charge of the kitchen and left food on
- 4 the table for him. Very frequently he was not seen to come to
- 5 eat. After a long time, we seemed to get used to this situation.
- 6 Where Doeun went to and came from was not given any thought. So
- 7 then, neither my wife nor I even knew he had been arrested. We
- 8 thought even less about who they appointed in his place."
- 9 [09.18.09]
- 10 And in a few moments we will be looking at excerpts of statements
- 11 by others familiar with the functioning of the leadership on this
- 12 issue of replacement of Doeun.
- 13 There are a few more passages in this book that we wish to quote
- 14 from today. The next passage appears to draw a distinction
- 15 between the withdrawal of food from cooperatives by the Party
- 16 Centre and the relationship with Vietnam, or the suspicion of
- 17 Vietnamese subversion. This is at Khmer ERN 00380472 to 473;
- 18 French, 00643894; and English, 00498287 quote:
- 19 [09.19.23]
- 20 "Depriving the people of rice in order to transport rice to the
- 21 State to meet quotas led to a great loss of life. In this,
- 22 another question that arises is: Was the Vietnamese sticking of
- 23 their hands deep inside to stir up the CPK that appeared clearly
- 24 in 1973 over, or not, during the 1975 to 1978? Regardless, the
- 25 turmoil at that time was an important factor that led many good

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- 1 cadres who had been in the past been loyal to the cause and had
- 2 been active in combat to turn to retreat instead. We should
- 3 understand their hesitance facing this situation. But the many
- 4 attempts of the Vietnamese communist leaders and their ultimatum
- 5 in May 1976 made Pol Pot and the CPK leadership reach the
- 6 conclusion that 'smashing the internal latch-bars
- 7 [door-doorkeepers] of the Vietnamese is the only way to keep
- 8 Kampuchea alive'. In a word, the issue was massively
- 9 complicated."
- 10 Khieu Samphan then addresses the issue of the forced evacuation
- 11 of the cities in 1975 and the considerations that led to that
- 12 decision, and here he is critiquing, it appears, the work of
- 13 researchers who have considered this issue. This is at Khmer ERN
- 14 00380493 to 494; French, 00643907; and English, 00498300. And
- 15 it's in a section entitled "Number 2. Some situations or events
- 16 that researchers did not think about" quote:
- 17 [09.21.51]
- 18 "They have made accusations against Pol Pot about the evacuation
- 19 of the people from Phnom Penh and the provincial towns, but in
- 20 making those accusations they did not think about the incredibly
- 21 difficult and violence-filled situation that the young and
- 22 immature state authority faced."
- 23 In the next paragraph, he says the following:
- 24 "The thing that might have led to great danger for the young and
- 25 immature state authority was the situation in which tens of

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- 1 thousands of people had already died and there were people who
- 2 were lying in wait to keep on killing one another like that.
- 3 These were very favourable conditions for the CIA agents to
- 4 conduct sabotage and join with the remnants of the former Lon Nol
- 5 army that had clearly hidden weapons in the city and in locations
- 6 throughout the country to create rebellion in Phnom Penh and
- 7 various other locations in the country.
- 8 [09.23.02]
- 9 "The greatest danger was that this rebellion and turmoil would
- 10 create the opportunity for Vietnam to easily intervene from the
- 11 outside and seize Kampuchea back from America under the pretext
- 12 of coming to rescue it. At the time, in actuality, like it or
- 13 not, the CIA and the Vietnamese communists were joining together
- 14 to kill the new state authority. This was the situation that the
- 15 leaders of the Khmer Rouge were most worried about."
- 16 Further on in the same chapter he discusses or he builds on
- 17 this dynamic between the leadership of the CPK and the Vietnamese
- 18 or, rather, the suspicions on the part of the leadership of the
- 19 CPK vis à vis the Vietnamese: Khmer ERN 00380498 to 499; French,
- 20 00643909 to 910; and English, 00498302 quote:
- 21 "If the Vietnamese had liberated the south before Phnom Penh had
- 22 been liberated, there may have been major danger. Having outrun
- 23 them once, after liberation it was imperative to run again. There
- 24 could be no hesitation. This is why Pol Pot saw the expansion of
- 25 high-level cooperatives throughout the country had made 'the

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- 1 revolution in Kampuchea 30 years faster than the revolutions in
- 2 China, North Korea and Vietnam'."
- 3 And further down, another relevant passage quote:
- 4 [09.25.23]
- 5 "Were it not for the organization of the cooperatives, Kampuchea
- 6 would have had to suffer all the consequences of the situation in
- 7 Vietnam, including respecting the 1973 Paris Agreement between
- 8 Vietnam and America. In late 1972 and early 1973, because of
- 9 raising the level of the cooperatives that had been previously
- 10 organized to high-level cooperatives, the Khmer Rouge were able
- 11 to continue the struggle independently."
- 12 Again, a little bit further down on the following page, he looks
- 13 at the imperative to carry out socialist revolution. And what is
- 14 of interest here is that he seems to be speaking in the first
- person, using the "we" Khmer ERN 00380499 to 500; French,
- 16 00643910; and English, 00498300 (sic) quote:
- 17 [09.26.49]
- 18 "Expressed differently, in order to get dams and criss-crossing
- 19 feeder canals to irrigate the Kampuchean countryside, when we
- 20 wanted to sort out sufficient food quickly, when we wanted to
- 21 escape from poverty, when we wanted to modernize agriculture,
- 22 when we wanted to lay the foundation to move in steps toward
- 23 industrialization, we had to carry out socialist revolution, and
- 24 each of us in the organization and all of us had to strive to
- 25 fight to eradicate private ownership and equip ourselves and our

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- 1 units with 'collective stance'..."
- 2 In the next sentence: "But to reach those goals, since the
- 3 country had just emerged from a war of destruction and was facing
- 4 the dangers of starvation and death, the first initiative was to
- 5 overcome the situation of incredible hardship that the young and
- 6 immature state authorities had to face. So then, some coercion
- 7 was required for a while; coercion to work in a situation of
- 8 lacking everything for both those who were used to it and those
- 9 who were not, because time was very urgent."
- 10 [09.28.21]
- 11 And finally, Your Honours, towards the end of Chapter 5, some
- 12 reflections on the Democratic Kampuchea movement and reasons that
- 13 Khieu Samphan joined it, Khmer ERN 00380503 to 04; French,
- 14 00649912 to 913; and English, 00498305 quote:
- 15 "It is my understanding that the Democratic Kampuchea movement
- 16 played an important role during a period of our nation's history
- 17 that no one may scratch out or erase. If someone were to scratch
- 18 out or erase or change it, the scratches or the erasures could be
- 19 seen. Why? Because it is clear that Saloth Sar or Pol Pot
- 20 sacrificed his life to fight the Americans and fight the
- 21 Vietnamese communists to defend the sovereignty of the nation.
- 22 And both of them had tricky manoeuvres to attract or confuse the
- 23 forces of the nation and internal forces to go along with them.
- 24 So then, the fight was very intense for our small country.
- 25 [09.30.02]

