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- 1 PROCEEDINGS
- 2 (Court opens at 0902H)
- 3 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 4 Please be seated. The Court is now back in session.
- 5 As scheduled, the Chamber continues to hear the testimony of Mr.
- 6 Heder. Questions continue to be put by the Prosecution.
- 7 Ms. Se Kolvuthy is now directed to report to the Chamber
- 8 regarding the current status of the parties to the proceedings
- 9 today.
- 10 THE GREFFIER:
- 11 Good morning, Mr. President and Your Honours.
- 12 All parties to the proceedings are present, except Mr. Nuon Chea,
- 13 who is present but in his holding cell, due to the ruling by the
- 14 Trial Chamber, due to his health concerns.
- 15 Today, the Chamber continues to hear the testimony of Mr. Heder.
- 16 And Mr. Heder is right in the courtroom.
- 17 And we do not have a reserve witness for today.
- 18 [09.04.02]
- 19 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 20 Thank you, Ms. Se Kolvuthy.
- 21 Without further ado, we would like to now hand over to the
- 22 Prosecution to continue putting questions to Mr. Heder.
- 23 QUESTIONING BY MR. RAYNOR RESUMES:
- 24 Thank you, Mr. President. Good morning, Mr. President, Your
- 25 Honours, may it please you. Good morning to my fellow counsel,

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- 1 and good morning again to you, Mr. Heder.
- 2 Q. I'd like to start, please, by asking some clarification
- 3 questions in relation to your testimony towards the end of
- 4 yesterday.
- 5 You will recall that you confirmed an extract from E3/1714, in
- 6 relation to the refugee interviews in 1980 and reference to the
- 7 interviewee Lonh, also known as Lorn, the passage of "drying up
- 8 the people from the enemy" being part of the longstanding plan,
- 9 and that being the relevant slogan. In relation to that, you said
- 10 that you'd heard it from many people over many years and that
- 11 you'd heard it before April 1975 on radio broadcasts. And it's
- 12 the radio broadcasts I'd like to ask some further questions
- 13 about.
- 14 [09.05.32]
- 15 Can you help on what in what context this phrase, "dry up the
- 16 people from the enemy", was being broadcast? What I mean by that
- 17 is what was the subject matter, what was the context in which
- 18 this phrase was being used?
- 19 MR. HEDER:
- 20 A. It referred to a situation in which there was contestation for
- 21 control and loyalty of population, and the notion was that either
- 22 by military, or political, or other means, the proportion the
- 23 number of the proportion of the population under enemy control,
- 24 from the point of view of the Khmer Rouge, should be reduced, and
- 25 in practice this meant their relocating from enemy controlled

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- 1 zones to in Khmer Rouge terminology, to Khmer Rouge controlled
- 2 zones, liberated zones, or as they routinely put it, from areas
- 3 temporarily controlled by the enemy to the liberated zones.
- 4 [09.07.04]
- 5 And in general, in terms of the at least the public propaganda,
- 6 this was presented as being something that was voluntary. In
- 7 other words, people were encouraged to flee or invited to flee
- 8 from those zones temporarily held by the enemy into the liberated
- 9 zones.
- 10 In interview data, again both before and after April 1975 and
- 11 when I say "after", I'm talking, in fact, primarily from late '78
- 12 into the 1980s it was clearly associated with this term of
- 13 "evacuation", the term that's conventionally translated as
- 14 "evacuation". And at least in some of those interviews, to my
- 15 recollection, it was made clear that this could be done forcibly,
- 16 that is or in a compulsory manner. So it could refer either to
- 17 people being persuaded politically to leave enemy controlled
- 18 zones and join the liberated zones or it could be used to refer
- 19 to a situation of military of seizure of certain territory and,
- 20 therefore, certain groups of people who would then be removed to
- 21 the liberated zones under this rubric of "evacuation".
- 22 [09.08.47]
- 23 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 24 Mr. Heder, could you please be reminded that you are summoned to
- 25 appear before the Chamber to give testimony to the Chamber. And

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- 1 with that, when you address your responses to the Co Prosecutor,
- 2 it would be more appropriate if you can just turn a little bit to
- 3 the front so that you are now talking to the Chamber, please.
- 4 BY MR. RAYNOR:
- 5 Q. I want to ask questions now about the incidents that you had
- 6 direct personal knowledge of in Udong and Kampong Cham.
- 7 Can we take Kampong Cham first, because you set that in a
- 8 timeframe of September 1973.
- 9 In respect of the evacuation in Kampong Cham, was the information
- 10 you received from interviewees consistent with that being a
- 11 voluntary evacuation or a forced one?
- 12 [09.10.13]
- 13 MR. HEDER:
- 14 A. I'm trying to dredge it up call it up from memory.
- 15 Elements of both. As I and I would add, I wasn't there until
- 16 sometime after the event, so it wasn't, as it was in the case of
- 17 Udong, almost immediately after the event, some time had elapsed.
- 18 And I mean, my recollection is that some people described being
- 19 forcibly removed or described others being forcibly removed, and
- 20 there were some who eventually managed to return, while others
- 21 described not going exactly voluntarily but being willing to go
- 22 under the circumstances of the time. There were some who were
- 23 displaced persons "internally displaced persons" would be the
- 24 current terminology who had come into the Kampong Cham town
- 25 area for various reasons and who were willing to go back to where

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- 1 they had come from.
- 2 But my recollection is that primarily it was by compulsion.
- 3 Q. The same question in respect of Udong when you were there on
- 4 the 19th of March 1974, in terms of forced/voluntary?
- 5 [09.12.05]
- 6 A. My off the top of my head, my recollection of those
- 7 specifics are less clear. I think I only went for a day or two. I
- 8 didn't do extensive interviewing. So I had the sense that people
- 9 were evacuated, as I said yesterday, to the West. But as for the
- 10 details, either I didn't get any or, if I did get them, without
- 11 checking back, I don't remember.
- 12 Q. But in terms of Udong, you said yesterday that Udong was
- 13 "deserted". Can you again just, perhaps, explain that, or give a
- 14 bit of colour, or paint the picture about this "deserted"?
- 15 A. Well, when I arrived at Udong, the town was effectively
- 16 deserted. As I said, there were maybe a couple of dozen people
- 17 who had evaded or somehow evaded the evacuation, either hidden
- 18 -managed to hide themselves or separate themselves from the
- 19 evacuation columns who I spoke to I think it was rather briefly
- 20 but otherwise there was no one there.
- 21 When I went up to the pagoda, where I saw the bodies of the nuns,
- 22 there were no monks left, there was nobody nobody else; there
- 23 were only the bodies, there were nobody alive on the pagoda
- 24 grounds, as far as I can recall. So, both the town and the pagoda
- 25 were empty virtually empty.

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- 1 [09.13.49]
- 2 MR. RAYNOR:
- 3 My final question yesterday was about the evacuation of Phnom
- 4 Penh, and we dealt with, if you remember, Pon's notebook. Can I
- 5 ask you, please, with your folders I don't know where they are
- 6 sorry, they've not been given back.
- 7 Mr. President, can I please give Mr. Heder the folders which
- 8 we've had in safe custody overnight?
- 9 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 10 Yes, you may proceed.
- 11 And court officer is directed to bring these documents to the
- 12 witness, please.
- 13 BY MR. RAYNOR:
- 14 Q. Mr. Heder, can I ask you, please, to look at file 4, tab 1?
- 15 You should have, I hope, "Reassessing", as I call it in its short
- 16 form. Can you confirm that? Yes?
- 17 MR. HEDER:
- 18 A. (Microphone not activated)
- 19 [09.15.26]
- 20 Q. And I'd like you, please, to look at page 6, and it's the
- 21 section leading to footnote 17. This is, to remind everyone,
- 22 E190.1.398.
- 23 And can I ask, please, that all references today, when I give a
- 24 document, are shown on the screen?
- 25 "Also to be abolished into the worker-peasants as part of this

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- 1 uprooting socialist revolution were members of what the official
- 2 CPK class analysis designated 'separate' or 'special class types'
- 3 that did not fit neatly into its broader class [scheme] of
- 4 feudalists, bourgeoisie, petty bourgeoisie, peasants and workers.
- 5 In addition to intellectuals, these other class types included
- 6 Republican soldiers and police, Buddhist monks and 'all
- 7 nationalities' ('chun-cheat', i.e. 'national minorities')."
- 8 Footnote 17 then references two DK cadres notebooks, and
- 9 references are given, from the DC Cam collection, of KNH0010 and
- 10 KNH071.
- 11 So, again, can I ask, please, something about these DK cadres
- 12 notebooks, when you first saw them and, again, just a little bit
- 13 more detail?
- 14 [09.17.32]
- 15 A. This again goes back to a time before the DC Cam cataloguing
- 16 system was settled. DC Cam had in its possession a fairly large
- 17 number of notebooks, mostly old society school copy books that,
- 18 from the content and the style, appeared to me at least to be
- 19 CPK cadres notebooks in which they had notations on meetings they
- 20 had attended or Party study documents they had received, such as
- 21 "Revolutionary Flags" or "Revolutionary Youth". And DC Cam had
- 22 given them a series of temporary cataloguing numbers, which are
- 23 the numbers that I cite.
- 24 So I leafed through these notebooks, looking for things that I
- 25 thought might be interesting, and the material that's in the

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- 1 substance of the text comes from the notebooks that are cited in
- 2 this particular footnote. So, the documents are in Khmer. I did
- 3 my own translation and worked them into my the body of my text.
- 4 MR. RAYNOR:
- 5 Mr. Heder, I think there's a request that you sit slightly closer
- 6 to the microphone if possible.
- 7 Next I'd like to move to a document that's not in your folders.
- 8 This is document E3/387. And can I please hand you a copy of this
- 9 document?
- 10 [09.19.24]
- 11 This is an interview that you confirmed on the first day of
- 12 evidence that you had had with this person. I don't want you to
- 13 name him, I'm not going to name him, but for everyone's benefit,
- 14 TCW 494.
- 15 Mr. President, can I please hand over the record of this
- 16 interview that Mr. Heder had with this individual?
- 17 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 18 You may proceed, indeed.
- 19 And court officer is now directed to bring the hard copies of
- 20 these documents for the witness.
- 21 [09.20.06]
- 22 BY MR. RAYNOR:
- 23 Q. Is your memory refreshed by looking at the first page?
- 24 It's a transcript, again, of this interview.
- 25 Can I start by taking you to your page 4? This is English ERN

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- 1 00350203; French, 00441416; and Khmer, 00379483 through 84. If we
- 2 look at page 4 on yours, Mr. Heder, about two thirds down the
- 3 page there's a sentence beginning, "In July 1975, I went to
- 4 liberate". Do you have that? I'm now going to read it in full:
- 5 "In July 1975, I went to liberate the whole territory and I was
- 6 assigned a new task, serving as Deputy Secretary of Sector 21 and
- 7 head of the Sector 21 Committee in charge of economics,
- 8 administration, education, and organization."
- 9 Again, can you confirm that that's an accurate recording of what
- 10 was said to you in this interview?
- 11 MR. HEDER:
- 12 A. With the caveat that this is not my translation but the
- 13 Court's translation, yes.
- 14 [09.21.42]
- 15 Q. Can I please take you to the next page for you, which is page
- 16 5? English ERN 00350204; Khmer, 00379484 through 85 quote:
- 17 "Now, let's go to the second period starting from 1973 to the
- 18 18th of April 1975. During this period, Pol Pot reformed his
- 19 policy. In reforming the policy, I noticed as follows. The first
- 20 thing was that they raised class issues and class struggle in the
- 21 society. They mentioned 5 classes such as workers, farmers, petty
- 22 bourgeoisie, feudalists, and capitalists. Among the five classes,
- 23 they valued only worker and farmer class, while other classes
- 24 were totally ignored and oppressed. Even middle-class farmers,
- 25 upper-class farmers, petty bourgeoisie, monks, intellectuals were

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- 1 entirely oppressed. We also noticed their dictatorship issues and
- 2 their peasant class."
- 3 Is that an accurate recording or reflection of what was said in
- 4 this interview?
- 5 [09.23.23]
- 6 A. Again with the caveat that this is not my translation, I would
- 7 say, generally, yes.
- 8 I'm somewhat troubled by the use of the word "oppressed". And
- 9 before being confident of confirming the meaning, the sense, I'd
- 10 actually like to see or hear the Khmer. It doesn't quite track
- 11 for me. It could be correct, but it seems slightly peculiar. So,
- 12 with that caveat, yes.
- 13 Q. Mr. Heder, we're having a Khmer version printed off. Perhaps
- 14 if I can move on, and then we'll come back to this point.
- 15 Can we go to the bottom of page 5, same ERNs? The four six
- 16 lines up from the bottom, this extract just setting the time,
- 17 really, it's talking, the extract I mean, you in fact get the
- 18 date two lines from the bottom: "...from 1973 onwards, they had
- 19 conflict with Vietnam." So the person is talking about 1973.
- 20 [09.25.16]
- 21 Can we go over your page, which is onto page 6? English,
- 22 00350205; Khmer, 00379485 through 6; and French, 00441418; top of
- 23 the page:
- 24 "So, they were concerned about the remaining forces doing other
- 25 activities. This time, they mainly used security position, and it

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- 1 was the security position which was relevant to class struggle
- 2 and class dictatorship issues. This is what I would like to
- 3 describe briefly. We noticed another point when monks and pagodas
- 4 were gradually eliminated. Prisoners of war and defectors had
- 5 previously been told that they were allowed to live in certain
- 6 ways. This time, prisoners of war and defectors of Lon Nol were
- 7 wiped out. Belief and religion, for both Cambodians and other
- 8 ethnics, were prohibited. Buddhism and Khmer superstition were
- 9 prohibited as well."
- 10 Again, can you confirm that that is an accurate reflection of
- 11 what you were told in this interview?
- 12 A. Yes, but again, with the same reservation. I'd like to see I
- 13 see I can see the Khmer here, but it would be easier if I had a
- 14 hard copy to deal with.
- 15 [09.27.04]
- 16 MR. RAYNOR:
- 17 The hard the hard copy's coming now.
- 18 Mr. President, can I please hand the hard copy of the Khmer
- 19 version?
- 20 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 21 You may proceed.
- 22 BY MR. RAYNOR:
- 23 Q. Mr. Heder, I'm going to go back to the first "oppressed",
- 24 because that was the first word you mentioned. The Khmer page -
- 25 and these are in the top left hand, in dark old type, the ERN

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- 1 numbers it's "oppressed", I think, you'll find at the very top
- 2 of Khmer page 00379485. The sentence was: "Even middle-class
- 3 farmers, upper-class farmers, petty bourgeoisie, monks,
- 4 intellectuals were entirely oppressed" in the official Court
- 5 translation. English ERN 00350204, page 5.
- 6 [09.29.00]
- 7 MR. HEDER:
- 8 A. The nuance here is that one might one could possibly misread
- 9 the English translation as meaning that these classes the
- 10 classes mentioned were to be oppressed by the Khmer Rouge. It's
- 11 in fact saying that they were among the classes who were
- 12 oppressed by the exploiting classes of the old society.
- 13 Q. And the second part, the sentence I was interested in this
- 14 is on English page 6, Khmer page 00379485, and it's towards the
- 15 bottom of that page, and the phrase I was interested in, in terms
- 16 of translation or this time, "Prisoners of war and defectors of
- 17 Lon Nol were wiped out."
- 18 A. Yes. This is a phrase which I conventionally translate as
- 19 "swept cleanly away".
- 20 [09.30.40]
- 21 Q. Thank you. That's a phrase many of us are familiar with.
- 22 Can I take you back to the English now, but have the Khmer to
- 23 hand. It's in the middle of page 6, this is oh, I've already
- 24 given the ERNs.
- 25 "We were ordered to fight at 1 a.m. on the 31st of December..."