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- 1 "In 1960, I, like the other 'progressive intellectuals', had the
- 2 profound objective of an independent economy as a foundation for
- 3 the independence of my country and with a firm will wanted to end
- 4 the special privileges and corruption that had led to a handful
- 5 but increasing number of people who did not know how to be
- 6 embarrassed about the endless suffering of huge masses of people.
- 7 I strived to fight with the means I had when I was a member of
- 8 the Parliament. But I lost, and I was forced to flee from Phnom
- 9 Penh to save my life. I took shelter under the protection of a
- 10 movement that, according to some people whom I had known in
- 11 Paris, was striving toward similar goals but which used a
- 12 different method that I could not. Now, my views are still the
- 13 same; they have not changed."
- 14 And there, Your Honours, we'll move on to the next record that we
- 15 wish to quote from, and this is Khieu Samphan's other book that
- 16 is publicly available. It is entitled "Cambodia's Recent History
- 17 and the Reasons Behind the Decisions I Made". The E number is
- 18 E3/18, and by way of introduction, Your Honours will recall that
- 19 we quoted from this book in our presentation of documents
- 20 relevant to Khieu Samphan's role in the pre 1975 period.
- 21 [09.32.03]
- 22 We will look at a few passages today where Khieu Samphan
- 23 discusses the events during the Democratic Kampuchea period, and
- 24 in particular, some of the information he learned or became privy
- 25 to through his attendance of meetings of the leadership. And I

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- 1 will begin with Khmer ERN 00103840; French, 00595431 to 32; and
- 2 English, 00103752.
- 3 "During the Central Committee's successive meetings, however -
- 4 particularly during the first year certain abuses were noted
- 5 and severely criticized. Directives were given to correct them.
- 6 For example:
- 7 "Return to smaller cooperatives (they were easier to manage).
- 8 "Improve working conditions in the fields. The number of people
- 9 sent to the fields was to match the number of mattocks, shovels,
- 10 baskets or other tools. The other workers were to be allowed to
- 11 rest in the village or do lighter work, such as making baskets.
- 12 "Establish a rest schedule which was to be three days a month.
- 13 During those three days, extra rations were to be provided.
- 14 "Technicians were to be recalled to run the factories in Phnom
- 15 Penh and a certain number of intellectuals were to be returned to
- 16 the capital to participate in technical education projects, such
- 17 as the creation of a vocational training school."
- 18 [09.34.13]
- 19 The relevance of these passages, of course, is the extent to
- 20 which the central bodies of the CPK were, it appears, according
- 21 to Khieu Samphan, managing the conditions in the countryside or
- 22 giving instructions.
- 23 The next passage I wish to quote from also reflects on meetings,
- 24 although this time of the Standing Committee that Khieu Samphan
- 25 attended, and views about Pol Pot as a leader: Khmer ERN 00103843

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1 to 844; French, 00595436 to 437; and English, 00103754 to 755 -

- 2 quote:
- 3 "In a word, Pol Pot represented the historical leader who was
- 4 never wrong when it came to making important decisions. Judging
- 5 from what I saw during the expanded sessions of the Permanent
- 6 Bureau, however, nothing approaching fear was apparent during
- 7 those meetings. Indeed, the meetings were informal; they were
- 8 more like a family reunion. Members would often take time out to
- 9 tell jokes. However, because everyone had great confidence in Pol
- 10 Pot, they accepted most of the ideas and analyses without much
- 11 discussion. Once when a member of the Central Committee and
- 12 later a member of the Permanent Committee -- was arrested, the
- 13 committees' leadership's confidence in Pol Pot did not waver. The
- 14 committee considered each disappearance as a separate case and
- 15 probably, in the eyes of the insiders, justified."
- 16 In the next passage that we will quote from, Khieu Samphan
- 17 discusses the reasons he joined or, rather, he accepted the
- 18 role as President of the State Presidium of Democratic Kampuchea
- 19 and the country's Chief of or, rather, Head of State.
- 20 [09.37.03]
- 21 This is at Khmer ERN 00103846 to 847; French, 00595443; and
- 22 English, 00103757. And, of course, by way of introduction, Your
- 23 Honours, last week we looked at the confidential deliberations on
- 24 the resignation of the late Norodom Sihanouk and Khieu Samphan's
- 25 attendance at those meetings -- quote:

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- 1 "The Khmer Rouge leaders accepted the Prince's resignation in
- 2 April 1976 and the title of 'President of Democratic Kampuchea'
- 3 was handed over to me. Despite my embarrassment, I thought, in my
- 4 soul and conscience, that had I refused the post, I would have
- 5 been failing in my patriotic duty. All things considered and
- 6 seeing how the Vietnamese leaders were behaving between 1970 and
- 7 1975, I thought that the fears of the communist Khmer leaders
- 8 were legitimate, and I did not want to see the mobilized national
- 9 force they represented weakened."
- 10 [09.38.36]
- 11 And the last passage that I wish to read from today is brief and
- 12 relates to the arrests in Preah Vihear which Khieu Samphan also
- 13 confirmed he knew of during his interviews with the
- 14 Co-Investigating Judges. The relevant ERNs for this passage of
- 15 the book are as follows: Khmer, 00103891; French, 00595513; and
- 16 English, 00103793.
- 17 "Near the middle of 1978, I did hear of massive arrests and
- 18 atrocities committed in Preah Vihear province. It was my wife
- 19 who, in tears, told me of the atrocities committed against her
- 20 brothers, her relatives, and many other innocent victims. But at
- 21 that time, the liberation of victims and the arrests of the
- 22 provincial secretary of the Party led me to believe that the
- 23 arrests were an isolated case."
- 24 Next, Your Honours, I propose to refer briefly to statements of
- 25 others who, as I indicated earlier, discuss Khieu Samphan's role

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- 1 in Office 870; in particular, following the disappearance of Sua
- 2 Vasi alias Doeun, the former chief of that office.
- 3 [09.40.55]
- 4 Document E3/190 is a report or a summary of a discussion held
- 5 with Ieng Sary by Steve Heder on the 4th of January 1999 and I
- 6 will read a brief passage: Khmer ERN 00172248; French, 00607965;
- 7 and English, 00081572 quote and here he is referring to his
- 8 discussion with Khieu with Ieng Sary quote:
- 9 "I pressed him to compare Khieu Samphan's role with his own. He
- 10 confirmed Khieu Samphan's elevation to the Central Committee in
- 11 1976 and his later appointment to Chairmanship of Office 870. He
- 12 asserted that in the latter capacity, Khieu Samphan would have
- 13 seen many more documents of a general nature than him, but not
- 14 necessarily documents related to executions or torture. He
- 15 insisted that Khieu Samphan had, like him, continued to believe
- 16 that CPK cadre arrested were being 're-educated' not executed."
- 17 [09.42.45]
- 18 Confirmation of Khieu Samphan's elevation to Office 870 is also
- 19 found in document E190.1.72, which we will not be presenting
- 20 today, in line with Your Honours instructions, and we will be
- 21 presenting that document during the examination of one of the
- 22 upcoming experts as you have directed us.
- 23 And lastly, on statements by others in relation to Khieu
- 24 Samphan's role within the leadership, document E3/464 is a
- 25 written record of an interview of witness Tha Sot. As we