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- 1 It says 1974, but can you check the Khmer as to whether it's -
- 2 yes, 31st of December 1974.
- 3 "...and the war had to be over on the 30th of June 1975. So, they
- 4 held a meeting to realize attacks on every battlefield. At that
- 5 time, did they succeed? Generally speaking, qunfire was broken
- 6 out on all battlefields on the 1st of January 1975 at 1 a.m., as
- 7 planned."
- 8 Again, can you confirm that that's an accurate reflection of what
- 9 you were told in this interview?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 [09.32.05]
- 12 Q. Still on the same page, still the same ERNs:
- 13 "During the attacks, Pol Pot estimated that victory would be
- 14 achieved in February 1975, and he disseminated the information
- 15 down to all districts and sectors. He ordered all districts and
- 16 sectors to build houses for people to be evacuated from Phnom
- 17 Penh or provincial towns to countryside. During that time, they
- 18 announced that Phnom Penh dwellers were to be evacuated, so in
- 19 February 1975, they disseminated the information to all districts
- 20 and sectors to build houses for those soon-to-come deportees."
- 21 And I'll carry on because the next bit is also relevant: "Nearly
- 22 2 months later, the country was liberated. In..."
- 23 No, I'm going to pause there. Can you confirm that that's an
- 24 accurate description of what you were told?
- 25 [09.33.50]

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- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. I'm moving on to another general subject now. I'd like you to
- 3 put that statement to one side, but we are coming back to it
- 4 later on. The topic is Command and Authority Structure, file 4,
- 5 tab 3. You should have one page; is that correct? E number:
- 6 E131/1/13.3. This is an extract from your book, entitled "Racism,
- 7 Marxism, Labelling and Genocide in Ben Kiernan's 'The Pol Pot
- 8 Regime'". You should have page 32 in bold at the top. It's
- 9 talking about the concept of Party Centre, and you state that "it
- 10 was inherited by the CPK from the Chinese and Vietnamese
- 11 Communists", and the footnote 48 states:
- 12 "In Chinese and Vietnamese Communist parlance, 'Centre' refers to
- 13 the 'highest leading structures of Party organizations' and of
- 14 the 'country's political authority' in the state sphere,
- 15 including the Party Central Committee and its various
- 16 'departments', the central government, and other administrative
- 17 bodies at the 'central echelon'."
- 18 [09.35.53]
- 19 You then refer in footnote 48 and I can't pronounce them, but
- 20 you refer to a 1971 document in Beijing, a Hanoi University Press
- 21 document from 1986, and a Hanoi document from 1978. Can you
- 22 confirm that you read those documents and that they were your
- 23 source?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. Mr. Heder, in the documents that you have looked at in

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- 1 Chinese, Vietnamese, and Cambodian, have you ever encountered the
- 2 term "Party Centre" as the Party Central Committee?
- 3 A. Oh! Sorry, I didn't see it.
- 4 The I think the answer to that is that yes, but only in the
- 5 sense that the Party Central Committee is one of a number of
- 6 bodies that could be described or could be referred to by this
- 7 phrase, "the Centre". The "Centre" refers to a level within the
- 8 Party hierarchy or structure and not necessarily to any specific
- 9 body of that level either all of them, or some of them, or one
- 10 of them. So, the phrase, in and of itself, "Party Centre", is
- 11 somewhat ambiguous.
- 12 [09.37.53]
- 13 Q. Thank you.
- 14 File 4, tab 4 so, your existing file, tab 4. Document number
- 15 E348, "Seven Candidates". Can you please go to page 46? When I
- 16 say page 46 you don't have the whole of the document, but if
- 17 you look at the pages that you do have, they are paged in the top
- of the document. Do you have the page 46? Thank you.
- 19 It's reference to the Statutes, and you say this:
- 20 "The Statutes declared that the Central Committee's duties
- 21 included 'implementation of the Party's lines ... throughout the
- 22 country', giving instructions to all its subordinate 'zone,
- 23 sector, and municipal organizations and to the Party organs
- 24 taking responsibility for various nation-wide departments', and
- 25 'administering and deploying cadre and Party members within the

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- 1 Party as a whole ... while maintaining a clear and constant grasp
- 2 on their biographies and political, ideological, and
- 3 organizational stances and constantly educating and
- 4 indoctrinating them in terms of politics, ideology, and
- 5 organization."
- 6 We know the document very well; it has case E3 number E3/214.
- 7 [09.39.47]
- 8 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 9 Mr. Prosecutor, please hold on.
- 10 Counsel Victor Koppe, you may proceed.
- 11 MR. KOPPE:
- 12 Thank you, Mr. President. Good morning, Your Honours. Good
- 13 morning, Counsel.
- 14 We're reaching now a topic of questioning in which we would
- 15 require a ruling from the Chamber.
- 16 I have not an objection to the way of the phrasing of the
- 17 question, in particular. The Prosecution is referring to a book
- 18 which is on the case file. The Prosecution is asking the witness,
- 19 presumably, about the source in the footnote.
- 20 [09.40.30]
- 21 However, this book is called "Seven Candidates for Prosecution"
- 22 and, obviously, has been written with a certain purpose in mind.
- 23 Maybe the witness at one point will elaborate on the why on the
- 24 reasons why he wrote this book. But, obviously, the title of the
- 25 book itself, "Seven Candidates for Prosecution", suggests that

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- 1 the book was written with the intent to present evidence in
- 2 relation to not only Khieu Samphan, but also our client.
- 3 So we have now here a situation that we have a witness who has
- 4 extensive role who played an extensive role in the
- 5 investigation now being asked questions about a book which is, in
- 6 essence, a plaidoyer for prosecuting and, ultimately, convicting
- 7 our client. So, although not objecting, in a technical sense, as
- 8 to the way the questions were phrase, I do object that we now get
- 9 into a situation that this witness is basically talking about
- 10 this book, why these people, including our clients, should be
- 11 prosecuted.
- 12 So I would like to have a ruling of Your Chamber as to the
- 13 lawfulness, so to speak, in respect of questions to this witness
- 14 about this specific book.
- 15 [09.42.12]
- 16 MR. RAYNOR:
- 17 Mr. President, Your Honours, can I make it plain, as I hope I did
- 18 yesterday, that I will not be asking Mr. Heder any opinions based
- 19 on this book.
- 20 This book has been admitted in evidence. Objections were
- 21 submitted and ruled upon. It is on the case file; it has an E3
- 22 number. It is therefore, on the face of it, relevant and
- 23 reliable.
- 24 There may be need for a ruling if I was stressing opinion; I'm
- 25 not. I'm continuing the practice that I have now undertaken for a

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- 1 day and an hour in accordance with the Trial Chamber's direction,
- 2 of reading statements from books and asking questions about
- 3 sources. That will continue to be my practice throughout this
- 4 examination, and I ask, please, to proceed in the manner that I
- 5 have already been conducting my examination.
- 6 Can I add, I've not even asked the question yet.
- 7 (Judges deliberate)
- 8 [09.45.15]
- 9 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 10 I hand over the floor to Judge Silvia Cartwright to clarify the
- 11 ruling of the Chamber concerning the objection by the defence
- 12 team for Mr. Nuon Chea in relation to the questioning by the
- 13 prosecutor based on the books and statements. Judge, you may
- 14 proceed.
- 15 JUDGE CARTWRIGHT:
- 16 Thank you, President.
- 17 The Chamber has decided that the objection is not sustained.
- 18 First, the book is on the case file and has been assigned an E3
- 19 number.
- 20 And secondly, if the objection is to the probative value of the
- 21 book, then that is a matter for the Chamber, ultimately, to
- 22 determine.
- 23 Thank you, President.
- 24 [09.46.15]
- 25 BY MR. RAYNOR:

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- 1 Q. How many versions are you aware of, of these Statutes?
- 2 MR. HEDER:
- 3 A. I have a couple of originals or what I believe are originals
- 4 in my possession and a number of copies, which I have always
- 5 presumed were the same document, in my possession as well. I know
- 6 DC Cam has some originals and/or copies on file. There are other
- 7 originals and copies floating around in various places. Maybe -
- 8 David Chandler, I presume, has one, or the other, or both. There
- 9 are others who've studied the matter who have one, or the other,
- 10 or both.
- 11 If the question is, are there alternate versions? If so, I
- 12 haven't been aware of that.
- 13 Q. And based on your factual research not opinion, not
- 14 speculation when were these Statutes adopted?
- 15 [09.47.43]
- 16 A. I'm sure I've been told somewhere along the line, in
- 17 interviews, that it was January 1976, and I'm pretty sure there
- 18 is also a reference to that fact in "Revolutionary Flag" or
- 19 "Revolutionary Youth" "Revolutionary Youth" from around this
- 20 period.
- 21 Q. And do you remember when we were you were giving evidence in
- 22 Cambodian Communism about the 1960 Congress and adoption of
- 23 statutes? Can you confirm that statutes were featuring in 1960?
- 24 A. Yes, presuming we can believe what Pol Pot, Nuon Chea, and
- 25 others have said. They themselves have said as much.

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- 1 Q. File 4, tab 1, page 12 English ERN 00661466; Khmer,
- 2 00830775; French, 00792925. It's in reference, if it helps
- 3 everyone, to footnote 64. Sorry, I should say, reassessing in its
- 4 short form E190.1.398.
- 5 "To a great extent, however, the linkage between the Centre and
- 6 the districts was mediated via zones and sectors. Leading zone
- 7 and sector cadre came to Phnom Penh for regular meetings and
- 8 special consultations with Pol and Nuon, and there was also much
- 9 written communication back and forth between the Centre and the
- 10 zones."
- 11 [09.50.17]
- 12 Footnote 65 then references Ke Pauk interview, and you go on to
- 13 say this is in fact, sorry, in footnote 14, which will be back
- on page on page 5. So it's it's inserting, here also,
- 15 footnote 14 to give context to the Ke Pauk interview. And so you
- 16 say:
- 17 "In an interview with the author [Heder] on the 22nd of February
- 18 2001 in Siem Reap, Cambodia, Pauk agreed to discuss evidence
- 19 against himself and others, on the condition that his remarks not
- 20 be made public while he was alive."
- 21 And then in terms of what he said:
- 22 "He conceded that as Secretary of the CPK North (later Central)
- 23 Zone Committee, he had implemented a CPK policy of killing Khmer
- 24 Republic officials, initiated the arrest and ordered the
- 25 execution of alleged 'traitors' among CPK members subordinated to

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- 1 him, and followed orders from Nuon to 'assist' in the arrest of
- 2 other alleged 'traitors' in the CPK ranks, whom he knew would be
- 3 executed after interrogation by the CPK security service
- 4 headquarters, S-21, in Phnom Penh.
- 5 "Pauk's admissions with regard to initiating arrests were
- 6 corroborated in an interview by the author with the former
- 7 third-ranked member of the North Zone Committee, Pech Chheang,
- 8 alias Thau, on the 14th to15th of May 2001 in Anlong Veaeng,
- 9 Cambodia."
- 10 [09.53.38]
- 11 My first question is: Is what you've stated an accurate
- 12 reflection of what Ke Pauk told you in the interview you had with
- 13 him?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Little bit more context: Ke Pauk, Secretary of the CPK North -
- 16 later Central Zone Committee, a little bit more information,
- 17 but not a life history?
- 18 A. Yes. He was from around May '75 Secretary of the North Zone
- 19 later re-designated the Central Zone, a member of the Central
- 20 Committee through the end of the period of Khmer Rouge rule, fell
- 21 somewhat out of favour with the top leadership after January
- 22 1979, and was eventually placed into a form of semi-retirement,
- 23 broke away from the Khmer Rouge in the late nineties I think it
- 24 was '98 and was made a general officer in the Government Army.
- 25 And this particular interview was, in fact, arranged for me by

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- 1 General Pol Saroeun, who's currently Commander-in-Chief Supreme
- 2 Commander of the Cambodian Armed Forces.
- 3 [09.55.34]
- 4 Q. Mr. President, subject to a direction or an application from
- 5 the Court well, can I ask Mr. Heder the question: is the
- 6 interview you had with Ke Pauk recorded in anyway?
- 7 A. Handwritten notes only, no tape recording.
- 8 Q. Where are the handwritten notes? And could they be sent here
- 9 today or over the weekend?
- 10 A. I don't have them with me. They're somewhere in the U.K., I
- 11 suppose.
- 12 Q. If on a direction, if it was given by the President, that you
- 13 would be given any available resources here to assist in
- 14 obtaining that, would it be possible?
- 15 A. The answer to that question is, there is 45 filing cabinets
- 16 scattered around various places in and around London. I don't
- 17 know which filing cabinet they're in. It wouldn't be easy; it
- 18 would take time.
- 19 Q. All right, thank you.
- 20 The second interview that you mention in other words, to use
- 21 your phrase, "Pauk's admissions with regards to initiating
- 22 arrests were corroborated in an interview with Pech Chheang,
- 23 alias Thau" how was that interview organized? And how was it
- 24 recorded?
- 25 [09.57.30]

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- 1 A. This person was after January 1979 was Democratic Kampuchea
- 2 Ambassador to China, and I met him in Beijing in late 1978, so he
- 3 and I were acquainted. In 2001, I approached him directly him
- 4 and his wife directly in Anlong Veaeng, and he agreed to speak
- 5 to me. Again, no tape recording, only handwritten notes, and the
- 6 same situation, I'm afraid, as with those of the interview of
- 7 Ke Pauk.
- 8 Q. And for completeness, one of the other sources that you gave
- 9 in the footnotes was the "Minutes of the Quorum of the Meeting on
- 10 Grassroots Work", 8th of March 1976; we're well familiar with
- 11 this document, E3/232.
- 12 Still in the document we're assessing, page 13, please, and it's
- 13 in reference to footnotes 68 and 69: "Zone secretaries provided
- 14 information to the Centre about the situation in their areas of
- 15 responsibility, demonstrating that the zones were 'keeping track
- 16 of all activities' right down to the district level and assessing
- 17 the zones' 'right and wrong experiences' in implementation of
- 18 Party policies."
- 19 [09.59.17]
- 20 And in support of that, there is reference to two telegrams. They
- 21 are, on our file, E3/952 and E3/871.
- 22 Now, Mr. Heder, with telegrams as a body of information-
- 23 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 24 Mr. Co-Prosecutor, could you please repeat the ERN or the
- 25 identification of the document again to be properly recorded?

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- 1 BY MR. RAYNOR:
- 2 Yes. Forgive me, Mr. President. I'm going to give a little bit
- 3 more detail: E3/952, telegram 94 that was from Pauk to Pol, the
- 4 2nd of April 1976; and E3/871, which is telegram 21 of the 21st
- 5 of March 1976. The book is E190.3 sorry, I'll start again:
- 6 E190.1.398. It's on the subject of telegrams.
- 7 Q. Now, can you help us as to when you first got to see if we
- 8 call it broadly "CPK telegrams" that relate to the DK period?
- 9 MR. HEDER:
- 10 A. Late 1990s, at DC-Cam.
- 11 [10.01.05]
- 12 Q. Thank you. On the same book, E190.1.398 it relates to
- 13 footnote 70: "According to the Party Statutes, Zone Party
- 14 Committees were to lead and implement policy down to the district
- 15 level and below."
- 16 And your sources are: E3/214, "The Statutes". You refer to
- 17 Article 19 your translation:
- 18 "As Pol explained it, all problems were up to the Party in each
- 19 locality, but leading cadre of higher echelons must also involve
- 20 themselves in local work, with zone cadre helping district cadre
- 21 to direct it."
- 22 You then refer to our document E3/135, which is a report in the
- 23 "Revolutionary Flags" of June 1976, and E3/8, which was a
- 24 collection of documents authored Ben Kiernan and Chandler, "Pol
- 25 Pot Plans for the Future".

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- 1 [10.02.45]
- 2 I have two questions here. This is about policy going down to the
- 3 district level and below. From the interviews and direct contact
- 4 you had with interviewees, did you gather any information that
- 5 this, in fact, had happened?
- 6 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 7 Mr. Heder, could you please hold on?
- 8 And, Counsel Koppe, you may now proceed.
- 9 MR. KOPPE:
- 10 Thank you, Mr. President.
- 11 The prosecutor is getting craftier and craftier in formulating
- 12 the questions in such a way that it is a question, in strict
- 13 terms, to a witness, but lift the veil of the question, and it is
- 14 obviously a question to the opinion of this witness. We can all
- 15 pretend today as we have as we have done yesterday, that these
- 16 are questions to a witness, but we can all see that this question
- 17 is nothing less than a question soliciting the opinion of an
- 18 expert well-crafted as it is, but that's in fact what we are
- 19 doing today, Mr. President. That's why object.
- 20 [10.04.17]
- 21 MR. RAYNOR:
- 22 While thank Mr. Koppe for his compliment on my crafting. It's not
- 23 opinion to say to somebody, "From the interview you had with a
- 24 person face-to-face, that you were directly involved in, did you
- 25 obtain factual information about this subject?" I'm not asking

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- 1 for his own opinion, I'm not asking him to speculate; I'm asking
- 2 him as I have, I think, on probably half a dozen occasions
- 3 already, without objection to say, "From the interviews you had
- 4 not what people told you, not speculating, not giving an
- 5 opinion can you help the Court?"
- 6 This isn't expert evidence, it's not opinion, and I ask to be
- 7 able to proceed.
- 8 [10.05.30]
- 9 MR. KOPPE:
- 10 Mr. President, if I may briefly, briefly reply, if we were to
- 11 treat Mr. Heder as a real witness, we would ask, "What has this
- 12 person told you?" Full stop. Now, what we are doing is sort of
- 13 asking him to summarize the things that have been told by him or
- 14 that he has read in documents, and then invite him to give an
- 15 answer. That is exactly what we are doing when we are asking an
- 16 expert.
- 17 So, I mean, we can all pretend, like I said, that we are not
- 18 doing it, but we are doing it.
- 19 MR. RAYNOR:
- 20 Mr. President, my question was: From the interviews and direct
- 21 contact you had with interviewees, did you gather any information
- 22 that this had happened? I wasn't asking about documents and I did
- 23 that for a deliberate reason: interviews, direct interviews not
- 24 comment on documents. My questions about documents have been to
- 25 authenticate or to explain the footnotes, not to give opinion

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- 1 about documents. My question was about interviews.
- 2 (Judges deliberate)
- 3 [10.07.38]
- 4 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 5 The objection by counsel for Mr. Nuon Chea regarding the line of
- 6 questioning by the Co-Prosecutor is not appropriate and not
- 7 sustained.
- 8 The Witness, Mr. Heder, you may now respond to the question if
- 9 you still recollect the question being asked.
- 10 BY MR. RAYNOR:
- 11 Q. You confirmed an extract, "According to the Party Statutes,
- 12 Zone Party Committees were to lead and implement policy down to
- 13 the district level and below."
- 14 From the interviews you had and direct contract you had with
- 15 interviewees, did you gather any information that this had
- 16 happened?
- 17 [10.08.40]
- 18 MR. HEDER:
- 19 A. From the interviews and indeed summarizing, in a sense I
- 20 think the most precise answer to that question is that, yes, the
- 21 interviews generally described the formal policy as being what is
- 22 laid out here from the documentation, but at the same time the
- 23 interviews often indicated that formal policy and formal
- 24 structures didn't operate as they were supposed to operate on
- 25 paper. So, yes and no.

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- 1 Q. Thank you. Still within the same document, which is
- 2 E190.1.398, moving onto footnotes 71 and 72:
- 3 "It was up to the zone leadership to grasp the line of the Party
- 4 Centre and ensure that districts and other localities followed
- 5 it, which meant zone secretaries had the power to give
- 6 instructions to all sectors and districts."
- 7 And in respect of that, you refer to our document E3/8, which was
- 8 a Pol Pot document, "Preliminary Explanation before Reading the
- 9 Plan by the Party Centre", 21st August 1976, and telegram 15,
- 10 with respect to "Beloved Brother Pol Pot". Can you confirm that
- 11 those were the sources to support that statement in the book?
- 12 [10.10.48]
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Footnotes 73 and 74, same document, E190.1.398:
- 15 "In exercise of this authority, zone secretaries and other
- 16 leading zone cadre convened frequent meetings of cadre down to
- 17 the district level, regularly sent written communications to the
- 18 district and other local levels..."
- 19 Now, in respect of that, footnote 73 states:
- 20 "At such meetings, zone cadre reviewed districts' past work and
- 21 did forward planning, passing on the line from the Centre,
- 22 explaining Party policies and urging their implementation, giving
- 23 their own instructions and 'sorting out' specific problems."
- 24 And, here again, you refer to the Ke Pauk interview. Is that the
- 25 same interview that you've already discussed?

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- 1 [10.12.16]
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. And there's another document I'll read it in. It's not on
- 4 our case file. It's: 1.6, "Commander of the Standing Committee of
- 5 Zone 203 sends to sector, district, sub-district level Party
- 6 leaders", 26th of November 1975; and also 1.64, "Sector 23 sends
- 7 to districts and sector military headquarters", and the date of
- 8 that document is the 22nd of October 1975.
- 9 In brackets, after each of those documents, there are the letters
- 10 "BDN". Now, excuse me if you've already referred to "BDN", but
- 11 what is "BDN", in terms of these sources?
- 12 A. It's a to my understanding, it's a cataloguing number from
- 13 the Vietnamese archives.
- 14 Q. And how did you have access to this information to be able to
- 15 rely on it in the book?
- 16 A. That's explained in another footnote which I don't which is
- 17 I saw a second ago. It's in it's in the text that's in the
- 18 folder.
- 19 But, basically, the story is that I was given a set of Vietnamese
- 20 language documents and Vietnamese language indexes to documents
- 21 by Christopher Goscha, who's a scholar who works on Vietnamese,
- 22 Cambodian, and mainland Southeast Asian historical relations. And
- 23 these were copies of documents that he and a fellow scholar had
- 24 gotten obtained while on research in Vietnam.
- 25 [10.14.41]

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- 1 So, there were two kinds of two kinds of documents: there were
- 2 full Vietnamese translations of what were said to be Khmer Rouge
- 3 documents in Vietnamese' possession, and then there was also an
- 4 index to other in Vietnamese of other documents that were
- 5 said to be in Vietnamese' possession.
- 6 And then those materials were translated for me, including the
- 7 index by Richard Arant, who used to work here at the Court.
- 8 Q. I think there may be reference to Richard Arant later, but
- 9 we'll see. Thank you.
- 10 Same document, footnote 78, this is E190.1.398: "Sectors also
- 11 sent documentary quidance to districts..."
- 12 Each of the footnotes, again, refers to a number of documents, so
- 13 I'll just shorthand them: 1.55, 1.6, 1.64, 1.50. And, again,
- 14 "BDN" and you've now just described that collection, and you
- 15 confirm that it's the same collection we've just covered.
- 16 [10.16.07]
- 17 A. Yes, it's the same set of Vietnamese language documents.
- 18 Q. I'd like to move now to a separate topic. It's going to help
- 19 you to have file 2 available, and the topic is "Enemies".
- 20 (Short pause)
- 21 [10.17.00]
- 22 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 23 Court Officer, you may approach the witness if he needs help.
- 24 Okay, so it's fine now. So, Co-Prosecutor, you may now proceed.
- 25 BY MR. RAYNOR:

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- 1 Thank you, Mr. President.
- 2 Q. File 2, tab 1, document number E31714. Can you please go to
- 3 page 66 English ERN 00170757; Khmer, 00324776 through 77; and
- 4 French, 00649019 through 20? It's at the bottom of page 66 for
- 5 you, Mr. Heder, and there's reference to number 33: "March the
- 6 16th of 1980, Mai Rut location. Source: ex-soldier from Angk
- 7 Snuol area."
- 8 [10.18.26]
- 9 If we move onto the next page I've already given the ERNs -
- 10 this statement from this person: "In 1972 there were lots of Lon
- 11 Nol soldiers captured, about 500 of them. All were executed, none
- 12 were forgiven."
- 13 Can you confirm that that's an accurate recording of what you
- 14 were told in this interview?
- 15 MR. HEDER:
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. When we say "soldier" the reference just says "ex-soldier
- 18 from Angk Snuol area", but I wonder, is he was, we know if I
- 19 can take you to page 67, ERNs already given, there's a reference
- 20 to "as a former Lon Nol soldier", he was kept careful track of";
- 21 and toward the bottom of the page: "As a former Lon Nol solder, I
- 22 was under watch by 'nokorbal'. It would keep track of my
- 23 movements and listen to what I said."
- 24 Is that correct?
- 25 [10.20.04]

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- 1 A. Yes. And the distinction here is that in Khmer Rouge parlance,
- 2 the word "soldier" was normally used to refer to Khmer Republic
- 3 military personnel; they referred to their own military personnel
- 4 as "combatants."
- 5 Q. In the same collection so we're still in E3/1714, page 43-
- 6 Do you have interview number 23, page 43?
- 7 Interview number 23, March the 10th, 1980. Location: "Sa Keo.
- 8 Source: Um Samang, from 'Tambon' 21, Eastern Region." And he says
- 9 in the second paragraph-
- 10 Sorry; I should give the ERNs: English ERN 00170734; Khmer,
- 11 00324742 through 3; and French, 00648998 through 9 for the
- 12 first two pages.
- 13 But in the second paragraph, Um Samang: "During the war period, I
- 14 was in the military in the Regional troops, right from 1970."
- 15 [10.22.00]
- 16 Can I take you to your page 46 English ERN 00170737; French,
- 17 00649000 through 01; Khmer, 00324746:
- 18 "The people were perplexed and afraid. They could not understand
- 19 how all the cadres throughout the country could be traitors. It
- 20 was not only the big cadres who were arrested, but whole strings
- 21 of cadres all the way down to the lowest level. The people knew
- 22 that something was terribly wrong but they were afraid to do
- 23 anything for fear of being arrested themselves.
- 24 "The method of arrest is always to call someone in for study
- 25 sessions. If people refuse to come, they were told that it is

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- 1 their duty to attend the sessions. People were not arrested in
- 2 their bases of power, but at the Centre, where the person to be
- 3 arrested is the regional committee secretary or military
- 4 secretary. He is called to a place to study and arrested. The
- 5 same method was used against Lon Nol officers in 1975. They were
- 6 asked to go to meet the Organization voluntarily and offered
- 7 forgiveness but then just taken away and executed.
- 8 "There was special security unit attached to the Central
- 9 Committee, which was responsible for all this. At the central
- 10 level, regular forces in Phnom Penh simply turned people over to
- 11 the security unit. But in fact, the specialized security unit
- 12 existed on all levels, from the Central Committee down through
- 13 the regions, the "tambons", and districts. Each was responsible
- 14 for security and thus for execution at its own level."
- 15 Can you confirm that that is what you were told in this
- 16 interview?
- 17 [10.24.55]
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Same body of information, so E3/1714. Mr. Heder, you need to
- 20 turn to page 25. Do you have interview number 15? 7th of March
- 21 1980, Sakeo English ERN 00170716; Khmer, 00324712; French,
- 22 00648981 through 82. "The source: former courier for Chey Suon,
- 23 also known as Non Suon."
- 24 Can you please explain to the Court again, just very briefly, who
- 25 Non Suon was?

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- 1 A. A veteran Communist from the late forties or early fifties
- 2 who, after April 1975, was the Chairman of the Agriculture
- 3 Committee at the Centre level, the equivalent of the Minister of
- 4 Agriculture.
- 5 [10.26.41]
- 6 Q. Thank you. Your page 28 English ERN 00170719; Khmer,
- 7 00324717; French, 00648984:
- 8 "In 'Tambon' 25, we were told to prepare for evacuees from Phnom
- 9 Penh only on the 18th of April 1975. We were instructed to
- 10 prepare food, water, and lodging for the evacuees, to slaughter
- 11 animals, to feed them, and give them co-op rice. Each district
- 12 was assigned a quota of a number of evacuees they should accept.
- 13 We were told that their presence would be temporary. We were told
- 14 that if the evacuees caused a burden in the co-ops, they should
- 15 go to the 'khum', or district committees, to ask for surplus to
- 16 solve the problem. Among those evacuees, the former Lon Nol
- 17 soldiers, especially the officers, were to be considered
- 18 enemies."
- 19 Is that an accurate record of what you were told in this
- 20 interview?
- 21 A. Yes, and in conjunction with what's in the remainder of the
- 22 paragraph.
- 23 Q. Same folder, tab 6, document number E3/390. I don't want to
- 24 give the name for the moment because I it's being checked. But
- 25 this interview, E3/390, can you just confirm that on the front

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- page, "Interviewer: Steve Heder"?
- 2 A. I'm just checking to see whether there might be a mistake in
- 3 the attribution of the name of the interviewee. So if you give me
- 4 a couple of minutes?
- 5 (Short pause)
- 6 [10.30.21]
- 7 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 8 Thank you, Mr. Heder and Mr. Co-Prosecutor.
- 9 Since it is now appropriate moment for the adjournment, the
- 10 Chamber will adjourn for 20 minutes. The next session will be
- 11 resumed by 10 to 11.00.
- 12 Court officer is now directed to assist Mr. Heder during the
- 13 adjournment and have him return to the courtroom when the next
- 14 session resumes. And please have ask him to also examine the
- 15 document. And we believe that he may take the best advantage of
- 16 this adjournment to review the document.
- 17 Thank you.
- 18 (Court recesses from 1031H to 1053H)
- 19 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 20 Please be seated. The Court is now back in session.
- 21 Mr. Co-Prosecutor, you may now proceed putting more questions to
- 22 Mr. Heder. You may proceed.
- 23 [10.53.50]
- 24 BY MR. RAYNOR:
- 25 Thank you, Mr. President.

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- 1 Q. Mr. Heder, before I ask you questions about the document you
- 2 have in your hand, I want to just clear up something from the
- 3 last document. So it was the same file file 2 tab 1, page 28.
- 4 This is, again, E3/1714. I read out part of an extract, and you
- 5 said it needed to be read in the context of the whole paragraph.
- 6 And so, after the words "among those evacuees, the former Lon Nol
- 7 soldiers, especially officers, were to be considered enemies", it
- 8 goes on to state: "Among soldiers, only those responsible for
- 9 lots of killing were supposed to be considered enemies. Other
- 10 than ministers, civil servants were not supposed to be considered
- 11 enemies."
- 12 Can you confirm that that was what you were told in this
- 13 interview?
- 14 MR. HEDER:
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 [10.55.13]
- 17 Q. I'd like now to move on to the document that you had in your
- 18 hand, which is the one that you were considering over the break.
- 19 This was document E3/390 and it's the one that, I think, you took
- 20 out with you. Can you confirm that you have that?
- 21 A. (Microphone not activated)
- 22 Q. And my first question is we obviously have a name on the
- 23 document. This is file 2, tab 6. From reading the statement, are
- 24 you able to help us as to whether the name that we have on the
- 25 document is the correct name, or if it is somebody else?

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- 1 A. I'm I read glanced through the whole document, and yes, I
- 2 think it's the person named at the top on the first page.
- 3 MR. RAYNOR:
- 4 Mr. President, there is no pseudonym for this person.
- 5 And with your permission, can I please refer to this person by
- 6 name?
- 7 (Judges deliberate)
- 8 [10.56.48]
- 9 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 10 You may proceed without any problem, please.
- 11 BY MR. RAYNOR:
- 12 Thank you, Mr. President. The name we have is Mat Ly.
- 13 Q. Now, can I take you first of all to page 30 English ERN
- 14 00436875; Khmer, 00392106 through 07; I apologize, I do not
- 15 appear to have oh, I do, in fact no, I don't have a French
- 16 ERN, forgive me. This is, I would anticipate, on the last page of
- 17 the French version. In explaining, certainly, his position, at
- 18 some stage he says: "I was in a district committee and I was a
- 19 member of the Standing Committee of the Assembly too."
- 20 Is that correct? Is that what you were told in this interview?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 [10.58.03]
- 23 Q. Can I ask you to turn to your page 22, towards the bottom of
- 24 the page or two thirds a sentence beginning: "Domestic
- 25 policy..." Do you have that?

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- 1 I'm now going to read this extract:
- 2 "Domestic policy. Starting from this, it was imperative to dig
- 3 the trunks out by the roots, dig out both trunks and roots, the
- 4 city people. They researched those people, and if they had even
- 5 been first lieutenants, second lieutenants or had worked in the
- 6 courts, they were killed. That was what they called ... to be able
- 7 to kill them. They designated them all as 'enemies': they had
- 8 served the three enemies. First, CIA henchmen. By CIA they meant
- 9 belonged to the American CIA. Second, the KGB, Soviet agents.
- 10 Third, the Yuon. They made these determinations to facilitate the
- 11 killing. So then, the arrested people: In your questions you
- 12 asked, 'Was there any possibility of preventing this?' They
- 13 arrested people. I was district committee level. I was also a
- 14 member of the Assembly. Just ask them why? They said CIA. Just
- 15 ask them why? They said Yuon major. Just ask why? They said KGB.
- 16 That was all pre-determined. Starting from that came the killing,
- 17 the continuous killings that began after the liberation in 1975
- 18 until we liberate the country in 1979."
- 19 Can you confirm that that was what you were told in this
- 20 interview?
- 21 [11.00.31]
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. It goes on, on the same page, next sentence:
- 24 "But I suggest that you examine the killing. If they had killed
- 25 just the adults and the educated and specifically people who had

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- 1 been soldiers, and if those people actually had been spies, we
- 2 would not say anything. But when they learned about teachers,
- 3 students, veteran government officials, veteran doctors, they
- 4 killed them all. So, I ask, why do so many intellectuals remain?
- 5 From what I have learned, they all had hidden their personal
- 6 histories. Also, their working methods were superb. Their methods
- 7 of searching these people out were: 'Speak frankly. What do you
- 8 know? What level? What work? We will [send you] up an equal
- 9 position for you and send you back to work.' So then, Cambodian
- 10 people are very honest in what they say and write. Writing those
- 11 personal histories was suicide. But some people were not
- 12 satisfied and figured it out, they and said that they had been
- 13 pedicab drivers, workers; some of them were able to save
- 14 themselves."
- 15 Can you confirm that that was what you were told in this
- 16 interview?
- 17 [11.02.08]
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Still on the same interview, page 29 English ERN 00436874;
- 20 Khmer, 00392105; I have the French for this page, 00479818:
- 21 "I personally saw the killing beginning in 1975 when he it's a
- 22 reference to Pol Pot- had full power in his hands. That was when
- 23 it began. Like I said earlier, ask them and they said CIA. Ask
- 24 them and they said lieutenant colonel, second lieutenant. And the
- 25 Cham brothers and sisters I am Cham too they led them away by

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- 1 their necks. They did not let them sit. They did not let them
- 2 sleep. And they did not let their police and their military sit
- 3 either. They arrested cadres one after another, the masses, the
- 4 combatants."
- 5 Can you confirm that that was what you were told in this
- 6 interview?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 [11.04.15]
- 9 MR. RAYNOR:
- 10 I'd like you to move, please, to file 2, tab 5 again, not to
- 11 give the name of this person, but the it's the first page after
- 12 tab 5. The English ERN is 00352076. The document number is
- 13 D224.81. So this is the document.
- 14 Mr. President, again, no pseudonym. Can I please refer to this
- 15 person by name?
- 16 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 17 Yes, you may proceed.
- 18 BY MR. RAYNOR:
- 19 Q. The person is called Ream Di R-E-A-M D-I. He states:
- 20 "The Northwest Zone killed a lot after 17 April 1975. The
- 21 evacuation of Battambang was not yet complete when the Northwest
- 22 Zone cadres begin killing people in the evacuation columns. They
- 23 killed those in the military and civil service with rank. These
- 24 were taken away and killed."
- 25 Is that what you were told in this interview?