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- 1 discussed last week, Your Honours, Tha Sot is deceased according
- 2 to the information on the case file. And Your Honours may recall
- 3 that we've heard evidence in this trial from witness Sa Siek, who
- 4 is Tha Sot's wife.
- 5 In his interview, by way of introduction, Tha Sot explained that
- 6 he was a regimental commander with some 500 soldiers under his
- 7 command in the North Zone, and in that capacity, he participated
- 8 in the attacks on Phnom Penh. For present purposes, I will quote
- 9 from passages where he discusses the role of Chhim Sam Aok alias
- 10 Pang, and the leadership of the CPK. This can be found at Khmer
- 11 ERN 00204741; French, 00503948; and English, 00226106; and he
- 12 says the following:
- 13 [09.45.01]
- 14 "Pang controlled all offices of the 'A's such as K-1, K-2, K-3,
- 15 K-4, K-7, and K-12. Pang was with Uncle Pol Pot. Before he made
- 16 any decision, first he had to meet with Pol Pot. Pang then
- 17 disseminated the order to other offices. Pang received the joint
- 18 order from all uncles such as Pol Pot, Ieng Sary, Khieu Samphan,
- 19 Nuon Chea, in accordance with their expertise (tasks and
- 20 directions). Pang managed along in all offices of the As. Pang
- 21 used to meet with Khieu Samphan at K-3 and Khieu Samphan used to
- 22 meet Pang at K-7. I saw that. Pang was the Chief of Office 870
- 23 until he died in 1976."
- 24 And just one more passage of relevance; this is the second last
- 25 question and answer in the interview. He says the following -

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- 1 quote:
- 2 "I used to deliver the letters to the provinces; however, I did
- 3 not know what was written because the envelopes were sealed. Some
- 4 letters were from Uncle Pol Pot, Uncle Nuon Chea, Uncle Khieu
- 5 Samphan, and Uncle Ieng Sary, but mostly the letters were coming
- 6 from Uncle Nuon Chea and Pol Pot who had them sent to the
- 7 designated zone chiefs."
- 8 [09.46.57]
- 9 And a little bit further down in the same passage quote: "I
- 10 used to deliver the letters from Pol Pot, Nuon Chea, Ieng Sary,
- 11 Khieu Samphan to chief of Preah Vihear sector, Man; chief of Siem
- 12 Reap sector, Sot; chief of Prey Veng zone, So Phim; chief of
- 13 Stung Treng sector, Vy; chief of Kratie sector, Tom; chief of
- 14 Pursat sector, Keu, (deceased); chief of Battambang sector, Yim,
- 15 (deceased); chief of Kampot sector, Ta Mok, (deceased); chief of
- 16 Kampong Speu sector, Si, (deceased). I knew that the letters from
- 17 the uncles were sent to the regions, districts, and villages, but
- 18 I did not deliver them."
- 19 And the second last document that we wish to present today, Your
- 20 Honours, is E3/3512. It is a journal article written by Ben
- 21 Kiernan which discusses the role of Khieu Samphan during the
- 22 Democratic Kampuchea period and it is, in fact, a response to the
- 23 second book from which I quoted earlier.
- 24 [09.49.02]
- 25 And I will start with this passage at Khmer ERN 00755594 --

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- 1 rather that was the French ERN. The Khmer ERN is 00758170;
- 2 English is 0080475.
- 3 "Like most Cambodians, Sihanouk has since seen everything, but
- 4 unlike them, Samphan has learned little. Having taken to the
- 5 jungle, he emerged 32 years later without much to add. Vainly
- 6 discreet, he seems unaware how much documentation of the internal
- 7 workings of his regime is now in the public domain."
- 8 Two paragraphs down, he states the following quote: "Samphan
- 9 thinks people will believe him-"
- 10 Or, rather, I will read that again quote:
- 11 [09.50.30]
- 12 "Samphan thinks people will believe that only patriotism kept him
- 13 going, and that he accepted the job of Head of State after the
- 14 1975 CPK victory only out of duty to his country.
- 15 "It is astonishing that he pleads near-total ignorance of the
- 16 genocide which occurred when he was Head of State (1976 to 1979).
- 17 He claims that rarely-specified 'Khmer Rouge leaders' (not him)
- 18 bore sole responsibility for those deeds and failed to keep him
- 19 informed. For all DK's crimes, which he is shocked (shocked!) to
- 20 discover now, Samphan expects sympathy from the surviving
- 21 victims.
- 22 "Though based at CPK headquarters, for instance, Samphan claims
- 23 he was 'profoundly upset' by his Party's forced evacuation of
- 24 Phnom Penh on its fall in April 1975. While others like Hou Youn
- 25 opposed it, Samphan calls the evacuation something 'I was not

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- 1 expecting at all'. Meanwhile, the CPK had forcibly collectivized
- 2 the countryside. 'Great was my surprise', he claims, on learning
- 3 this soon after the 1975 victory. Until then, he could have been
- 4 the sole Cambodian in the countryside unaware of its
- 5 collectivization.
- 6 [09.52.08]
- 7 "Documentary evidence belies Samphan's claimed ignorance of
- 8 high-level policy at every turn. He admits to full membership of
- 9 the CPK Central Committee from 1976, but not of its powerful
- 10 Standing Committee (SC). He says he attended only 'enlarged' SC
- 11 meetings. However the extant minutes for 1975-1976 record Samphan
- 12 in attendance at 12 of 14 SC meetings (gatherings not 'enlarged'
- 13 by lesser invitees). Samphan, indeed, attended the CPK's closed,
- 14 high-level deliberations.
- 15 [09.53.00]
- 16 "After the point when he now concedes learning of the urban
- 17 deportations and rural collectivization, Party documents reveal
- 18 not only Samphan's important role in the regime, but his
- 19 awareness of looming purges. On October 9, 1975, he attended the
- 20 SC meeting at which it appointed itself as Cambodia's secret
- 21 government. The minutes rank Samphan fourth in the cabinet
- 22 hierarchy, after Pol Pot, Nuon Chea, and Ieng Sary. At this
- 23 closed meeting, Pol Pot targeted a general, Chan Chakrey: 'We
- 24 must pay attention to what he says, to see [if] he is a traitor
- 25 who will deprive himself of any future'. Then, moving also