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- 1 [11.06.28]
- 2 MR. HEDER:
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. I'd like you to move back to a document that you had in your
- 5 hand, that we covered earlier. It is, for us, document number
- 6 E3/387. This was from TCW-494. If it helps you, the first number
- 7 in the top left of the page is 00350200. "TCW-494" is written on
- 8 the first page. Can I take you, please, to page 6 English ERN
- 9 00350205; Khmer, 00379486; French, 00441418; at the bottom of
- 10 your page, Mr. Heder: "In April..."
- 11 And that's a reference to 1975 from the preceding paragraph:
- 12 "In April, Pol Pot issued another secret policy; that was, wiping
- 13 out all elements in the Lon Nol regime. With respect to civilian
- 14 local administrators, they would be purged from sub-district
- 15 level to upper echelon. Regarding soldiers, they would be swept
- 16 clean from second lieutenants up to generals."
- 17 Can you confirm that that was what you were told in this
- 18 interview?
- 19 [11.08.54]
- 20 A. Can I have the Khmer ERN again, please? Oh, here it is. I've
- 21 got it now. Thanks.
- 22 Q. Yes, the Khmer ERN 00379486, and I would anticipate it's
- 23 probably towards the bottom of that page. We have it now. It can
- 24 go on the screen.
- 25 MR. KOPPE:

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- 1 Sorry to interrupt. We have been missing the document that we are
- 2 speaking about everybody here.
- 3 MR. RAYNOR:
- 4 E3/387.
- 5 [11.10.46]
- 6 MR. HEDER:
- 7 A. Yes. The English is could be slightly misread, in my view.
- 8 The term used is "sweeping cleanly away", here rendered as
- 9 "wiping out". Unless I'm missing it with my failing eyesight, the
- 10 Khmer doesn't actually say "all elements in the Lon Nol regime";
- 11 it just says "elements".
- 12 And the way in which it's formulated means that not everybody in
- 13 the Lon Nol regime is an element, but certain persons within the
- 14 Lon Nol regime are defined as elements, and what follows then
- 15 gives the definition of those within the regime, among the
- 16 regime's personnel who are considered elements.
- 17 So, with that proviso, yes.
- 18 BY MR. RAYNOR:
- 19 Q. I just want to be absolutely clear on the final sentence that
- 20 I put, which was: "Regarding soldiers, they would be swept clean
- 21 from second lieutenants up to generals."
- 22 Is that a correct interpretation translation?
- 23 MR. HEDER:
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 [11.12.10]

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- 1 Q. The next page is page 7 Khmer ERN 00379488; again, I'm
- 2 afraid I don't have the French bottom of your page 7:
- 3 "In May 1975, Pol Pot called district level cadres and sector
- 4 level cadres, military cadres ranging from battalion level and
- 5 above throughout the country to a meeting held at
- 6 Kampuchea-Soviet Technology School where they announced their new
- 7 policy on the continuation of carrying out socialist revolution.
- 8 In their policy and the content of the socialist revolution, they
- 9 determined that we had to struggle to firmly oppose and root out
- 10 the previous regime, based on political conscientiousness and
- 11 organizational works. They announced like this because they
- 12 thought that as long as influences from previous regime were not
- 13 yet rooted out in the fields of politics, military, economics,
- 14 social affairs, and consciousness, socialist revolution would not
- 15 uphold. They further confirmed where we had to carry out
- 16 socialist revolution and uproot the previous regime in all
- 17 fields. They clarified that we had to do it on cadres, state
- 18 members, and militaries. This was where we did. This was the main
- 19 policy in the affairs of building their socialism."
- 20 [11.14.15]
- 21 I hope you have the Khmer on the screen. And, again, the same
- 22 question: Can you confirm that was what you were told? Is the
- 23 translation faithful?
- 24 A. Yes, with two caveats.
- 25 First, the word that's rendered here is "consciousness". I would

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- 1 translate it as "ideology" slightly different. And to be
- 2 absolutely clear, the sentence that begins "they clarified", when
- 3 it talks about "cadres, state members, and militaries", they mean
- 4 cadres of the Communist Party, State members of the of
- 5 Democratic Kampuchea, and militaries of the Revolutionary Army of
- 6 Kampuchea, not ex-Khmer Republic, but within their own ranks.
- 7 Q. Now, again, without giving the name you know who the person
- 8 is can you help us on what his position was in the period from
- 9 1975 to 1979 short summary, not life history?
- 10 A. For most of that period, he was Deputy Secretary of Sector 21
- 11 of the East Zone and a member of the Zone Standing Committee.
- 12 [11.16.02]
- 13 Q. Thank you.
- 14 We've been on file 2 so far. Can I please ask you to get file 4?
- 15 File 4, tab 1, document E190.1.398, footnotes 20, 21, and 22 on
- 16 page 78, speaking here about how far this net was extended. And
- 17 you talk about extending "the execution net to cover most
- 18 Republican military and police commissioned officers and civil
- 19 service officials of equivalent rank (bandasak), although not
- 20 ordinary soldiers". And in support of that, you reference our
- 21 document E3/79, which is an interview that you had with Ieng Sary
- on the 17th of December 1996.
- 23 And then, for footnote 21, you say:
- 24 "The term 'bandasak' refers literally to the armed forces' and
- 25 police commissioned officer corps. By extension, it was also

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- 1 applied to civil servants, who in the pre-Communist Cambodia wore
- 2 uniforms with insignia that reflected their rank within the
- 3 administrative hierarchy."
- 4 [11.18.17]
- 5 And also the two cadre notebooks that we've already covered, with
- 6 this additional comment: "This decision reflected an official
- 7 evaluation that of all the separate class types, Republican army
- 8 and police forces were on the whole 'absolutely reactionary',
- 9 although not all were."
- 10 And you also reference Ben Kiernan.
- I just wanted to ask you about "bandasak". And you speak about
- 12 the "civil servants, who in pre-Communist Cambodia wore", I
- 13 think, "uniforms with insignia". Can you just explain that a
- 14 little bit more, please?
- 15 A. That's based on my recollection of what I saw when I was in
- 16 Cambodia during the Khmer Republic period.
- 17 [11.19.29]
- 18 Q. Thank you.
- 19 We're moving now to file 4 so the same file, but tab 4. This is
- 20 document number E3/48, "Seven Candidates for Prosecution". If you
- 21 can go, please, to page 35 I hope that's the first page you
- 22 have. I can give the English ERN 00393521; no French or Khmer -
- 23 on the list, for translation. It's actually on footnote 117 at
- 24 the bottom of the page:
- 25 "The security services and 'chhlop' operated in a social setting

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- 1 in which the population as a whole was officially divided into
- 2 three categories called 'penh-set' (full-rights), "triem"
- 3 (candidate), and 'pannhaoe' (depositee). This system combined a
- 4 definition of their rights as members of cooperatives with a
- 5 vocabulary for labelling people in terms of their perceived or
- 6 potential disloyalty to the revolution. Those consigned to the
- 7 lowest category were subject not only to discrimination in terms
- 8 of political rights and economic rewards but also arbitrary
- 9 execution. Thus, in [the] first phases of the DK regime,
- 10 generally speaking:
- 11 "'the full rights group received the full theoretical food ration
- 12 (or more), had the right to join any political organization,
- 13 including the Party and the army, and [to] hold any political
- 14 position. The candidate group was second on rations [and]
- 15 distribution lists and had rights to hold certain low-ranking
- 16 political positions. The depositees were last on the distribution
- 17 lists, first on execution lists, and had no political rights."
- 18 [11.22.50]
- 19 You reference a work of your own: "Steve Heder, 'Kampuchea:
- 20 Occupation and Resistance 2'", in 1980.
- 21 And then another reference is in these terms, in a commentary:
- 22 "In the second half of 1978, this tripartite division was
- 23 officially abolished, but elided into what Pol Pot referred to
- 24 more prosaically as a distinction between 'good, medium and weak
- 25 elements' among the population and within the Party."

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- 1 And that reference is: "Pol Pot, 'Let Us Continue to Firmly Hold
- 2 Aloft the Banner of Victory of the Glorious Communist Party of
- 3 Kampuchea in Order to Defend Democratic Kampuchea, Carry on
- 4 Socialist Revolution and Build Up Socialism' (27th of September
- 5 1978)..."
- 6 You carry on:
- 7 "Informally both within Party circles and at the mass level, this
- 8 tripartite division tended to be reduced to a simple dichotomy
- 9 between 'veteran' and 'new' people that categorized the
- 10 population on the basis of whether they had come under Communist
- 11 control before or after 1975. From the beginning, although the
- 12 leadership made a clear distinction between being a 'depositee'
- 13 or one of the 'new people' and being a politically 'bad element',
- 14 local security services were given to understand that the 'new
- 15 people' contained a high proportion of 'no-good' elements."
- 16 [11.24.58]
- 17 And you also refer our document E3/216 and our document E3/797-
- 18 E3/216 is a record of the Standing Committee tour of the
- 19 Northwest Zone, 20 to 24 August 1975. And in respect of that, or
- 20 explaining that document, you say: according to which, an unnamed
- 21 representative of the Standing Committee told the zone that every
- 22 type of horrible element exists among the New People."
- 23 And E3/737 sorry, E3/797 is a minute of the meetings of
- 24 secretaries and deputy secretaries of divisions and independent
- 25 regiments on the 18th of August 1976.

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- 1 My question to you is: Ultimately, is it right that there were
- 2 two groups, as you say, the New People and how would you
- 3 describe the other element?
- 4 [11.26.33]
- 5 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 6 Mr. Witness, could you please hold on?
- 7 And, Counsel Koppe, you may now proceed.
- 8 MR. KOPPE:
- 9 Mr. President, I would like to go on record as saying that this
- 10 is starting to be a travesty.
- 11 I mean, what are we doing? We're reading from a a book called
- 12 "Seven Candidates for Prosecution: Accountability for the Crimes
- 13 of the Khmer Rouge". This witness started afterwards working for
- 14 the Prosecution and then for the Investigating Judges.
- 15 He's being read a whole passage from a book from a footnote and
- 16 then asked a question about the two groups. This has absolutely
- 17 nothing to do with a proper ascertaining the truth.
- 18 Please, let's stop this charade.
- 19 [11.27.20]
- 20 BY MR. RAYNOR:
- 21 Well, you've already ruled, Mr. President.
- 22 Q. But again, based on the interviews you've had with people
- 23 during this period as to the distinction between New People, Old
- 24 People, is this a theme that has come up directly in your
- 25 interviews?

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- 1 MR. HEDER:
- 2 A. Yes, and not only with regard to the period from April 1975
- 3 and thereafter, but before that, into the early seventies,
- 4 because as the footnote tries to explain, this is a somewhat
- 5 informal categorization of the population. So, even before April
- 6 1975, if people were newly liberated, to use the Party
- 7 terminology, or newly arrived by whatever method into the
- 8 liberated zones, to use the Party terminology, they were referred
- 9 to as New People, in counterdistinction to those who had already
- 10 been in the liberated zones prior to that time. So that practice,
- 11 that informal, colloquial practice of differentiating between
- 12 those who were already had already experienced the revolution
- 13 and those who were just arriving as a result of whatever method
- 14 was already in Party talk from before '75 and it continued
- 15 thereafter.
- 16 [11.29.14]
- 17 Q. And given the objection, can you please confirm that what
- 18 you've just said is based on your interviews and not some opinion
- 19 or some speculation?
- 20 A. I would describe it as a summary of what I have learned from
- 21 interviews and from documents.
- 22 Q. Now, file 4, but back to tab 1, document-
- 23 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 24 Mr. Co-Prosecutor, could you please hold on?
- 25 And, Counsel Vercken, you may now proceed.

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- 1 MR. VERCKEN:
- 2 Thank you, Mr. President.
- 3 I think that, based on the last answer that was provided by Mr.
- 4 Heder, we are coming close to the description that was given by
- 5 my colleague; that is to say, this hearing resembles the hearing
- 6 that we opposed recently on the key documents.
- 7 Mr. Heder travelled thousands of miles to come before this Court;
- 8 the prosecutor is reading to him segments that he is interested
- 9 in, of course, to state his case, and the only confirmation we
- 10 get is if all this confirms, generally speaking, the interviews -
- 11 without any further specification that he conducted; we don't
- 12 know with whom, we don't know when.
- 13 [11.31.08]
- 14 So, when we will be questioning Mr. Heder, what are we going to
- 15 do? Are we going to stupidly ask questions that are the same to
- 16 Mr. Heder, asking him general in very general terms if he
- 17 already heard the opposite of what he said?
- 18 We're working now on foundations that are so uncertain, that are
- 19 so vague that this whole exercise seems completely pointless. And
- 20 in any case, I support entirely what my colleague Victor Koppe
- 21 just said right now.
- 22 MR. RAYNOR:
- 23 If my learned friend wants me to give him some lessons on
- 24 cross-examination, I will. He's free to cross-examine on whatever
- 25 he wants to cross-examine. Whether he's got a strategy, I don't

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- 1 yet know. But he must cross-examine as he thinks best on the same
- 2 material, which is the books authored by Mr. Heder.
- 3 There's no objection there never has been from the defence to
- 4 Mr. Heder giving evidence. This has got nothing to do with
- 5 document hearings.
- 6 Can I please continue?
- 7 [11.32.55]
- 8 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 9 Yes, you may, please. The objection is nothing new and yet (sic)
- 10 is not sustained.
- 11 BY MR. RAYNOR:
- 12 Q. File 4, tab 1, document E190.1.398, page 10, footnote 44:
- 13 "Reassessing the Senior Leaders". In reference to the New People,
- 14 footnote 44, page 10:
- 15 "As 'types who had lived an easy life' before, they were less
- 16 politically dependable than the 'poor basic people' and more
- 17 liable to become involved in the traitorous activities of covert
- 18 Cambodian 'kinh' (a colloquial Khmer word of Vietnamese
- 19 derivation originally meaning secret police agent) who were
- 20 stubbornly trying to overthrow the revolution, supposedly at the
- 21 behest of the CIA and other foreign intelligence agencies."
- 22 [11.34.26]
- 23 And the document you reference is "Document Number Three". In
- 24 relation to this, this is E3/781. And in terms of the "colloquial
- 25 word of Vietnamese derivation", did you have to research that, or

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- 1 was that apparent from the wording itself?
- 2 MR. HEDER:
- 3 A. It always struck me as an odd-looking word in Khmer, so I
- 4 looked in Vietnamese dictionaries and discussed it with
- 5 Vietnamese native speakers, and they said it came from
- 6 Vietnamese. And, indeed, there is a term in Vietnamese, a term
- 7 with two elements of which this is one which has that
- 8 meaning.
- 9 Q. Thank you. In the same document it's the next footnote, in
- 10 fact, footnote 45 so E190.1.398, "Reassessing the Senior
- 11 Leaders":
- 12 "Indeed, because their transformation was just beginning, they
- 13 remained 'leading carriers of imperialist-feudalist-capitalist
- 14 outlooks, stances, ideologies, world views and credos,' who would
- 15 try to disseminate their 'remnant crud' and 'evil influences'
- 16 among the veteran people and the revolutionary ranks."
- 17 [11.36.07]
- 18 And you reference our document E3/729: "In the New Current Phase
- 19 of the Revolution, Our Youth Must Constantly Strengthen Their
- 20 Stance of Absolute and Seething Class Struggle", in
- 21 "Revolutionary Youth" (Number 10, October 1975).
- 22 "Remnant crud" is quite a difficult, potential English word, but
- 23 what is the Khmer for "remnant crud"? Or how do we get to
- 24 "remnant crud"?
- 25 [11.36.48]

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- 1 A. I'll I'll reveal that my claim to be fluent in Khmer is
- 2 completely baseless. I think the original Khmer term is
- 3 (?)11.37.00. And (?), to my understanding, refers to the skin in
- 4 which dirt is impregnated, that you have to sort of scrub off if
- 5 you want to get rid of the dirtiness. So that's a term that was
- 6 used by in CPK parlance to refer to the dirty remnants of the
- 7 old society that had to be, in some sense, by some method,
- 8 scrubbed away.
- 9 Q. I'd like you to stay within the same footnote same document,
- 10 rather, E190.1.398, "Reassessing senior leaders", footnote 82.
- 11 This is on your page 16 the English ERN 00661470, footnote 82
- 12 on page 16:
- 13 "To kill off the tigers who were 'bandasak' was relatively
- 14 straightforward: the CPK's zone, sector, district, sub-district,
- 15 and village Party committees were tasked to continue the work
- 16 begun by military units in and around Phnom Penh and other towns
- 17 by finding and then secretly killing all fugitive 'bandasak'.
- 18 This assignment seems to have been pursued in most places with
- 19 ruthless thoroughness, if not always the required discretion."
- 20 [11.39.02]
- 21 And one of the references in support was, "for example, the
- 22 evidence to this effect for the North Zone in 'North Zone
- 23 Committee to Receive Evacuated People: Identity Card', dated 26
- 24 April and stamped by Sector 43". We don't have that one our case
- 25 file. Can you help at all with that footnote, please?