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- 1 against Chakrey's deputy, Pol Pot added: 'We must be totally
- 2 silent... we must watch their activities'."
- 3 And the last passage from this article that I wish to read is at
- 4 Khmer ERN 00758173 to 174; French, 00755596; and English,
- 5 00080476 quote:
- 6 [09.54.42]
- 7 "Samphan was not so quiet about the fate of Hu Nim, a leftist
- 8 parliamentarian, who unlike Samphan, protested DK policies and
- 9 was arrested in April 1977. Nim's torturer reported: 'we whipped
- 10 him four or five times to break his stand, before taking him to
- 11 be stuffed with water'. Samphan may not have read that report,
- 12 but knowing Nim was in danger, he stated on the radio the next
- 13 day: 'We must wipe out the enemy... neatly and thoroughly... and
- 14 suppress all stripes of enemy at all times'. On July 6, CPK
- 15 security forces massacred Hu Nim and 126 others. Posing now as a
- 16 victim, Samphan claims Nim as 'my friend' and recoils at the
- 17 'suffering in his soul and in his body, what a nightmare'. This
- 18 performance cannot convince us of Samphan's claimed 'naïveté' --
- 19 or that at the time he 'was unaware even of the existence' of
- 20 'massacres and crimes'."
- 21 [09.56.10]
- 22 Mr. President, the last document or record that we wish to put
- 23 before you today is a -- an excerpt from a video recording which
- 24 is indeed a documentary that we've seen parts of before. It is
- 25 entitled "Pol Pot and Khieu Samphan: Facing Genocide." The

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- 1 document number is E109/2.3R. This is a six- minute-
- 2 and-20-second segment in which Khieu Samphan discusses the crimes
- 3 committed during the Democratic Kampuchea period, his alleged
- 4 responsibility, and the role played by Pol Pot and lastly, the
- 5 role of the prison, S-21.
- 6 So, Mr. President, with your permission, we will ask the AV
- 7 section now to play a video which, in their table, is found under
- 8 J2.
- 9 If we have your permission, President, I will ask the AV Unit to
- 10 now play that video.
- 11 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 12 You may proceed.
- 13 The AV booth officials -- officials are now instructed to make
- 14 sure that the video clip is displayed.
- 15 [09.58.07]
- 16 (Presentation of audio-visual document)
- 17 "[Question:] (No interpretation)
- 18 "[Answer:] When I came back to Pailin in the end of 1998, I heard
- 19 talk of massacres, but to learn about S-21 properly, I had to see
- 20 a film by Rithy Panh.
- 21 "[Question:] What was your first reaction when you understood
- 22 that, when you saw the suffering?
- 23 "[Answer:] My first reaction was surprise.
- 24 "[Question:] When you realized that they had killed elderly
- 25 people and children in mass, weren't you horrified?

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- 1 "[Answer:] I was still surprised. Why these killings after the
- 2 victory?
- 3 "[Question:] But weren't you horrified by the killings of all
- 4 these children?
- 5 "[Answer:] But who killed them, that was the point? I can't
- 6 imagine that it was Pol Pot who killed the children. Tell me when
- 7 you saw Pol Pot killing or torturing children. Tell me.
- 8 [09.59.50]
- 9 "[Question:] Many murderers were children as well. They were
- 10 selected and trained by the Khmer Rouge. What do you think of
- 11 those children?
- 12 "[Answer:] Please, please, I told you about Cambodian street kids
- 13 in the 1970s. They wanted to enlist in the army and they were
- 14 encouraged by their parents, if you please. So that's how it was;
- 15 they were participating in the liberation of the country. They
- 16 felt they had to do something to fight for social equality which
- 17 they hadn't had since the post-Angkor Wat period.
- 18 "[Question:] The youngest at S-21 were only 10 years old; do you
- 19 realize that?
- 20 "[Answer:] I don't know the reason for that, but a few youngsters
- 21 is not a reason to erase a whole period of history.
- 22 "[Question:] But what can make a 10-year-old child want to kill
- 23 other children?
- 24 [10.01.28]
- 25 "[Answer:] I don't know the reason. You have to dig deep to find

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- 1 the answer. That's why I say that there are a lot of things that
- 2 still remain to be investigated. You have to realize that without
- 3 Pol Pot, without the Khmer Rouge, after the 1970 coup d'état,
- 4 Cambodia would have been in the hands of the Vietnamese
- 5 communists. Now, if you please, don't forget that. And what does
- 6 it mean to be in the hands of the Vietnamese? What does it mean
- 7 to us, Cambodians? What would that have meant? It wouldn't have
- 8 taken long for the whole of Cambodia to become a part of Vietnam.
- 9 Millions of Cambodians live in South Vietnam today. Do you know
- 10 how the Cambodians live in the South of Vietnam today? I'll tell
- 11 you. It's an immense S-21; isn't it? So, they talk about S-21
- 12 here so as to make people forget that gigantic S-21 over there,
- 13 in South Vietnam. It's a very clever manipulation. They're
- 14 manipulating world opinion. They present Cambodia and Pol Pot,
- 15 demonizing Pol Pot to make people forget the other side. They
- 16 accuse him of being a dictator and use the word genocide. It's
- 17 not correct. A great leader of such a movement could never act
- 18 like that. If so, he wouldn't have been able to create this
- 19 movement. I'm going to shout that out loud at the trial."
- 20 (End of presentation)
- 21 [10.04.33]
- 22 MR. ABDULHAK:
- 23 Your Honours, that concludes our presentations of documents
- 24 relevant to the role of the accused Khieu Samphan during the
- 25 Democratic Kampuchea period. We thank you for time allocated for

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- 1 this presentation and we conclude here. Thank you.
- 2 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 3 Thank you, the Prosecution.
- 4 The floor is now given to the Lead Co-Lawyers for civil parties
- 5 if you wish to make any comment supplementary to the presentation
- 6 made by the Prosecution regarding the roles of the accused, Ieng
- 7 Sary and Khieu Samphan. You may proceed if you wish to do so.
- 8 [10.05.25]
- 9 MS. SIMONNEAU-FORT:
- 10 Mr. President, good morning. Your Honours, good morning. Good
- 11 morning to all parties.
- 12 I will remind this Chamber, once again, that as far as the civil
- 13 parties are concerned, we will be presenting our documents
- 14 following the outcome of these proceedings. The Chamber has asked
- 15 us to abide by international jurisprudence by stating that we
- 16 could not introduce any documents pardon me, I'll restart that.
- 17 We will not be admitted to introduce any documents without
- 18 allowing the Defence to hear from the authors of this document;
- 19 therefore, we believe that it would be logical to hear documents
- 20 and testimony on the role of the Accused after which we would be
- 21 presenting our documents.
- 22 [10.06.34]
- 23 Based on our initial list, we have identified a certain number of
- 24 civil parties who would be speaking to the role, acts, and
- 25 conduct of the Accused and if they are to be confronted by the

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- 1 Defence, pursuant to jurisprudence, we would only then be in a
- 2 position to introduce documents.
- 3 Once again, we believe that it would be logical for us to make
- 4 our presentation of documents following the end of the
- 5 proceedings and following the summons of particular witnesses.
- 6 Thank you.
- 7 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 8 Thank you for your comment, but I think there is a
- 9 misunderstanding here. The floor is given to the Lead Co-Lawyers
- 10 for civil parties if you wish to make additional comment to the
- 11 documents presented by the Prosecution regarding the roles of the
- 12 Accused, the two Accused that is, Mr. Ieng Sary and Mr. Khieu
- 13 Samphan. And I clearly stated that the floor is given to you if
- 14 you have additional comments to make.
- 15 Of course we clearly understand the your proposal that you
- 16 cannot prepare the document on time for your submission regarding
- 17 the roles of the Accused; that is a separate matter.
- 18 [10.08.35]
- 19 MS. SIMONNEAU-FORT:
- 20 Yes, thank you, Mr. President, for that clarification which is
- 21 entirely appropriate.
- 22 At this stage, we have no comments to make on the presentation of
- 23 documents made by the Co-Prosecutors.
- 24 Thank you.
- 25 MR. PRESIDENT:

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- 1 Thank you.
- 2 The floor is now given to Ieng Sary's defence so that you can
- 3 make comment or objections to the documents presented by the
- 4 Prosecution regarding the role of your client, Ieng Sary.
- 5 You may proceed.
- 6 [10.09.13]
- 7 MR. ANG UDOM:
- 8 Good morning, Mr. President, Your Honours. Good morning everyone
- 9 in and around the courtroom.
- 10 I have some observations and comments to make.
- 11 First of all, we reserve the right to make our objections to
- 12 certain documents as my colleague and I raised that is, the
- 13 categories of documents, not the particular document itself.
- 14 Secondly, it is my observation and as I raised it earlier, the
- 15 Prosecution made some documentary presentation to support the
- 16 alleged facts regarding the crimes and not just the roles of the
- 17 Accused.
- 18 And my third observation and objection is the following: The
- 19 Prosecution have attempted to present the written records of
- 20 interviews of witnesses; for instance, that of the witness Tha
- 21 Sot, and Tha Sot is deceased and his wife, Sa Siek, also
- 22 confirmed before this Chamber that she never heard her husband,
- 23 Tha Sot, say anything about what he did during the time under the
- 24 Khmer Rouge regime. And that is my observation and objection in
- 25 the third point.

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- 1 [10.11.10]
- 2 If a written record of interview of a deceased witness is used,
- 3 then the opposing parties in particular the Defence do not
- 4 have the opportunity to question the interviewee and for that
- 5 reason, this kind of record shall be removed from the case.
- 6 Thank you, Mr. President.
- 7 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 8 Thank you.
- 9 The floor is now given to Khieu Samphan's defence so that you can
- 10 make a comment or express your objections to the documents
- 11 presented by the Prosecution regarding the roles of your client,
- 12 Khieu Samphan.
- 13 You may proceed.
- 14 MS. GUISSÉ:
- 15 Thank you very much, Mr. President. First and foremost, good
- 16 morning to you. Good morning to Honourable Members of the Bench.
- 17 Good morning to all parties.
- 18 [10.12.17]
- 19 Just a few comments on the presentation of key documents made by
- 20 the Co-Prosecutors, specifically relevant to Mr. Khieu Samphan:
- 21 my first comment would be to remind this Chamber that, at this
- 22 particular stage at which we are presenting key documents is
- 23 rather delicate since this is not the end of the proceedings.
- 24 Obviously, there's a very fine line between presentation of
- 25 documents and confusion.

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- 1 Last week, my learned friend, Mr. Koppe, said that the terms used
- 2 by the Co-Prosecutor lent themselves to a pleading rather than a
- 3 demonstration of the relevance of the documents he sought to
- 4 present. This is a very important point to retain because I
- 5 realize the difficulty of this exercise and the possibilities
- 6 available to the Prosecution.
- 7 What I can say today is that I will resist from making final
- 8 closing arguments; however, I do wish to present to you some
- 9 general observations.
- 10 [10.13.54]
- 11 The first is as follows: As indicated, with respect to a letter
- 12 signed by the deceased king father which was introduced by Mr.
- 13 Abdulhak, I would note that it is rather regretful that the
- 14 Co-Prosecutor should only, at this particular stage, cite such a
- 15 document when his testimony would have been rather intriguing and
- 16 interesting as he has made many statements, and there is
- 17 significant footage of the deceased king father and at this time
- 18 it is too late to hear more from him, and it is impossible to put
- 19 questions before this Chamber. Having access to the archives is
- 20 one matter, but carrying out a discussion and inquiring on the
- 21 probative value within these Chambers is an entirely different
- 22 matter.
- 23 The second observation is as follows: During these sets of
- 24 hearings on the presentation of documents relevant to Mr. Khieu
- 25 Samphan, it would appear that the Co-Prosecutor the

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- 1 International Co-Prosecutor has circumvented certain procedures
- 2 with respect to some of the documents on trade and commerce.
- 3 [10.15.29]
- 4 I do hope to remind this Chamber that the written record of Mr.
- 5 Sar Kimlomouth, cited by the Co-Prosecutor, is questionable,
- 6 including the way certain telegrams were delivered. But, once
- 7 again, this is not something that I am able to delve into given
- 8 the restrictions of these proceedings because, once again, they
- 9 speak to the merits of the case.
- 10 The third observation I wish to make at this particular point in
- 11 time, as was raised by my learned friend for the civil parties,
- 12 there are certain documents for which the full significance and
- 13 the full meaning can only be understood if we were to hear direct
- 14 evidence from their authors and this may go to future testimony
- 15 which is particularly important.
- 16 We've also lodged objections to the testimony of those who are
- 17 deceased or absent and I've spoken at length about the testimony
- 18 of Ben Kiernan, university researcher, who's already demonstrated
- 19 that he is disinclined to appear before this Chamber, yet he is
- 20 the author of several key documents and the fact that we are not
- 21 hearing from him leaves me rather astonished and perplexed. These
- 22 documents concern him and yet, once again, we simply do not have
- 23 the possibility to cross-examine him. That is an additional
- 24 comment.
- 25 [10.17.35]

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- 1 My final comment is quite specific to a document that raises
- 2 several issues and that recurs in many documents. There seem to
- 3 be translation discrepancies that may have an impact on the
- 4 meaning. I would refer you to document E3/165 as cited in English
- 5 by the Co-Prosecutor. The document makes reference to a speech
- 6 supposedly delivered by Mr. Khieu Samphan.
- 7 To be more specific, I will quote what the International
- 8 Co-Prosecutor read on the 31st of January and I would refer Your
- 9 Honours to the draft transcripts of the French version. Just
- 10 prior to 10.15 a.m., the Co-Prosecutor stated as follows: "The
- 11 next relevant document pertaining to Mr. Khieu Samphan's
- 12 activities on the creation of a new state is E3/175, which is a
- 13 document that we have previously sought to have admitted."
- 14 [10.18.57]
- 15 A little bit later, after 10.15, the Co-Prosecutor indicated
- 16 that: "This document is rather lengthy. However, I will only cite
- 17 one passage where we can find a speech given by Mr. Khieu
- 18 Samphan."
- 19 I will give you the specific references to the documents with a
- 20 special note that the English version, cited by the
- 21 Co-Prosecutor, is not a translation that was written by the ECCC,
- 22 but rather a translation provided by DC-Cam.
- 23 For the sake of clarity, I will provide you the version in
- 24 English, the DC-Cam English translation. I will then provide you
- 25 with our French translation which was based on the original