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- 1 A. If I recall correctly, after I left Cambodia in April '75 and
- 2 was on the Thai-Cambodian border, I talked to some people who had
- 3 just come out of Cambodia, including people who had been
- 4 evacuated from Phnom Penh and who managed to make their way to
- 5 the to the Thai border. And one of those people gave me a copy
- 6 or gave me the original of that document, of which I made a
- 7 copy.
- 8 [11.40.17]
- 9 Q. Thank you. I'm dealing now with footnotes within the same
- document, E190.1.398, "Reassessing the Senior Leaders". It's
- 11 actually two footnotes that are close. They're both on page 11.
- 12 It's footnote 57 and footnote 59. I'd like to read them together
- 13 because the sources are the same.
- 14 About the killings: "...justifying this position by arguing that
- 15 such executions were a necessary part of 'attacking the old
- 16 social regime'."
- 17 That is a reference, on footnote 57, to the Ke Pauk interview.
- 18 And then, if we read footnote 59, in terms of the text:
- 19 "Without further definition, Pol [Pot] also told the political
- 20 and military cadre in attendance a meeting that they must
- 21 carry out a 'dogged struggle against CIA spies belonging to
- 22 Americans and KGB spies belonging to the Soviets'."
- 23 Now, one of the references for footnote 59 is E2/2782 on our case
- 24 file, which is the Ke Pauk autobiography.
- 25 Now, you've already covered the Ke Pauk interview that you had

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- 1 with him, but again, from your direct knowledge do you know
- 2 about the Ke Pauk autobiography? Have you seen that document?
- 3 [11.42.15]
- 4 A. I think this is another document that was put together by Khem
- 5 Ngun, who I talked about previously, who either had Ke Pauk write
- 6 this document for him or took it down as a result of an interview
- 7 that he did with Ke Pauk. And the that text was then given to a
- 8 number of people, including, if I recall correctly, the then
- 9 editor of the "Phnom Penh Post", Michael Hayes, who in turn
- 10 passed it on to me. I think that's the chain of custody for that
- 11 particular document.
- 12 Q. Thank you. Still within "Reassessing senior leaders",
- 13 E190.1.398, I'm combining two footnotes. They're on page 20,
- 14 footnote 103 and footnote 104. Dealing with footnote 103 first:
- 15 "According to the formal procedure, the cooperative chairman then
- 16 decided whether the person was to be subjected to re-education
- 17 locally or be reported to the district party committee person in
- 18 charge of security for investigation. On the basis of the results
- 19 of this investigation, the district was supposed to seek a
- 20 decision from the sector about whether the person should be
- 21 executed, kept in prison or released."
- 22 Now, you reference here a U.S. Embassy document, "Democratic
- 23 Cambodia Prison System". Can you please, again, the source, how
- 24 you obtained it?
- 25 A. That one, I think, came to me from someone who was in the U.S.

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- 1 Embassy in Bangkok at the time that the on at the time the
- 2 document was was drafted, or possibly from somebody in the U.S.
- 3 State Department who received it in Washington. There are a
- 4 couple of possibilities here.
- 5 One is Charles Twining. Another is Tim Carney. Another is Desaix
- 6 Anderson. I don't remember which of these people it might have
- 7 been, but it was probably one of those three. So it's an internal
- 8 it's one of these things that used to be called an airgram.
- 9 It's an Embassy report that ends up in Washington.
- 10 [11.45.35]
- 11 Q. And again talking about this procedure and carrying on, you
- 12 say: "And formally speaking, the sector needed the approval of
- 13 the Zone Standing Committee to proceed with a killing."
- 14 And you then reference our document, E3/12, which was the 30th of
- 15 March 1976 meeting of the Central Committee. And you say:
- 16 "This was in line with the March 1976 CPK Central Committee
- 17 decision according to which the right to decide on smashing
- 18 within and outside the ranks of the Party should be exercised in
- 19 the grass roots by each Zone Standing Committee."
- 20 And my question is this and I'm using the exact same wording
- 21 that I used to a previous question, and this is about the
- 22 procedure in terms of districts supposed to seek a decision from
- 23 the sector, sector needing the approval of the Zone Standing
- 24 Committee to proceed with a killing: From your interviews and
- 25 direct contact you had with interviewees, did you gather any

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- 1 information that this procedure had, in fact, happened?
- 2 [11.47.06]
- 3 A. Again, to summarize, my overall impression is that practice in
- 4 general did not follow this formal procedure, that it was
- 5 relatively rarely the case that the decision went as high as the
- 6 Zone Standing Committee, that it was often the case that the
- 7 decision was made lower down, sometimes as low as the district,
- 8 sometimes even lower than the district.
- 9 So there was a disjuncture between formal policy and structure on
- 10 the one hand, and actual practice on the other.
- 11 [11.48.01]
- 12 Q. I'm going to ask a question now about information being
- 13 passed. And this is footnote 105, still on E190.1.398. Footnote
- 14 105:
- 15 "New People testimonies confirm that village chairmen and their
- 16 immediate subordinates were responsible for collecting
- 17 information to identify enemy and traitorous links and real or
- 18 potential opponents of the revolution and then pass this
- 19 information up to higher levels."
- 20 Now, again, in terms of the passage of information upwards, from
- 21 your interviews and direct contact you had with interviewees, did
- 22 you gather information that this had happened?
- 23 A. I think that's another one where the answer is yes and no. In
- 24 other words, in some cases, this was the procedure that was, in
- 25 fact, followed. In other cases, it wasn't implemented according

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- 1 to this formal procedure.
- 2 Q. Now, in terms of this reporting, can we please just divert for
- 3 one moment to file 2, tab 3?
- 4 This is Document Number E3/190. It is a note of your discussion
- 5 with Ieng Sary on the 4th of January 1999. Can you confirm that
- 6 that's the document that you have, first of all, please?
- 7 [11.50.20]
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. There is a sentence towards the top of the page, "I asked him
- 10 whether". Do you have that?
- 11 So you to Ieng Sary: "I asked him whether he had received reports
- 12 from the zones or sectors that mentioned executions or ill
- 13 treatment of prisoners."
- 14 Next sentence: "He, Ieng Sary, conceded receiving such reports
- 15 and awareness of such use of the ministry" that's in relation
- 16 to another matter "but quickly added he recalled seeing only a
- 17 few such reports."
- 18 Is that an accurate record of what he told you in this interview
- 19 or discussion?
- 20 [11.51.23]
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. We're back on file 4, tab 1. You should, I think, have that
- open. Document Number E190.1.398, "Reassessing senior leaders".
- 24 You need to go to page 23, Mr. Heder, footnote 125:
- 25 "CPK policy vis-à-vis urban-based members of the country-wide

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- 1 Buddhist sangha (community of monks) mirrored that toward the
- 2 urban population as a whole. The sangha was decapitated and all
- 3 other monks de-concentrated by being dispersed from pagodas in
- 4 Phnom Penh and towns in the countryside in such a way as to
- 5 preclude any collective action against the new regime. In line
- 6 with its elaboration of the notion that monks were one of the
- 7 special class types, the CPK targeted the most senior members of
- 8 the Buddhist clergy for immediate execution, treating them as the
- 9 equivalent of bandasak."
- 10 And your sources in connection with that or your footnotes refer
- 11 to the DK cadre notebooks that you've already covered. And you
- 12 add: "The latter notebook specified that most of the Sangha
- 13 officialdom was under the political influence the highest strata
- 14 of society."
- 15 Can you confirm that that was the document that you sourced in
- order to make that statement in the book?
- 17 [11.53.48]
- 18 A. I think there may be some stretch here in the sense that I'm
- 19 not absolutely sure that everything that's in the sentence can be
- 20 found in those two notebooks. But I would have to look at the
- 21 notebooks to be sure.
- 22 Q. Again, are there any other sources the question is about
- 23 Buddhist monks, senior Buddhist monks. Are you aware of any other
- 24 sources that can help the Court on, in particular, the CPK
- 25 targeted the most senior members of the Buddhist clergy for

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- 1 immediate execution?
- 2 Again, had that come up in any interviews and direct contact you
- 3 had with interviewees?
- 4 [11.54.40]
- 5 A. I think the sentence is another example of of a summary of
- 6 what I was told by various people. But in this in this
- 7 instance, I would defer to people who've done a lot more -
- 8 subsequently done a lot more research than I have such as Ian
- 9 Harris and others who've written extensively on this subject.
- 10 Q. That's fair.
- 11 The next footnote is 126, still in E190.1.398, still on the
- 12 subject of monks. And you talk in the book about separating them
- 13 out from evacuation columns for smashing. That's the senior ones:
- 14 "On the other hand, lower-ranking monks from the towns were
- 15 broadly in the same category as other urban evacuees."
- 16 And you quote there in support E3/1820, which is François
- 17 Ponchaud's book, "Cambodia Year Zero". And I think another -
- 18 well, the footnote says: "Chhang Song, 'Buddhism Under Pol Pot',
- 19 30th of November 1996."
- 20 It's the Chhang Song. Is that an academic book or an article, or
- 21 can you help?
- 22 [11.56.11]
- 23 A. I think that should be described as a DC-Cam report. And I'm
- 24 not sure whether it was ever published as such, but it certainly
- 25 should be available from DC-Cam.

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- 1 Q. Thank you. Same file, still in file 4, tab 4, "Seven
- 2 Candidates for Prosecution". You need to go to page 37, which I
- 3 think will be the third page into your pack English ERN
- 4 00393523:
- 5 "Thus, from the day of liberation until the last day of
- 6 Democratic Kampuchea, the security services assisted by the
- 7 chhlop and the people, arrested, detained and executed wave after
- 8 wave of alleged counter-revolutionaries and spies they identified
- 9 in multiple population categories. Beginning in the latter half
- 10 of 1976, the security services received signals from Party
- 11 leadership that they must augment their efforts to identify
- 12 former Khmer Republic officials who had escaped execution because
- 13 'no-good' elements among the population were not merely
- 14 undesirable, but part of a vast anti-Communist conspiracy and
- 15 must, therefore, urgently be eliminated. The local security
- 16 forces responded by arresting, interrogating and killing people
- 17 who fell into these categories."
- 18 [11.58.17]
- 19 You then reference our document, E3/798, which is a minutes of
- 20 the meetings of secretaries and deputy secretaries of the
- 21 divisions and independent regiments on the 30th of August 1976.
- 22 And then you go on to say: "This shift is perhaps most clearly
- 23 signalled in Son Sen's summing up of enemy situations at a
- 24 meeting of senior military cadre he convened as general staff
- 25 chairman on the 30th of August 1976."

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- 1 Now, so we're clear, the minutes here, this is in relation, isn't
- 2 it, to a military meeting?
- 3 A. Yes, it's a meeting of military if my memory serves, it's a
- 4 in the context of that meeting of the military, it's a
- 5 statement of general Party policy applicable beyond the military.
- 6 The formulation, as I recall it, is such as to indicate that it's
- 7 not simply to be applied within the military, but is a reflection
- 8 of a more of a broader Party policy.
- 9 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 10 Mr. Prosecutor, please hold on.
- 11 Mr. Victor Koppe, you may proceed.
- 12 [11.59.58]
- 13 MR. KOPPE:
- 14 My final attempt my last and final attempt, Mr. President.
- 15 "The reflection of a broader policy"; I don't think I've ever
- 16 heard a witness who wasn't actually involved in the structure say
- 17 something like that. I mean, how more clear can we have it that
- 18 this witness is testifying as an expert?
- 19 So it's my last and final attempt. Please, let's stop this.
- 20 MR. RAYNOR:
- 21 Well, Mr. President, again, I don't mind you saying to Mr. Heder
- 22 he's not to express opinion. I think that was said at the start.
- 23 The question is simply going to a book and going to a footnote,
- 24 so I would like to proceed.
- 25 As I say, my questioning is about the book and the footnote, so I

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- 1 will try and do my best to ensure that nothing that Mr. Koppe
- 2 finds offensive occurs.
- 3 BY MR. RAYNOR:
- 4 Q. Now, you referred-
- 5 (Judges deliberate)
- 6 [12.04.11]
- 7 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 8 Judge Cartwright, you may now proceed, please, to address this
- 9 matter once and for all.
- 10 The objection at this juncture may be different from the previous
- 11 objection, so Judge Cartwright will be having the floor to
- 12 address this now.
- 13 You may now proceed, please.
- 14 JUDGE CARTWRIGHT:
- 15 Thank you, President.
- 16 The Trial Chamber does not fully sustain the objection. The
- 17 previous objections from the Nuon Chea defence team have been
- 18 directed more at the probative value of the testimony or the
- 19 documents that have been examined and, as has been indicated
- 20 previously, the Trial Chamber is aware of its obligations to
- 21 weigh the probative value of material in reaching its verdict.
- 22 This objection was directed more specifically at the difference
- 23 between a witness's testimony and that of an expert. The Chamber
- 24 asks the prosecutors to recall the direction that it made in
- 25 treating Mr. Heder as a witness and not as an expert. Thank you.

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- 1 [12.05.52]
- 2 MR. RAYNOR:
- 3 Thank you, Judge Cartwright.
- 4 Mr. President, I have two more questions to finish the enemies
- 5 section. I'd like to do that now, but I'm in your hands.
- 6 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 7 You may proceed.
- 8 BY MR. RAYNOR:
- 9 Q. It's "Seven Candidates for Prosecution", E3/48. That's file 4,
- 10 tab 4. It's page 138 and page 139. Footnote 138 and 139:
- 11 "Thus, according to Son Sen, all of the apparently trivial
- 12 phenomena that hindered the achievement of the Party's goals
- 13 should not be viewed as normal problems of a socialist or other
- 14 society, but should be dealt with by eliminating the internal
- 15 enemies who were always endeavouring to attack our revolution."
- 16 You refer to our document, E3/804, which is the minutes of the
- 17 meeting of secretaries and logistics of divisions and independent
- 18 regiments on the 15th of December 1976.
- 19 And you go on to say:
- 20 "According to Son Sen's analysis, the constant petty theft
- 21 plaguing DK as well as mysterious phenomena such as defecating in
- 22 pathways and knocking on doors at night were all part of a vast
- 23 counter-revolutionary plot."
- 24 [12.07.41]
- 25 You refer to two other military minutes, E3/798, a minutes of the

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- 1 meeting of secretaries and deputy secretaries of the divisions
- 2 and independent regiments on the 30th of August 1976 and the
- 3 minutes of the same sort of meeting on the 19th of September
- 4 1976.
- 5 Now, my question is this. Again, please don't veer into opinion,
- 6 and it's a very tight question. From your interviews and direct
- 7 contact you had with interviews, did you gather any information
- 8 such as people being killed, I don't know, for breaking a shovel
- 9 or pinching something or matters of that nature?
- 10 [12.08.38]
- 11 MR. HEDER:
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 MR. RAYNOR:
- 14 Thank you.
- 15 Mr. President, that concludes this section, and I hope that
- 16 that's a convenient point at which to adjourn.
- 17 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 18 Thank you, Mr. Co-Prosecutor, and thank you, Mr. Witness.
- 19 It is now appropriate moment for the adjournment. The Chamber
- 20 will adjourn until 1.30 p.m.
- 21 Court officer is now directed to assist Mr. Heder during this
- 22 adjournment and have him return to the courtroom when the next
- 23 session resumes.
- 24 Security personnel are now directed to take Mr. Khieu Samphan to
- 25 his holding cell downstairs and have him return to the courtroom

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- 1 before the next session resumes.
- 2 The Court is adjourned.
- 3 (Court recesses from 1209H to 1333H)
- 4 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 5 Please be seated. The Court is now back in session.
- 6 Now we would like to hand over to the Co-Prosecutor to continue
- 7 putting questions for Mr. Heder. You may now proceed.
- 8 BY MR. RAYNOR:
- 9 Thank you, Mr. President. Good afternoon.
- 10 Q. Mr. Heder, I'd like you please to go to file 3, tab one. I
- 11 hope you have a document E3/3169, a 1991 publication, "Pol Pot
- 12 and Khieu Samphan". Can you confirm that you have that document,
- 13 please?
- 14 MR. HEDER:
- 15 A. I've got one, not with an E number, but with a D number. But
- 16 it's that document I think.
- 17 Q. The D number was D366/7.1.14. Now, described as a paper, but
- 18 can you explain what stage you were in your academic career, or
- 19 what was going on academically in your life when you began your
- 20 research which led to the publication of the book, and the
- 21 publication of the book time in 1991?
- 22 [13.35.30]
- 23 A. Yes, as it says in the first footnote, this was done primarily
- 24 while I was a research fellow at the Australian National
- 25 University. It included some stuff that I gathered at previous

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- 1 points in my academic career, but the bulk of the research and
- 2 the writing was done while I was with the at the Australian
- 3 National University.
- 4 Q. Thank you. I'd like to start, please, on using the pages in
- 5 the top right hand of each page, to page 7. This is English ERN
- 6 00087771; Khmer, 00711377; and French, 00722071, and it's on the
- 7 topic of intellectuals. And you write:
- 8 "Retrospectively, Michael Vickery has also reported how Cambodian
- 9 intellectuals were lulled into a false sense of security about
- 10 the Communist Party of Kampuchea's intentions by Khieu Samphan's
- 11 contrived prominence. He writes that one teacher he interviewed
- 12 after the Party's rule was overthrown on the 7th of January 1979
- 13 told him that up to 1975 he had sympathized with the
- 14 revolutionaries and, in particular, admired Khieu Samphan.
- 15 [13.37.44]
- 16 "He therefore had confidence for the moment in the rationality of
- 17 Communist Party of Kampuchea actions, and in particular, felt no
- 18 fear or apprehension about the future."
- 19 And you referenced there Michael Vickery, "Cambodia 1975-1982".
- 20 Again, just a little bit, Michael Vickery, connection with him;
- 21 how you got this to be a footnote in the paper?
- 22 A. Michael Vickery is a very veteran historian of Cambodia
- 23 whose earlier whose primary work is on pre-modern Cambodia, but
- 24 had also written rather extensively on contemporary politics and
- 25 this is just a published book by Michael.

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- 1 Q. And reading on, on the same page, same ERNs, under a heading
- 2 Khieu Samphan and the "Liberation":
- 3 "In what appears to have been a calculated abuse of trust in
- 4 which he was held, Khieu Samphan actively helped, just before the
- 5 end of the war, to set up Lon Nol military personnel and civil
- 6 servants for easy execution. The esteem in which he was held
- 7 meant that some of them allowed themselves to become sitting
- 8 ducks for murder. Thus as the Communist Party of Kampuchea
- 9 advanced towards an all-out military victory during the first
- 10 four months of 1975, Khieu Samphan twice signalled those who had
- 11 been fighting against it, that only the seven top leaders amongst
- 12 them would be executed upon defeat."
- 13 [13.39.38]
- 14 And footnote 25 lists the people, and you carry on:
- 15 "On the 24th to 25th of February, Khieu Samphan chaired the
- 16 Second National Congress, a meeting of members of GRUNK who
- 17 resided inside the country, and 273 representatives of FUNK
- 18 associations and the army. The Congress declared that the seven
- 19 traitors must die, but that other high ranking Khmer Republic
- 20 personalities could join the Sihanouk side. Then on the 1st of
- 21 April, a little more than two weeks before Phnom Penh was
- 22 captured, Khieu Samphan spoke in a live broadcast over the
- 23 Communist Party-run radio. He attacked the seven traitors by
- 24 name, but appealed to the officers and men of the Khmer Republic
- 25 armed forces to lay down their arms and join the Sihanouk side."