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- 1 Khmer. And with the assistance of my colleague, Mr. Kong Sam Onn,
- 2 I will ask him to read in Khmer exactly what the original text
- 3 says.
- 4 [10.20.18]
- 5 Once again, I refer to document E3/165. The first excerpt that I
- 6 wish to draw your attention to is on English ERN page 00184048.
- 7 This is a summary of the document entitled, in French, "Document
- 8 on the First Conference of the First Legislature of the People's
- 9 Representative Assembly of Kampuchea", April 11 to 13, 1976. The
- 10 English version, as cited by the International Co-Prosecutor,
- 11 reads and I will cite this in English: "Speech by the Chairman of
- 12 the Presidium at the opening of the First Legislature of the
- 13 People's Representative Assembly of Kampuchea".
- 14 In French -- based on the original Khmer -- can be found on ERN
- 15 page 00301335, and the literal translation of the French reads:
- 16 "Opening Speech of the President of Delegates of the First
- 17 Congress of the First Legislature of the Assembly of
- 18 Representatives".
- 19 And for the sake of clarity, I will seek the assistance of my
- 20 learned colleague so that he may read into the record the
- 21 original Khmer which can be found on ERN 000536. I will now cede
- 22 the floor over to my colleague.
- 23 I beg your pardon, I believe that my ERN numbers were not
- 24 completed; 00053604.
- 25 [10.22.57]

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- 1 MR. KONG SAM ONN:
- 2 Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to read the relevant portion
- 3 as indicated by my international colleague.
- 4 The document E3/165 and the title of the document has already
- 5 been indicated by my international colleague -- that is, "The
- 6 First Session of the General Assembly of the People's
- 7 Representative Assembly", dated 11 to 13 April 1976.
- 8 The title of the document has already been outlined by my
- 9 international colleague and there was an incorrect translation of
- 10 that in the English version. Allow me to read in Khmer, "the
- 11 speech made by the Chairman of the Dignitary", but the English
- 12 translation is "the Chairman of the Presidium". We can't actually
- 13 rely upon the Khmer version with the ERN 00053610, which clearly
- 14 states that it is "the speech made by the Chairman of the
- 15 Dignitary at the opening of the First Legislature of the People's
- 16 Representative Assembly of Kampuchea". So, actually, the content
- of the table of content is not in full and if you refer to page 9
- 18 of the document, it clearly states the full title.
- 19 Thank you, Mr. President.
- 20 [10.25.37]
- 21 MS. GUISSÉ:
- 22 To continue on this same vein, the same translation error appears
- 23 within the same documents on the English ERN page 00184051 that
- 24 reads: "President to take the place of honour".
- 25 Whereas the French equivalent on 00301338 reads: "Invite the

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- 1 President of the delegates to take the place of honour".
- 2 On the ERN of the original Khmer, on which the French translation
- 3 was based, 00053609, once again, the accurate term is used.
- 4 [10.26.58]
- 5 These translation errors recur a third time within the same
- 6 document on ERN English, 00184052. I repeat 00184052. This is the
- 7 DC-Cam translation and it refers to a speech of the Chairman of
- 8 the Presidium at the opening of the first conference of the First
- 9 Legislature of the People's Representative Assembly of Kampuchea;
- 10 whereas, the equivalent French version which again is based on
- 11 the original Khmer, 00301339, the translation reads: "The speech
- 12 of the President of delegates at the opening of the first
- 13 conference of the first legislature of the People's
- 14 Representative Assembly of Kampuchea". The original Khmer can be
- 15 found on 0053610.
- 16 It goes without saying that since we have gone to great lengths
- 17 in order to demonstrate the discrepancies between the three
- 18 versions, there is reference to the Presidium in the document
- 19 used by DC-Cam and it is misleading and not, in actual fact, a
- 20 speech of the President of the Presidium, but a speech made by
- 21 the Chairman or President of the Representatives or Dignitaries
- of the People's Representative of Kampuchea.
- 23 [10.28.56]
- 24 We would, therefore, hereby request that the Chamber oversee
- 25 rectification of this error. We believe that it is a rather grave

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- 1 mistake and we may have to evoke this issue once again before
- 2 Your Honours because, as you have seen, this has a great impact
- 3 on the meaning and relevance of these documents. Those are the
- 4 comments I wish to make. I have no other observations which would
- 5 not lend themselves to a closing argument at this point, but I do
- 6 remain available to this Court's translation services in order to
- 7 specify once again these particular issues and discrepancies, and
- 8 I hope that the ERN numbers will be of use.
- 9 Thank you.
- 10 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 11 The Prosecution, please wait.
- 12 Judge Lavergne, you may proceed.
- 13 [10.30.10]
- 14 JUDGE LAVERGNE:
- 15 Thank you, Mr. President.
- 16 A first question to counsel Guissé; has that request already been
- 17 made to the translation services to make a correction, if
- 18 necessary, to the mistake which you believe is contained in the
- 19 document?
- 20 MS. GUISSÉ:
- 21 Mr. Lavergne, no, we have not yet indicated this mistake. We
- 22 didn't do so before the document was presented.
- 23 We were working in our team on the English document and on the
- 24 Khmer document and it was only during the hearing when we heard
- 25 it read out by the International Co-Prosecutor that we actually

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- 1 pinpointed the translation problem.
- 2 So we wish to advise the Chamber that we certainly intend to do
- 3 so as you suggest, but the absence of any request, at this stage,
- 4 is due to the fact that we only understood there was a mistake
- 5 very recently.
- 6 [10.31.12]
- 7 JUDGE LAVERGNE:
- 8 Another question I would like to ask you concerns this idea of
- 9 the "president of delegates or representative". As you are aware,
- 10 is there any document that specifies precisely what this function
- 11 of president of delegates is? I, personally, don't remember
- 12 having ever seen an explanation of that, and then, of course,
- 13 that would allow us to understand whether or not there is a
- 14 mistake.
- 15 (Recording malfunction, no audio)
- 16 (Court recesses from 1032H to 1112H)
- 17 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 18 Please be seated. The Court is now back in session.
- 19 We had some issue with the recording equipment before we took a
- 20 break. That's why there is a delay in the resumption of the
- 21 hearing. And the national counsel for Khieu Samphan's speech was
- 22 also lost in the recording in his response to Judge Lavergne's
- 23 question.
- 24 For that reason, I'd like the national counsel for the Accused to
- 25 respond again to the question posed to you by Judge Lavergne.