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- 1 [13.40.41]
- 2 You're referencing there the chairing of the Second Congress and
- 3 then a broadcast on the 1st of April. Can I ask, first of all,
- 4 about the 1st of April broadcast? There's not a specific footnote
- 5 to do with that. Can you remember what source material you were
- 6 looking at in respect of the 1st of April 1975 broadcast, or were
- 7 you in Cambodia that that time? Did you hear it? How does that
- 8 appear in the paper?
- 9 A. Well, the footnote, as you see, is to a chronology done by Tim
- 10 Carney who was at that time, a political officer in the U.S.
- 11 Embassy in Phnom Penh, and I relied on that I think, for this
- 12 particular piece of work. Because where I was at the time, at the
- 13 Australian National University, they did not have a complete set
- 14 of the foreign broadcast information service translations of
- 15 public radio broadcasts.
- 16 [13.41.57]
- 17 I was in Cambodia on the 1st of April. We didn't in those days,
- 18 have access to the daily the FBIS daily report, but the embassy
- 19 did make available a teletyped version of those broadcasts and I
- 20 read those every day. So I can be fairly certain I read it at
- 21 that time, but I didn't have that piece of paper in hand when I
- 22 wrote this particular piece. So instead, I relied upon Carney's
- 23 chronology, which was based on those FBIS translations.
- Q. And so we're clear, what we all call the FBIS-
- 25 A. Yes.

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- 1 Q. -Foreign Broadcast Information Service papers. You did read
- 2 those at the time, back in 1975, but they weren't available to
- 3 you when you were writing this paper; is that correct?
- 4 A. Yes, that's correct.
- 5 [13.43.04]
- 6 Q. I just want to ask a question about these FBIS broadcasts.
- 7 This particular broadcast is E3/118. But I just want to get a
- 8 picture really, about how regularly these broadcasts were coming
- 9 out and how you were able to be reading the FBIS material. Do you
- 10 understand the question?
- 11 A. The U.S. Government personnel who did the monitoring of these
- 12 broadcasts were based in Thailand and they sat and listened to
- 13 these broadcasts, recorded them and then did translations. And
- 14 what would happen then would be that the translations would be
- 15 transmitted to U.S. Embassies around the world in a kind of
- 16 teletype form, and those were those teletype translations were
- 17 considered public documents within the U.S. government system.
- 18 [13.44.20]
- 19 So one could go every day as I did not every day, but often
- 20 enough that I could read every day's output to a reading room
- 21 in the U.S. Embassy in Phnom Penh, to see what FBIS had
- 22 translated. And then some but not all of those teletype
- 23 translations would then be complied into the, so called, daily
- 24 report, which was a semi was kind of in a magazine format and
- 25 which was deposited in a number of libraries around the world.

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- 1 Not Australian National University, but certainly Cornell had
- 2 them. There's also a British version, as you know, which is a
- 3 carbon copy as far as Cambodia is concerned, a so called summary
- 4 of world broadcast, which have even fewer items in it, but
- 5 essentially it was the same text.
- 6 Q. I just want to ask a question about that. I know what you're
- 7 speaking about, but I just want it explained for the Judges.
- 8 Certain documents on the case file are FBIS broadcasts, and then
- 9 there's a copy of the same material but with SWB in the top,
- 10 hence that's, I think, what you're aiming at; is that correct?
- 11 [13.45.44]
- 12 A. (Microphone not activated)
- 13 Q. Now, I think you said that you came to Cambodia in 1973; is
- 14 that correct?
- 15 A. Yes, first time in 1969, but only to pass through; to work, in
- 16 '73.
- 17 Q. Can I ask, was this in the capacity as a journalist, a
- 18 reporter, if you like, what was the reason, purpose, background
- 19 to you coming to Cambodia in 1973?
- 20 A. I had finished my Bachelor's degree at Cornell in Asian
- 21 Studies. I wanted to be a journalist. In fact, I went first to
- 22 Hong Kong and then to Bangkok to try and make my living as a
- 23 journalist working on China or on Thailand. In Hong Kong there
- 24 was too much competition, in Thailand there was no story. So a
- 25 kindly veteran journalist in Bangkok said, you should go to

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- 1 Cambodia because there's not a lot of competition and there's a
- 2 story there that virtually writes itself.
- 3 [13.46.59]
- 4 So I followed that advice and my recollection is that I arrived
- 5 in Cambodia in May of '73.
- 6 Q. Can you remember what the first couple of events were that you
- 7 reported on?
- 8 A. Well, the big story at that juncture was the fact that U.S.
- 9 Congress had passed, I guess what was a law, ordering an end to
- 10 U.S. bombing of Cambodia, and the cut-off date for that end was
- 11 15 August 1973; and there was a widespread expectation that as
- 12 soon as the American bombing ended the Khmer Rouge would march
- 13 into Phnom Penh. The Khmer Republic regime would collapse and
- 14 that was from my perspective, professionally speaking, both good
- 15 news and bad news.
- 16 It was bad news in the sense that a whole bunch of high powered
- 17 staff correspondents from big news organizations came to Phnom
- 18 Penh to sit around and wait for the Khmer Rouge to appear; sort
- 19 of blocking my entry into "Stringerdom". Stringer is a person who
- 20 works for a news organization, doesn't have a real job.
- 21 [13.48.49]
- 22 The good news was that with all of those people they needed help,
- 23 so I did stringing and I started out with a kind of assistant
- 24 position; a fixer position if you will. And I started out doing
- 25 that with "NBC", which was at that time a television and radio

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- 1 network, and "Time Magazine", which was a weekly news magazine.
- 2 Then, you know, the Khmer Rouge didn't come and the big time
- 3 journalists left, so sort of the story fell to those of us who
- 4 remained behind.
- 5 Q. I just want you to try and paint a picture about, sort of,
- 6 journalism world 1973/1974. Now, what I mean by that is, what was
- 7 the extent of the contact between the members of the journalistic
- 8 reporting community in Cambodia? Can you give us a feel of, sort
- 9 of, how many people were regularly reporting and, sort of, who
- 10 was going out into the field? Do you understand what I mean by
- 11 into the field? Just try to paint a picture, can you please, of
- 12 the sort of world you were in and the sort of people you were
- 13 with?
- 14 [13.50.21]
- 15 A. There were kind of two tiers. There were the staff
- 16 correspondents for the existing news agencies, most of whom were
- 17 older, many of whom had been previously in Vietnam. There were
- 18 veteran war correspondents, if you will, and then there was a
- 19 group of us who were relatively younger, and I was in the
- 20 relatively younger group. However, one of the older journalists,
- 21 a guy by the name of Neil Davis, Australian cinematographer,
- 22 television reporter, and also print reporter, kind of took my
- 23 under his wing. He gave me a lot of assistance, so I spent a lot
- 24 of time with him. There was also a young Japanese photographer,
- 25 Naoki Mabuchi, now deceased Neil Davis is also dead with whom

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- 1 I spent a lot of time. I spent quite a bit of time also with a
- 2 Japanese journalist by the name of Koki, who worked for "Kyodo",
- 3 and also some time quite a bit of time with Elizabeth Becker
- 4 who was then I believe with "Washington Post".
- 5 [13.51.56]
- 6 When the story was big somebody would come from Hong Kong or
- 7 Saigon and we youngsters would tag along. When the story was
- 8 relatively quiet then we would be left on our own, and I sort of
- 9 gradually made my way from a very periodic stringer work to
- 10 pretty solid stringer work; enough to make a living on.
- 11 Q. I was asking about into the field. Did you become an
- 12 into-the-field reporter, or what you might call an office person
- 13 who sat in the centre? What was your modus operandi?
- 14 A. I wasn't as in the field as some of the most forward war
- 15 horses. I did spend some time in the field, in the battlefield.
- 16 Around the in the perimeter area around Phnom Penh, went to
- 17 Udong, as I explained, went up to Battambang. I also have a -
- 18 having done the BA, spent a little bit of time doing research in
- 19 the National Library because I was interested in, sort of the
- 20 political, historical background of the Khmer Rouge, their
- 21 origins in the 1940s and the 1950s.
- 22 [13.53.31]
- 23 So, I did some archival work, I did some field work in the
- 24 battlefield, and I did some work in the sort of in the Khmer
- 25 Republic political scene in Phnom Penh.

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- 1 Q. Thank you. You mentioned American bombing, 15th of August
- 2 1973. Did you see, did others tell you, was there information
- 3 coming about, continued bombing well beyond that date or just
- 4 beyond that date, American bombing?
- 5 A. No. At that point the U.S. Air Force bombing completely ended.
- 6 There was no more. However, the Khmer Republic armed forces air
- 7 force bombing continued as did the shelling done by the Khmer
- 8 Republic ground troops.
- 9 Q. I'll ask you some more questions about this later, but I can't
- 10 go through day by day, obviously, every day that you are here.
- 11 But can I ask the question this way and you tell me if it doesn't
- 12 help, the way I ask? You arrive in May 1973, is that correct? And
- 13 I think you said you left in April 1975, but I can't remember the
- 14 date in April; can you please clarify?
- 15 [13.55.11]
- 16 A. Yes, it was the 11th of April and Neil Davis, who I just
- 17 mentioned, and I flew out with the American evacuation of its
- 18 personnel and U.S. citizens and others who wanted to or managed
- 19 to go along with them.
- 20 Q. I want to ask you about battlefields from May 1973 to the 11th
- 21 of April 1975. With this specific question in mind, did you
- 22 yourself see, or did others tell you, or was information coming
- 23 to you if you can help at all about what was happening if
- 24 it was happening to capture Lon Nol soldiers? And what I mean
- 25 by that is Lon Nol soldiers who were taken into the custody of -

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- 1 I call it broadly "Khmer Rouge forces", CPN, LAF, and so on. Can
- 2 you help on this, or not?
- 3 [13.56.28]
- 4 A. I think the answer has to be no, not off the top of my head.
- 5 There may be stuff in my notebooks, but I don't have any specific
- 6 recollection that I can give you now.
- 7 Q. You've spoken about one event, 15th of August 1973. Can I ask
- 8 you to try and distil what the next one or two important events
- 9 were that you remember reporting on? Do you understand the
- 10 question?
- 11 A. Yes. Anti-Lon Nol demonstrations in Phnom Penh, including an
- 12 incident in which two government ministers were killed; the big
- 13 offensive that was launched against Phnom Penh on the first of
- 14 January 1975; and all of the subsequent battles on the perimeter
- of Phnom Penh as the Khmer Rouge closed in; and then up to and
- 16 including the last reports, which were on the American evacuation
- 17 of Phnom Penh that is, the American evacuation of U.S.
- 18 personnel and others who wanted to or managed to go along.
- 19 [13.58.13]
- 20 Q. Now, in this period were you living most of the time in Phnom
- 21 Penh if you weren't out in the field, or were you moving around
- 22 the country regularly?
- 23 A. No. I lived in Phnom Penh. Initially, on the southwest side of
- 24 the city, the outskirts of Phnom Penh on the southwest side. I
- 25 moved out of there because we took a lot of incoming Khmer Rouge

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- 1 105 shelling, to the centre of town to be away from the 105
- 2 shelling coming from the southwest and the 107 rockets coming
- 3 from the east. So I set myself up smack in the middle of town to
- 4 avoid the incoming.
- 5 Q. Again, one of those paint-the-picture questions. What I mean
- 6 by this is: you're living in Phnom Penh; you've got shells coming
- 7 in. How regularly? How frightened or not? Just give us a bit of a
- 8 feeling. You're in a house in Phnom Penh or somewhere, and shells
- 9 are coming in. Just bring this to life, please.
- 10 [13.59.38]
- 11 A. You sound like my "Time Magazine" editors.
- 12 Yes. I mean it was certainly scary to be under shell fire when we
- 13 when I lived on the southwest side of town. I had to dig a
- 14 bunker under my house, sometimes live in the bunker, learn how
- 15 many meters of dirt I needed to have on top of me to prevent the
- 16 105 shells from coming in. Similarly, when the rockets were
- 17 coming in from the east one could sit on what's now the
- 18 waterfront, and hear those rockets being fired, and see them
- 19 coming in over our heads normally, and then landing in the centre
- of town, around Monourom, and people being killed.
- 21 And the city was also you know, the socio-economic situation in
- 22 the city was very fraught, very tense. As everybody knows, there
- 23 were a lot of people who'd come in from the countryside, who were
- 24 in Phnom Penh.
- 25 [14.00.50]

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- 1 The political situation was primarily anti-government,
- 2 particularly among students. Sort of a classic revolutionary
- 3 situation, if you will. The students and the workers were
- 4 anti-government, the middle class such as it was, and it was very
- 5 tiny, was mostly also anti-government, and this sort of leads
- 6 into some of the stuff that's referred to in the document that
- 7 was the beginning of this discussion. And I think I refer in this
- 8 document, it's been a while since I looked at it, refer in this
- 9 document to an unpublished "Time Magazine" story I did about the
- 10 Khmer leadership.
- 11 There was another story I was asked to do which never got
- 12 published, maybe there weren't enough atmospherics, and that was
- 13 simply what people in Phnom Penh thought was going to happen when
- 14 the Khmer Rouge came in. And this was in the context of a time in
- 15 which there was an enormous debate going on in the United States
- 16 focussed primarily on Vietnam, to which Cambodia was of course,
- 17 famously, only a side show, about whether or not when the
- 18 Communists won, which by April '75 seemed inevitable, whether or
- 19 not there would be a blood bath.
- 20 [14.02.34]
- 21 So my editors asked me to write a story about whether or not -
- 22 well, whether Cambodians in Phnom Penh thought there would be a
- 23 blood bath or not; and part of the background to the thinking
- 24 that's in this piece is that for the most part people thought no.
- 25 People said no, and indeed, one of the main or one of the

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- 1 several reasons why people thought that was that they believed
- 2 that the Khmer Rouge were led by Khieu Samphan, Hu Nim, Hou Youn,
- 3 who many people, liberals and leftists alike, thought were good,
- 4 honest, patriotic people who would do well by the country and do
- 5 well by the population. There was a kind of general sense already
- 6 then that the Khmer Rouge were somehow different, and there was
- 7 an alternative view which was that they were different but worse
- 8 than other Communists.
- 9 And I remember one relatively sophisticated intellectual, to whom
- 10 I spoke about this matter, who said you know, the question is
- 11 not whether the Khmer Rouge will be sort of different, but
- 12 whether they will be different in a kind of Yugoslavian way -
- 13 that is to say, relatively moderate for Communists or an
- 14 Albania kind of way that is to say, relatively radical in terms
- 15 of their communism. And the general opinion seemed to be the
- 16 former that they would be relatively moderate. So that was the
- 17 widespread perception. The relatively widespread perception. The
- 18 story never saw the light of day.
- 19 Q. Two questions may sound to you like a silly question: When
- 20 you're in your dugout that you've had to make, and you've got
- 21 rockets coming in from two different directions, who were firing
- 22 the rockets? And how did you find out that?
- 23 [14.05.23]
- 24 A. The artillery fire the 105 fire came from the special zone
- 25 troops commanded by Nat In Lorn, alias Nat and the 107s

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- 1 coming from the east were being fired by East Zone Division 1 or
- 2 maybe 2 troops. And I knew that at the time from things I was
- 3 told by the Japanese military attaché, who was very well informed
- 4 and rather free with his information, and shared his order of
- 5 battle information with me.
- 6 Q. In terms of the effect of the shelling; was it only
- 7 residential buildings, or were other buildings I don't know -
- 8 stores, hospitals, factories were they subject to shelling, or
- 9 not?
- 10 A. All of this shelling, whether artillery fire or rocket fire, I
- 11 would describe as indiscriminate, in the sense that it fell
- 12 primarily in residential areas. The worst resulting incident was
- 13 happened because there was incoming fire into a neighbourhood
- 14 where there were lots of people who made their living by selling
- 15 gasoline in bottles along the streets, which a practice that
- 16 continue in Cambodia until fairly recently.
- 17 [14.07.21]
- 18 It's now sort of part of a historical footnote. But the
- 19 incoming fire that went into this neighbourhood ignited some of
- 20 these gasoline stores, and the whole neighbourhood went up in
- 21 flames.
- 22 Q. Which part of Phnom Penh the gasoline going up in flames?
- 23 A. West side. West side.
- 24 Q. Now I know it's perhaps obvious, but you said that the 105s
- 25 came from a Special Zone commanded by In Lorn, alias Nat, and the

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- 1 107 mms from the east were by the East Zone Division 1. Whose
- 2 troops or what troops? I don't mean overall, under what global
- 3 command, overall command?
- 4 A. These are Khmer Rouge zonal divisions operating under the
- 5 overall direction of the general staff, which was at this time
- 6 chaired by already chaired by Son Sen and answered to a
- 7 military command post headed by Pol Pot.
- 8 [14.08.41]
- 9 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 10 Mr. Prosecutor, please hold on.
- 11 Mr. Koppe, you may proceed.
- 12 MR. KOPPE:
- 13 Thank you, Mr. President.
- 14 It appears to me or it might appear that there is a mixture
- 15 going on of eyewitness testimony of the witness of what he saw
- 16 incoming in '75 and the filling in later of information as to who
- 17 was commanding these various troops. Now, under your ruling, both
- 18 are admissible. I understand that. But I think it would be good
- 19 to make that distinction while we have the present testimony
- 20 going on.
- 21 [14.09.35]
- 22 BY MR. RAYNOR:
- 23 I agree with my learned friend. That's absolutely right.
- 24 Q. Back in 1975, when it was when the shelling was going on -
- 25 well, let's make that the first question to clarify this. Can you

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- 1 help us when you first directly became aware of shelling that was
- 2 affecting you or affecting Phnom Penh generally? What year? What
- 3 month? Or can you only be general in this respect?
- 4 MR. HEDER:
- 5 A. Probably dry season of '73/'74, but in a bigger way, initially
- 6 in a bigger way in the dry season of '74-'75. That is to say,
- 7 starting in late '73 and running into the early part of '74, and
- 8 then again starting again in late '74 and then running into
- 9 early '75. And then continuously from early '75 right up to
- 10 January sorry, April '75.
- 11 Q. Now, you said something about the troops who were shelling.
- 12 You've mentioned a Japanese attaché, and you were saying that was
- 13 the source for where they were coming from. Can we clarify that,
- 14 first of all? Is that correct?
- 15 [14.11.22]
- 16 A. Yes. There was the order of battle information that was shared
- 17 with me by the Japanese military attaché, whose source was
- 18 undoubtedly the Khmer Republic military intelligence. There was
- 19 also some material, again originating with FANK, the Khmer
- 20 Republic military and civilian intelligence, which was early
- 21 organograms organizational charts prepared on prepared by
- 22 either by Khmer Republic intelligence, either military or
- 23 civilian about the structure and organization of the Khmer
- 24 Rouge, both political and military, which identified leaders of
- 25 certain political administrative areas and associated particular

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- 1 military units with named commanders with those political
- 2 administrative units. So the basic, sort of, outline of the Khmer
- 3 Rouge structure and organization; the centre, the zones, the
- 4 sectors, and so on was already known in what turned out it
- 5 seems to have been reasonably accurate detail by Khmer Republic
- 6 military and civilian intelligence that was then passed on, not
- 7 only to the Japanese, and also to the Americans. And I got some
- 8 of that I was leaked some of that information by people in the
- 9 U.S. embassy.
- 10 [14.13.17]
- 11 Q. I want to ask questions about two documents, or two nature of
- 12 documents. An order of battle, and an organogram. You say that
- 13 information was leaked to you by the U.S. embassy. You've
- 14 mentioned sectors, districts, and the like but in terms of the
- 15 question I'd asked earlier, you were talking about a military
- 16 structure. And you mentioned two commanders whose names I can't
- 17 remember now In Lorn, alias Nat, and then you said something
- 18 about Son Sen, and you mentioned another person as well.
- 19 Can I ask this? From the order of battle material or the
- 20 organogram material, can you remember whose name was at the top
- 21 of either or both documents, or whose name was next down, or, if
- 22 it helps, go upwards from the commander you mentioned?
- 23 A. Well, in at least some of these materials, Saloth Sar was at
- 24 the top. And that was something which there was some dispute
- 25 within the intelligence community about who he was and how

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- 1 accurate that was.
- 2 [14.15.14]
- 3 But after the reporting done by Ith Sarin, who had been in the -
- 4 on the fringes of the Party apparatus and then defected to the
- 5 Khmer Republic side did some reports for Khmer Republic
- 6 intelligence, and then published a book where he identified
- 7 Saloth Sar as the head of the Communist Movement. That was pretty
- 8 much accepted in the intelligence community. For Nat, as it was
- 9 the Special Zone, my recollection is, in those days, Vorn Vet was
- 10 identified as the head of the Special Zone, but by one of his
- 11 other aliases I think Sok Thuok, an alias used in the
- documents; certainly Ta Mok was mentioned; in the East, certainly
- 13 So Phim was mentioned as the head of the zone I think by his -
- one of his aliases Vanna, So Vanna, Sao Vanna; and the other
- 15 zone secretaries, for the most part, were accurately identified -
- 16 (inaudible) in the Northeast sorry, Northwest, and so on. So,
- 17 as I say, it was fairly accurate. For-
- 18 [14.16.54]
- 19 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 20 It appears to us that we have some technical issue regarding the
- 21 mic. The console is too close to Mr. Heder. Perhaps you should
- 22 turn it all the way to the west, a little bit further from the
- 23 console, so that it's not too close to Mr. Heder.
- 24 You may now proceed.
- 25 MR. HEDER:

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- 1 A. I think that's pretty much it.
- 2 BY MR. RAYNOR:
- 3 Q. Now, in terms of let's call it access to these orders of
- 4 battle, organograms the Japanese military attaché did you
- 5 have more or less access than other reporters? Were you in a
- 6 special position? Was this generally available? Can you help on
- 7 that question, please?
- 8 MR. HEDER:
- 9 A. I don't really know what the competition had. I think there
- 10 were there were some people in some embassies who seemed to
- 11 appreciate the fact that I was a bit of an archive rat, that I
- 12 was looking into the background and the history and so on of
- 13 these movements and the movements that gave rise to the Khmer
- 14 Rouge.
- 15 [14.18.40]
- 16 So those in the embassies who had a kind of interest in history,
- 17 I think, maybe were more sympathetic to me than they might have
- 18 been to some of the other journalists who didn't appear to them
- 19 to have that sort of characteristic. But I don't know what other
- 20 people saw, and I didn't pass it on to my colleagues. So I don't
- 21 know whether they already had more than me or not.
- 22 Q. Now, you mentioned some broadcasts earlier in your testimony,
- 23 in the sense of the phrase "dry up the people from the enemy".
- 24 But I want to ask about broadcasts during the time from May 1973,
- 25 when you arrived, up to the 11th of April 1975, when you left.

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- 1 Now, what I mean by broadcasts is broadcasts by or on behalf of -
- 2 calling it as broadly as I can the Front. Now, again, without
- 3 sounding like one of your news editors; can you bring this to
- 4 life in terms of how often these broadcasts were, what sort of
- 5 subjects they covered, where the radio was if you listened to
- 6 them, whether you listened to them on your own, or whether with
- 7 other journalists. But how did these broadcasts, if there were
- 8 broadcasts, feature in your life?
- 9 [14.20.13]
- 10 A. I listened, in some ways just as part of my language study,
- 11 increasingly to the Khmer broadcasts Khmer-language broadcasts.
- 12 And my recollection was that there was an early-morning
- 13 broadcast, and there was an early-evening broadcast. And a lot of
- 14 this was battlefield reporting: "We have attacked here, we have
- 15 liberated this, we have seized that". And then occasionally there
- 16 was there were policy broadcasts describing, you know, what the
- 17 policies were in the liberated zones and about the overall aims
- 18 and objectives of the revolution, which of course at this time
- 19 wasn't called the revolution were going to be. But I relied -
- 20 in some ways it was easier I mean, it was easier just to read
- 21 the FBIS, frankly. Everything was translated for you, it was all
- 22 there, didn't have to struggle with the dictionary or any of that
- 23 stuff. So, I didn't listen to it all that much. I listened to it
- 24 a bit.
- 25 [14.21.35]

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- 1 Q. When you listened to it a bit, can you remember I mean, was
- 2 there like a radio station, or a radio was it clear from the
- 3 announcer who was making these announcements, and were you able
- 4 to find out where the broadcast transmitter was, or locations for
- 5 such transmissions?
- 6 A. I think the answer to that is no. I mean, I do vaguely recall
- 7 there was a point in time where there was a second broadcast
- 8 system, which called itself "The Voice of FUNK for Phnom Penh",
- 9 and that came on air, I think, after I arrived. Prior to that, it
- 10 was something else. But I didn't delve into the where the
- 11 broadcasts were actually coming from. Occasionally, there were
- 12 broadcasts that were presented as being in the voice of Khieu
- 13 Samphan or somebody else with a name, but a lot of it was just by
- 14 announcer anonymous announcer.
- 15 [14.22.28[
- 16 Q. I want to concentrate on the broadcast by Khieu Samphan or in
- 17 the name of Khieu Samphan. Can you tell us you've mentioned
- 18 talk of battlefields. You've mentioned talk of policy. Can you
- 19 remember when there was a broadcast by Khieu Samphan or on
- 20 behalf of Khieu Samphan did the subject matter differ from what
- 21 you've just said, or can you elaborate?
- 22 A. Frankly, not specifically, no. I mean, it's and it's all
- 23 jumbled up in my memory with my contemporaneous reading of the
- 24 FBIS and my subsequent reading re-reading, re-reading and
- 25 re-reading, umpteen times of those broadcasts. I can't separate

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- 1 in my mind when that information got into my head.
- 2 Q. In respect of the broadcasts by Khieu Samphan or on behalf
- 3 Khieu Samphan I mean, one, two, half a dozen, eight, ten? Can't
- 4 remember? What was the sort of number, just roughly, that you
- 5 remember of such broadcasts?
- 6 A. Maybe a dozen.
- 7 Q. I've taken on a big side route from Pol Pot and Khieu Samphan,
- 8 which was document number E3/3169. So, can we return to that, Mr.
- 9 Heder, please? Just to remind you again; file 3 index 1. And we
- 10 were on page 8 same ERNs as previously given.
- 11 [14.24.53]
- 12 Now, I asked you a specific question about the 1st of April,
- 13 Khieu Samphan broadcast over Communist Party-run Radio. It was
- 14 the information about Khieu Samphan chairing the 2nd National
- 15 Congress. It may be a difficult question, but can you remember
- 16 whether that was from a broadcast or FBIS, or can't you now say?
- 17 A. I mean, this was a pretty big thing at that time, and I think
- 18 I can say that I can remember reading the blue teletype FBIS
- 19 version of this reportage on this purported congress, sitting
- 20 there in that U.S. embassy, reading them.
- 21 Q. Again, on the same document still, still the same page so,
- 22 E3/3169. You started, in the paper, to talk about the Communist
- 23 Party of Kampuchea's policy vis-à-vis the officers and men of the
- 24 defeated army and many of the Khmer Republic civil servants.
- 25 [14.26.26]

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- 1 I don't think it's fair that I read the next words, because the
- 2 rest of the page was based largely on confessions. But on top of
- 3 the next page, which is English 00087773; French 00722072; and
- 4 Khmer 00711379. On this topic, you said:
- 5 "There is also documentary evidence of the involvement in
- 6 executions of a military unit that entered Phnom Penh from the
- 7 special zone, and which after the war was designated division
- 8 703. This is in the form of an order signed by the division
- 9 secretary to execute people, mostly Khmer Republic army officers,
- 10 in the division's custody."
- 11 It's dated the 4th of June 1975, and it reads: "All these 17
- 12 persons have been assessed by the Party, and the Party has
- 13 decided they are to be exterminated. The comrades are asked to
- 14 implement this policy of the Party".
- 15 And, footnote 30 you'll see at the bottom, in the footnotes,
- 16 references "Pin Decision", 4th of June 1975. And then a copy of
- 17 this document was kindly provided to the author, you, by David
- 18 Hawk. Again, a little bit please about David Hawk and how you
- 19 came into possession of this document.
- 20 [14.28.16]
- 21 A. David Hawk was an executive director of Amnesty International,
- 22 United States section, who after having left that post came
- 23 to Southeast Asia. Worked, I believe, for a religious NGO based
- 24 out of Thailand, and developed an interest in what had happened
- 25 in Cambodia, and set up something called the Cambodia

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- 1 Documentation Commission, the objective of which was to try and
- 2 gather evidence, if you will, in order to get a state's party to
- 3 the Genocide Convention to take legal action against the
- 4 then-still UN-recognized Democratic Kampuchea. In that as part
- 5 of that endeavour, he visited Phnom Penh and visited S-21 and
- 6 this would be in the early 1980s. This is the Tuol Sleng Genocide
- 7 Museum, and that document or a copy of that document was given to
- 8 him by the curators of the Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum, and then
- 9 he showed it to me and asked me to translate it for him. So
- 10 that's how I came into possession of that document.
- 11 [14.29.48]
- 12 Q. Thank you. Same page in English, Khmer has move on one, French
- 13 the same. Heading: "Khieu Samphan under Pol Pot in Power":
- 14 "In May 1975, the Communist Party of Kampuchea held a congress,
- 15 and it confirmed Khieu Samphan's membership in the Central
- 16 Committee. He remained a Central Committee member throughout the
- 17 period that the Communist Party held power, but it is he is
- 18 believed not to have been elevated to membership in the Standing
- 19 Committee while the Party was still in power. Although the exact
- 20 composition of this seven-to-nine man body between 1975 and 1978
- 21 is still not known with complete certainty, Khieu Samphan has
- 22 never been identified as among the possible members. However,
- 23 minutes of Standing Committee quora held in 1975 and 1976 reveal
- 24 that he regularly attended them."
- 25 It's the footnote in support of this footnote 53 sorry, 33 -

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- 1 and you state the minutes of meetings of the Standing Committee,
- 2 and then you give I'll give the dates.
- 3 "2nd November 1975, 22 February 1976, 11 March 1976, 17 May 1976,
- 4 and 30 May 1976 all list Khieu Samphan as present. These
- 5 documents were kindly provided to the author by David Chandler."
- 6 [14.31.41]
- 7 The point of the question here, Mr. Heder, is this; at this
- 8 stage, in I think it's 1991 when you wrote this paper you're
- 9 mentioning here only five records of Standing Committee minutes
- 10 showing attendance by Khieu Samphan. So is it right that, at this
- 11 stage, when you were writing the paper, you'd only seen the five
- 12 that you'd mentioned in the minutes in the footnote 33?
- 13 A. The answer to that, I think, has to be "I guess". I suppose
- 14 that those were the ones that David Chandler had had at that
- 15 point passed on to me. I'd add, if I may, that the earlier part
- 16 of that paragraph the part about May 1975 I would no longer
- 17 hold to that view. My subsequent understanding of things is that
- 18 what happened in May 1975 was not a congress but a Central
- 19 Committee meeting, and Khieu Samphan was not elevated at that May
- 20 '75 gathering but no until January '76.
- 21 [14.33.01]
- 22 The footnote too it's not very good. So, it's not surprising
- 23 that it turns out to be wrong.
- 24 Q. Okay. You then go on talking about the anomaly of him not
- 25 being a formal member of the Standing Committee but actually

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- 1 attending meetings, and you say this:
- 2 "This anomaly must be viewed in the light of subsequent
- 3 developments, particularly the purge by execution of Standing
- 4 Committee members who were accused of being Vietnamese agents,
- 5 because Pol Pot knew or suspected that they opposed his policies
- 6 and leadership."
- 7 And at footnote 34 you mention the people who that refers to, is
- 8 that correct?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. From your research, interviews, consideration of documents,
- 11 are you aware of any other persons who were members of the
- 12 Central Committee attending Standing Committee meetings on a
- 13 regular or frequent basis?
- 14 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 15 Mr. Witness, could you please hold on?
- 16 Counsel Kong Sam Onn, you may now proceed.
- 17 [14.34.58]
- 18 MR. KONG SAM ONN:
- 19 Thank you, Mr. President. I take issue with this question.
- 20 The confirmation from this witness regarding the presence of
- 21 members of the Standing Committee must be based on the research
- 22 and study. A normal witness is not able to give testimony or
- 23 confirmation regarding this document or this information that
- 24 needs research to find out. I really take issue with this.
- 25 BY MR. RAYNOR:

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- 1 I understand my friend's objection and I'm just going to rephrase
- 2 the question; I hope that deals with it.
- 3 Q. From factual sources, factual information, does any factual
- 4 information indicate other persons who were members of the
- 5 Central Committee attending Standing Committee meetings on a
- 6 regular or frequent basis?
- 7 [14.36.21]
- 8 MR. HEDER:
- 9 A. The one who comes to mind is Sua Vasi alias Doeun. Other than
- 10 that, I can't immediately think of any.
- 11 Q. We'll come back to Doeun in a minute.
- 12 Same page, same ERNs; just for the record, E3/3169. Mr. Heder do
- 13 you have this page open? Its page 10, half way down the page:
- 14 "As Khieu Samphan himself later admitted the opposition to Pol
- 15 Pot was stronger even then in the Central Committee. In an
- 16 interview with the author on the 4th of August 1980 he alleged
- 17 that Khmer agents who were the Vietnamese infiltrated into the
- 18 Central Committee didn't reach half of its membership. But in the
- 19 Standing Committee it was almost half."
- 20 The first question is: Is that what you've written in the book.
- 21 And then I'm going to take you to another document.
- 22 A. Yes, that's certainly what I've written in the book.
- 23 Q. Same file tab 6.
- 24 [14.38.20]
- 25 MR. PRESIDENT:

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- 1 Mr. Co-Prosecutor, could you please hold on?
- 2 And Counsel Koppe, you may now proceed.
- 3 MR. KOPPE:
- 4 Thank you, Mr. President, just a sorry request for
- 5 clarification, in my document it is always page 9 that quotes
- 6 were from. Just to prevent confusion, I have in front of me
- 7 E3/3169, ERN 0002754, but on the bottom it's page 9.
- 8 MR. RAYNOR:
- 9 I think it's the same document under another reference. If it
- 10 helps, I've got E3/3169 as the document, and then the page I'm on
- 11 for the English ERN is 00087774. I think my learned friend can
- 12 he indicate if he is looking at one that appears in the published
- 13 version, which was D366/7.1.14, as there are two versions on case
- 14 map or the case file? There is the published version which is
- 15 quite black and quite grainy, and then the better copy in plain
- 16 black and white type script is also available under E3/3169. Does
- 17 that help?
- 18 [14.39.49]
- 19 MR. KOPPE:
- 20 Well, my ERN numbers that I have in front of me is 00002754 so
- 21 that's a completely different ERN number but that still wouldn't
- 22 explain the page 9, which seems to be part of the article itself.
- 23 So this would indicate or would imply that there are two versions
- 24 of the same article rather than two different ERN numbers, or E
- 25 documents.