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- 1 You may proceed.
- 2 [11.14.25]
- 3 MR. KONG SAM ONN:
- 4 Thank you, Mr. President. Allow me to once again respond to the
- 5 question put to me by Judge Lavergne, Your Honour's question as
- 6 to who would be the president of the delegate. And allow me to
- 7 respond.
- 8 As I indicated before the break, in document E3/165, there is a
- 9 major translation for the word "chairman of the delegate" to "the
- 10 Chairman of the Presidium". And that arose the question.
- 11 In the Khmer text, it clearly states that it is "the speech of
- 12 the President of the delegate at the opening of the First
- 13 Conference of the First Legislature of the People's
- 14 Representative Assembly of Kampuchea". It also clearly states on
- 15 page 9 in the Khmer text the entire speech of the President of
- 16 the delegate.
- 17 [11.16.11]
- 18 Also, the content of this text is about the closing of the
- 19 meeting as well as the additional confirmation by the president
- 20 of the delegate. It is on ERN in Khmer, 0053628. My apologies, it
- 21 is 00053 started with "000"; and in French, 00301350; and in
- 22 English, 00184063.
- 23 In the document, the president of delegate informed about the
- 24 agenda of the meeting and in the agenda there are nine points,
- 25 and in point number 5, it talks about the selection and the

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- 1 appointment of the head of the State of Democratic Kampuchea or
- 2 the Presidium of the State of Democratic Kampuchea. It actually
- 3 started on 14 April 1976, and this -- the meeting was open one
- 4 day earlier -- that is on the 13th.
- 5 And this is my illustration of the mistranslation regarding the
- 6 term of the speech by the president of the delegate. It is not
- 7 the president of the State Presidium who opened the speech of the
- 8 first legislature by the People's Representative Assembly of
- 9 Kampuchea.
- 10 [11.18.30]
- 11 And if the Chamber would like to know who made that announcement,
- 12 then it is the role of the Prosecution to say so.
- 13 I'm grateful, Your Honour.
- 14 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 15 Thank you, Counsel.
- 16 The floor is now given to the Prosecution to respond to the
- 17 objections or comments made by the defence teams. You may
- 18 proceed.
- 19 MR. SMITH:
- 20 Good morning, Mr. President. Good morning, Your Honours. Good
- 21 morning, counsel. Good morning to the general public.
- 22 Your Honours, the Prosecution only has a few brief responses to
- 23 the observations made by both the Ieng Sary team and the Khieu
- 24 Samphan team. I'll restrict my response to the observations made
- 25 by the Ieng Sary team.

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- 1 [11.19.28]
- 2 Firstly, Your Honours, as you're aware the purpose of these
- 3 hearings was to demonstrate the probative value of the evidence
- 4 contained in the admitted documents before this Court, primarily
- 5 for the public and, hopefully, as some guidance for Your Honours.
- 6 Now, the purpose of the hearing wasn't to address the issue of
- 7 admissibility of documents, the documents that have been referred
- 8 to in this hearing have been admitted by the Chamber in your
- 9 decision of June 2012. So the comments by the Ieng Sary team that
- 10 they reserve their right to object to the admissibility of
- 11 certain types of documents, that right cannot be reserved. As
- 12 Your Honours are aware, Your Honours have decided on that
- 13 particular matter.
- 14 As far as the observation in relation to a statement that was
- 15 used by the Prosecution, a witness statement of Tha Sot, who -
- 16 that witness has apparently died that, again, is allowed -- has
- 17 been allowed by Your Honour in your decision allowing for
- 18 statements of deceased individuals to be used in the proceedings.
- 19 But, nonetheless, that statement wasn't used in the presentation
- 20 in relation to Ieng Sary.
- 21 [11.20.57]
- 22 Secondly, Your Honours, the second main point of the Ieng Sary
- 23 defence was that the submissions made by the Prosecution were not
- 24 relevant to proving the role of the Accused. And we would submit
- 25 that that is clearly incorrect.

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- 1 The Prosecution put forward a number of documents in relation to
- 2 Ieng Sary's role to demonstrate his role, and in doing so
- 3 intended to support five propositions, five relevant
- 4 propositions, to his role, the first one being, "What were the
- 5 positions he actually held in Democratic Kampuchea?"
- 6 The second proposition being, "What was the level of authority
- 7 that he possessed in the Standing Committee and in the Ministry
- 8 of Foreign Affairs?"
- 9 And the third proposition was, "How did he participate in the
- 10 Standing Committee and how did he participate in the Ministry of
- 11 Foreign Affairs?"
- 12 [11.22.05]
- 13 And the fourth proposition was, "How frequent was his
- 14 participation to understand the extent and scope of his role?"
- 15 And the last proposition was, "What was the substance of his
- 16 role? What was the purpose of his role?" Not just what positions
- 17 did he hold, but what was the purpose of the activities that he
- 18 carried out in that position?
- 19 And to conclude on that, the Prosecution have submitted that the
- 20 probative value of all of these documents taken together show
- 21 that Ieng Sary's role substantively was to further and further
- 22 the cause and participate in building a socialist agrarian
- 23 society at a rapid pace, and to defend that process by
- 24 eliminating or killing any enemies that are real or perceived by
- 25 the Party, whether they be internal or external.

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- 1 [11.23.21]
- 2 And that proposition of the substantive role that the Prosecution
- 3 say that he played, we submit, has been demonstrated by the
- 4 probative nature of all of those documents that were presented.
- 5 The fact that the documents came from different sources, the fact
- 6 that they were produced at different times, the fact that they
- 7 were produced during the regime, and the fact that the documents
- 8 were both internal or secret documents to the Party, as well as
- 9 external documents such as his speeches before the UN General
- 10 Assembly.
- 11 The fact that all of those documents all point to the same thing
- 12 or the same role, that being to defend socialism in an agrarian
- 13 society, to build that society, and defend it no matter what the
- 14 consequence to individuals and their lives.
- 15 That, we submit, is the power or the probativeness (phonetic) of
- 16 the documents; the fact that they all corroborate and are
- 17 consistent with that fact.
- 18 [11.24.40]
- 19 And the Defence have decided not to address that, address the
- 20 probative nature of the documents, and that's a matter for them,
- 21 but we submit that's the relevant issue Your Honours should be
- 22 considering, not whether the documents are admissible. That
- 23 discussion has been had and you've decided and not whether or not
- 24 what was said was relevant to proving his role. We would submit
- 25 it was clearly relevant and is a matter that Your Honours should

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- 1 take into account.
- 2 Your Honour, that finishes the reply in relation to the Ieng Sary
- 3 defence, and now I'd hand over the podium to my colleague, Mr.
- 4 Abdulhak, in relation to the Khieu Samphan defence.
- 5 MR. ABDULHAK:
- 6 Thank you, Mr. President, for the opportunity to respond. I will
- 7 make a brief response to the observations by the defence for
- 8 Khieu Samphan and I'll address them in the same order in which
- 9 they were made.
- 10 [11.26.00]
- 11 The counsel expressed regret that it is only now that we seek to
- 12 rely upon material written by the late King Father Norodom
- 13 Sihanouk. This, of course, is not a correct statement of fact. We
- 14 relied on this document as early as August 2010 in our final
- 15 submissions prior to the conclusion of the investigation. We had
- 16 this document on our Rule 80 list. We've always intended to use
- 17 it. It's a document that is on our proposed evidence list.
- 18 Furthermore and I'm mindful here of the need to respect the
- 19 confidentiality of documents which have not been made public -
- 20 but if all parties in the courtroom and, of course, the Chamber
- 21 refer to document E131/1.1 E131/1.1 and in particular item
- 22 number 23 in the table that is contained in that document, it
- 23 becomes clear as to why it would have been inappropriate for us
- 24 to seek to put this document before you at an earlier stage in
- 25 the proceedings.

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- 1 [11.27.27]
- 2 Now, moving on to the issue of the trade and commerce documents,
- 3 I'm not quite sure what my learned friend refers to when she
- 4 accuses us of circumventing procedures. What we have done is put
- 5 before Your Honours a representative sample of a large collection
- 6 of records which indicate that reports were being submitted on a
- 7 continuous and ongoing basis by the Ministry of Commerce to Khieu
- 8 Samphan.
- 9 As I indicated in my submissions, there are no less than 28 such
- 10 reports and, in addition, there are 50 other documents, Ministry
- 11 of Commerce records, which contain annotations referring to Khieu
- 12 Samphan.
- 13 Reference was made to testimony of witness Sar Kim Lomouth.
- 14 Without being taken to a specific page, it is difficult to
- 15 respond, but even without access to the network during the break,
- 16 I was able to recall that the witness actually confirmed the
- 17 subordination of Van Rith in the Ministry of Commerce to both
- 18 Khieu Samphan and Vorn Vet. That, of course, is on the record for
- 19 Your Honours to consider.
- 20 [11.28.48]
- 21 As to the report written by Ben Kiernan, here there is room for
- 22 agreement between the Defence and the Prosecution. We, of course,
- 23 requested Mr. Kiernan to be brought to testify as an expert in
- 24 this trial. That has proved difficult and the Chamber has ruled
- 25 that he will not be heard in this trial.

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- 1 That does not make his reports inadmissible. Of course, the fact
- 2 that he is not being examined is a matter that the Chamber will
- 3 take into account, I am sure, in considering the weight to be
- 4 attached to various pieces of evidence.
- 5 Lastly, on the alleged discrepancies in document E3/165, of
- 6 course, we have no intention of impugning to Mr. Khieu Samphan
- 7 any statement that was not made by him. We act in good faith and
- 8 we will, of course, double-check and triple-check the records.
- 9 There are, in fact, a number of versions of this minute of the
- 10 parliamentary meeting in April 1976. We will review them and we
- 11 will join the Defence in seeking appropriate corrections to
- 12 translations if there are errors.
- 13 [11.30.18]
- 14 But I do wish to say the following. The Defence have been on
- 15 notice of this document since at least September 2010 when the
- 16 Co-Investigating Judges referred to it in their Closing Order in
- 17 the same context in which I referred to it during the course of
- 18 these presentations.
- 19 If Your Honours look at paragraph 1166 of Closing Order in
- 20 Footnote 4771, the Co-Investigating Judges rely on this document
- 21 as evidence of a speech by Khieu Samphan. And then, at paragraph
- 22 1173 in Footnote 4796, the Co-Investigating Judges cite this
- 23 document in support of a conclusion that it was, indeed, Khieu
- 24 Samphan that chaired that inaugural session of the Parliament.
- 25 The original document reference for this record was 13.13, and if

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- 1 one searches the Closing Order for that number one finds numerous
- 2 references to it. So certainly, Your Honours, we will endeavour
- 3 to verify the accuracy of that record and if there are errors we
- 4 will, of course, seek to correct them.
- 5 Having said that, this is one out of a series of speeches that we
- 6 presented before you, and it certainly no way appears different
- 7 in its endorsement of policies as the other speeches given by
- 8 Khieu Samphan with which the Defence takes no issue.
- 9 So, those are our submissions. And thank you, Your Honours.
- 10 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 11 Is there anything else parties wish to add on this?
- 12 [11.32.20]
- 13 MS. GUISSÉ:
- 14 Mr. President, just to come back on what my colleague, Prosecutor
- 15 Bill Smith, has said on the subject of probative value, in fact,
- 16 we were talking about relevance. The discussion on probative
- 17 value can only take place at the end of the discussions once we
- 18 have all of the documents, testimonies and proof to look at
- 19 together. That is just one point I wanted to make at this
- 20 juncture so that we do not lose sight of the issue at stake here
- 21 in the presentation of key documents which is, of course,
- 22 relevant.
- 23 [11.33.09]
- 24 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 25 Thank you very much.

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- 1 Next, the Chamber wishes to remind and inform the party that on
- 2 the 18 January 2013, Mr. Nuon Chea waived his right to be present
- 3 during the presentations of the key documents concerning the
- 4 first and second transfer and also a -- population transfer and
- 5 also the document 208/2. And later, Nuon Chea's counsel withdrew
- 6 this waiver, document E258/3.
- 7 For this reason, the Chamber cannot conduct the proceedings when
- 8 Mr. Nuon Chea is absent or when he has already withdrawn his
- 9 right to be present.
- 10 On 31 January 2013, Mr. Nuon Chea was discharged from the
- 11 hospital and returned to the detention facility. The doctors who
- 12 are treating him also recommended that he be allowed to have some
- 13 rest. On the afternoon of the 31 January, the Trial Chamber asked
- 14 counsels for Mr. Nuon Chea to confirm the position of Nuon Chea
- 15 regarding his rights to be present during the testimonies of
- 16 TCW-100 and TCCP-116.
- 17 [11.35.26]
- 18 Mr. Nuon Chea was again admitted to the hospital for treatment.
- 19 Currently, Mr. Nuon Chea is still being admitted to the hospital.
- 20 On 4 February 2013, through his counsels, Mr. Nuon Chea shows his
- 21 position that he has not waived his rights to be present during
- 22 the testimony of TCW-100.
- 23 However, when it comes to TCCP-116, his position has already been
- 24 confirmed by his counsels during the morning session. According
- 25 to the report we obtained, TCCP-116 can be present before the

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- 1 Chamber on Thursday.
- 2 With that, the Chamber wishes to also inform the public and
- 3 parties to the proceeding that the sessions regarding the roles
- 4 of Mr. Nuon Chea and the presentation of other documents will be
- 5 deferred to a later date in which -- or by then the Chamber will
- 6 inform or notify the parties accordingly.
- 7 Regarding the testimony of TCCP-116, the Chamber will schedule
- 8 the hearing on Thursday, commencing from 9 a.m. We hope the
- 9 parties to the proceedings and the public are well informed and,
- 10 in particular, the parties are prepared to appear before the
- 11 Chamber during the testimony of TCCP-116.
- 12 [11.37.58]
- 13 For the time being, the hearing on the presentation of documents
- 14 comes to a conclusion, and the Chamber will suspend this hearing.
- 15 The next session will be resumed on the 17th (sic), which is
- 16 Thursday of February, at 9 a.m. During that morning session, the
- 17 Chamber will hear the testimony of TCCP-116 [Interpreter
- 18 corrects, the next session will be resumed by 7 February, which
- 19 is Thursday.]
- 20 Security personnel are now instructed to bring Mr. Khieu Samphan
- 21 to the detention facility and have him returned to the courtroom
- 22 on 7 February 2013.
- 23 Mr. Ieng Sary is instructed to return to the detention facility
- 24 and returned to his holding cell only where he can observe the
- 25 proceedings from there.

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