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- 1 MR. RAYNOR:
- 2 There are two documents under the case file E3/3169. I think my
- 3 learned friend has this version, there is also this version on
- 4 the case file and it's much easier to read without the black
- 5 graininess of this document. I'll make sure I give on every page
- 6 now the ERNs. I think I have been doing but I'll try and help as
- 7 much I can.
- 8 [14.41.09]
- 9 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 10 Thank you, Mr. Co-Prosecutor.
- 11 It is now appropriate moment for adjournment. The Chamber will
- 12 adjourn for 20 minutes.
- 13 Court officer is now directed to assist the witness during this
- 14 adjournment and have him return at 3 o'clock.
- 15 (Court recess from 1441H until 1502H)
- 16 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 17 Please be seated. The Court is now back in session.
- 18 Now we would like to hand over to the Prosecution to continue
- 19 putting questions to Mr. Heder. You may now proceed.
- 20 BY MR. RAYNOR:
- 21 Thank you, Mr. President.
- 22 Q. I would like to clarify that the type written version of Pol
- 23 Pot and Khieu Samphan is D366/7.1.14. So we have this type
- 24 written version and then we have the direct photocopy of the
- 25 published work. Now, Mr. Heder, can I ask this: The document that

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- 1 we've been working off which is the type written version, was
- 2 that something that you produced or was produced at the
- 3 University, or do you know nothing about this type written
- 4 version that we are working off?
- 5 [15.03.31]
- 6 MR. HEDER:
- 7 A. I don't know anything about the version of which you're
- 8 working. I only know the ragged dark photocopy of the original as
- 9 published in Australia. This must have been retyped by somebody
- 10 in the Court. The pagination is I suppose different because this
- 11 version the retyped version has the cover as page one, whereas
- 12 the original published version the cover page has no number. So
- 13 there's a one-number difference between the two.
- 14 Q. Thank you. I was asking a question which was about in the
- 15 book you were saying in an interview with the author on the 4th
- 16 of August 1980 he alleged that Khmer Agents who were the
- 17 Vietnamese infiltrated into the Central Committee didn't reach
- 18 half of its membership but in the Standing Committee it was
- 19 almost half and you had confirmed that that was what was written
- 20 in the book. What I would like to do please is to take you to
- 21 file 3, tab 6, and this is now document number E3/203 which is
- 22 the transcript of the questions and answers in the interview that
- 23 you had with Khieu Samphan on the 4th of August 1980. Can you
- 24 confirm that is the document that you have?
- 25 [15.05.21]

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- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. I'd like you to go to page 19 of that document English ERN
- 3 00424014; Khmer, 00434233 sorry that is the French; and Khmer,
- 4 00385410 through 11. And you had been speaking and Khieu Samphan
- 5 had been answering about the Khmer that the Vietnamese agents and
- 6 talking about them secretly destroying and distorting the line.
- 7 And that led to this question from you to Khieu Samphan: "In
- 8 1975, what percentage of them were in the senior ranks of the
- 9 party? In the Central Committee or in the Standing Committee?"
- 10 Answer: "There were many."
- 11 Question: "Half?"
- 12 [15.06.36]
- 13 Answer: "Less than half in the Central Committee but nearly half
- 14 in the Standing Committee." Question from you: "Nearly half, who
- 15 were they?"
- 16 Answer: "I don't want to mention about this issue here and it's
- 17 not the right time for us to discuss conclusively about our
- 18 experiences because we are busy with the war with fighting to
- 19 defeat the Yuon. We will deal with this question gradually."
- 20 Can you confirm that that's an accurate record of what was said
- 21 at this stage of your interview with Khieu Samphan?
- 22 [15.07.21]
- 23 A. Yes. I mean, obviously, the translation is slightly different
- 24 but the sense, I think, is the same.
- 25 Q. I'm moving back to the document which is in fact D366/7.1.14

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- 1 for Mr. my learned friend, Mr. Koppe, probably best that I
- 2 refer to some footnotes as reference to footnote 37, 39, 40. I'm
- 3 going to try and summarize the general theme but make specific
- 4 reference to material before footnote 37. And you are talking
- 5 generally about Khieu Samphan and GRUNK and FUNK. And you state
- 6 this, for your benefit, Mr. Heder, page 11 of the item:
- 7 "Formally speaking the destruction of GRUNK and FUNK proceeded in
- 8 three steps. First came the adoption of a new constitution to
- 9 replace the FUNK political program dating to 1970. Second came
- 10 the holding of what purported to be elections to a national
- 11 assembly to replace the FUNK sponsored congresses over which
- 12 Khieu Samphan had been presiding as the supposed popular policy
- 13 making body of the revolutionary movement. Third came the
- 14 establishment of a new government and other state bodies to
- 15 replace GRUNK itself."
- 16 [15.09.27]
- 17 I want to deal in the next part with elections and can I ask you
- 18 please to turn within the same file to tab 2. This is document
- 19 number E3/390 it is the transcript of your interview with Mat Ly.
- 20 We've already referred to it in Court this morning. Can I please
- 21 take us to its page 28 of the document? The English ERN is
- 22 00436873; I don't have the Khmer but I'm going to ask my
- 23 colleague to see if she can help with pulling this up. Can I just
- 24 check for one moment?
- 25 Mr. Heder and for everyone it's available in Khmer and it will

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- 1 come up on the screens in Khmer. For our purposes, Mr. Heder,
- 2 page 28 about a third of the way down the page after figures 250,
- 3 100, 50 there is a sentence that begins but the method of my
- 4 election. Do you have that, please? Yes.
- 5 So this is Mat Ly speaking:
- 6 "But the method of my election let me tell you. Each centre had
- 7 only one ballot, for instance me, Mat Ly. So they called in the
- 8 people to vote, saying, if they were dissatisfied, to erase it.
- 9 Let me tell you, no one aside from the cadres had a Bic ballpoint
- 10 pen in their pocket in that era. No one. Ask the brothers that
- 11 were evacuated from Phnom Penh-"
- 12 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 13 Mr. Co-Prosecutor, could you please hold on we appear to have
- 14 some technical problem in the rendition into French.
- 15 [15.12.39]
- 16 Mr. Prosecutor, you may repeat your last question to the witness
- 17 because just now it was not rendered into French. You may now
- 18 repeat.
- 19 BY MR. RAYNOR:
- 20 Q. Mr. Heder, the portion we're reading begins with the words
- 21 "but the method of my election". Do you have that on your page?
- 22 MR. HEDER:
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. "But the method of my election, let me tell you. Each centre
- 25 had only one ballot, for instance me, Mat Ly. So they called in

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- 1 the people to vote saying if they were dissatisfied to erase it.
- 2 Let me tell you, no one aside from the cadres had a Bic ballpoint
- 3 pen in their pocket in that era. No one. Ask the brothers that
- 4 were evacuated from Phnom Penh. If they had one, they hid it
- 5 because they were afraid it would be known that they were
- 6 literate.
- 7 [15.14.05]
- 8 "All near sited people took off their eye glasses; they were
- 9 afraid of being called intellectuals and being taken away and
- 10 killed. They said that intellectuals still had imperialists
- 11 influence. In particular in that election if any of the people
- 12 dared to strike out the name they were standing and watching. And
- 13 since there were no photographs on the ballot and it just said
- 14 Mat Ly they brought a stool for me to sit on and they had the
- 15 people vote. They just looked at my face, put in their ballot,
- 16 and turned around. No one dared strike out my name."
- 17 Can you confirm that that was what you were told by Mat Ly in
- 18 this interview?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 [15.15.05]
- 21 Q. We're moving now to the assembly and Mat Ly continues:
- 22 "So after the election on the 11th of May they called me to the
- 23 meeting and we left from the district. I was in the meeting on
- 24 the 12th. On the 13th I returned home. They instructed that the
- 25 Assembly belonged to the Party and the work had to be given to

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- 1 the Party to do. But our Assembly required by law and custom so
- 2 that the international world would know that we had laws, and
- 3 customs and a proper Assembly like they did. That's what they
- 4 told me. But the content of the meeting, I'm not talking about
- 5 organizing the minister's or the Council of Ministers or Council
- 6 of State, I'm talking about the organization of the Assembly. The
- 7 Assembly was 250 persons. They had a Standing Committee of ten.
- 8 Among those ten was the chairman, Nuon Chea. There were two
- 9 deputy chairmen, and other than that they were all members. I was
- 10 a member of the Standing Committee of the Assembly, I was member
- 11 number eight.
- 12 [15.16.37]
- 13 "So what did we discuss in that meeting, nothing. They just read
- 14 it out and we raised our hands. For example they read out the
- 15 organization of the Standing Committee, one, two, who was the
- 16 chairman, who the deputies were and we clapped our hands. And the
- 17 Constitution, a moment, that Constitution, just a moment. They
- 18 wrote that Constitution very well. For example, they wrote that
- 19 the people had the right to have or not have religious faiths but
- 20 reactionary religions were absolutely forbidden. That's what they
- 21 wrote but in fact in that meeting of the Assembly they eliminated
- 22 all religion."
- 23 He then says a little bit further down:
- 24 "Their mandarins, the Council of Ministers had Pol Pot as Prime
- 25 Minister and others were in there. Hou Nim was Minister of

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- 1 Propaganda and Culture. And they had a Court. They assigned Khieu
- 2 Samphan as chairman of the State Presidium. And So Phim my leader
- 3 was first deputy chairman. Nhim Ros was in what they called the
- 4 west. Is that right?"
- 5 You then said question: "The Northwest?"
- 6 Reply: "Northwest. He was second deputy chairman and they killed
- 7 both. That's why I saw... no one was present. It was like when we
- 8 voted we just raised our hands in acceptance.
- 9 [15.18.26]
- 10 "So then the Assembly meeting last just two hours Mr. [inaudible]
- 11 national leadership level... Brother Chea Sim. It began at 7.30 and
- 12 ended at 9.30. So I wore a suit with them for two hours. A suit
- 13 and a necktie and we left, they had us take off the suits and
- 14 neck ties at the Foreign Ministry, give them back, and put on
- 15 black clothes to go back home. But who did they disseminate it?
- 16 On the 11th there was not yet any meeting, the meeting was on the
- 17 morning of the 12th. On the 13th we went back home. At dawn on
- 18 the 14th they announced on the radio that the Assembly had for
- 19 three days busily discussed in detail the laws and customs and
- 20 had organized the ministers."
- 21 Is that an accurate recording of what Mat Ly told you in this
- 22 interview?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 [15.19.55]
- 25 Q. Mr. Heder, in terms of direct factual information from direct

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- 1 factual sources have you obtained any other factual information
- 2 about the conduct of these elections? You use the word purported
- 3 in the report, but can you offer any other factual information as
- 4 to the spread of the elections, where they were held, how
- 5 frequently, can you assist?
- 6 A. On this point to my recollection not a lot. It's not something
- 7 I ask about very much.
- 8 Q. Page 12 of your and my document the material leading to
- 9 footnote 41, for my learned friend Mr. Koppe; English ERN
- 10 00087776; Khmer, 00711385; French, 00722075:
- 11 "Ten days after the balloting, there was a Central Committee
- 12 document outlying the Party's leadership decisions, about a
- 13 number of important issues. These included policy on executions
- 14 and vis-à-vis the destruction of GRUNK and FUNK."
- 15 And there you refer to a document that we are all familiar with,
- 16 a decision of the Central Committee dated the 30th of March 1976.
- 17 Footnote 41 states that this document the one you were
- 18 referring to I think, this document has been translated in
- 19 extenso by Ben Kiernan and appears in the collection Pol Pot
- 20 plans for the future.
- 21 [15.22.12]
- 22 You then add at the end: "In some places my translation of the
- 23 passages quoted here are slightly different from his. The
- 24 original Khmer text was kindly provided to me by David Chandler."
- 25 Can I ask, just in terms of the translations of this document,

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- 1 were there any material differences on the question of the policy
- 2 on executions and vis-à-vis the destruction of GRUNK and FUNK?
- 3 A. I think there are some there's a problem which often arises
- 4 in the translation of Khmer due to the frequent lack of clear
- 5 specification of the difference between singular and plural. So
- 6 sometimes it's not clear whether we're talking about an office or
- 7 about offices. There is also sometimes a problem in the way in
- 8 which modifiers follow nouns. So you can't tell whether if
- 9 standing follows two mentions of committee whether it means
- 10 standing committees in both of the two cases or only in one of
- 11 the two cases. And that can only be determined if it can be
- 12 determined from context and form what one knows from the rest of
- 13 the situation. Sometimes there is no solution to that problem,
- 14 you just have to guess.
- 15 [15.23.58]
- 16 Q. Now, if we can stay on the same page, because you do, then,
- 17 explain the document certainly in terms of, I hope, your Khmer -
- 18 and I quote:
- 19 "The document began by clarifying policy with regard to 'the
- 20 right to decide on exterminations within and outside the ranks'
- 21 of the Party. It declared that 'there should be parameters within
- 22 which the work of implementing our revolutionary dictatorship',
- 23 [in other words] execution 'is carried out.' It then delineated
- 24 which party or other body had the authority to order an execution
- 25 in various contexts. For example it pronounced that 'for those

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- 1 appended to the offices of the Centre', i.e. the Central
- 2 Committee, 'the Centre Office Committee is to make the decision.'
- 3 It seems that 'those appended to the offices of the Centre' in at
- 4 least some instances covered Communist Party cadre who worked in
- 5 government ministries including those who were ministers but not
- 6 themselves of Central Committee rank."
- 7 Is that now a fair summary adopting your Khmer from reading the
- 8 document?
- 9 [15.25.26]
- 10 A. Yes, but that very problem that I flagged arises in this
- 11 context. So, in the where it says it pronounced that quote,
- 12 "for those appended to the offices of the centre". It might be
- 13 singular "office". And the "centre office committee" is to make
- 14 the decision. Conversely, that one could... that could be the
- 15 "centre office committees". So it's ambiguous or unclear, I
- 16 think, on the face of it in the absence of context or other
- 17 clarifying information whether those things should be singular or
- 18 plural.
- 19 Q. At the bottom of our page 12, which follows on from footnote
- 20 43, you make reference to Sua Vasi. And then, turning over our
- 21 page onto page 13 which becomes English, 0087777; Khmer,
- 22 00711386; and French, 00722076, still on Doeun, you say:
- 23 "Communist Party pseudonym was Doeun. Doeun was like Khieu
- 24 Samphan, an intellectual but not a well-known one nor one that
- 25 had a record of working at a higher level with the intellectual

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- 1 and political elite of the Sihanouk era. His post as chairman of
- 2 Office 870 was already a powerful one because it's previously
- 3 defined duty was 'to keep track of the implementation' of the
- 4 Standing Committee's policy decisions."
- 5 And that references back to the 9th of October 1975 meeting which
- 6 is our E3/182. And so when you're talking about the previously
- 7 defined duty do I have it right you're talking to what was
- 8 previously defined in the minutes of an earlier meeting?
- 9 [15.28.09]
- 10 A. Yes, that's correct.
- 11 Q. In terms of factual information from factual sources not
- 12 opinion, not speculation other than S-21 confessions, have you
- 13 seen factual documents that provide information's on the working
- 14 of office 870?
- 15 A. I think the answer is yes, but if I was going to deal with it
- 16 I would really like to look at the individual documents again. I
- 17 think there are other mentions of it but because this is such a
- 18 contentious and crucial issue and because there is so much
- 19 ambiguity surrounding the terminology I don't even on factual
- 20 grounds without the documents in front of me I'm a little bit
- 21 reluctant to comment.
- 22 [15.29.33]
- 23 Q. Okay, thank you. Page 14 for us, which will be following on
- 24 shortly after footnote 49, English ERN 00087778; Khmer, 00711389;
- and French, 00722077, it's the bottom of our page 14.

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- 1 "As of October 1975, when Khieu Samphan was still its Deputy
- 2 Premiere, the GRUNK cabinet comprised 20 cabinet level figures.
- 3 Of these nine were fellow intellectuals or elite political
- 4 figures with whom he had worked in pre-revolutionary Phnom Penh,
- 5 but were either not members of the Communist Party, held
- 6 significantly lower ranks in it than him or had no obvious direct
- 7 connection to Party leaders in the Standing Committee."
- 8 You then discuss other figures and about a third of the way down
- 9 the page you state in effect that out of his that's Khieu
- 10 Samphan's 16 former GRUNK and FUNK colleagues had eventually
- 11 become executed. In terms nine out of 16. Is that correct?
- 12 [15.31.12]
- 13 A. I think the answer is yes. I mean I'm trying to read through
- 14 and do the counting but yes.
- 15 Q. We end up with a nine at footnote 50 being all set out. Can
- 16 you confirm that the nine are set out at footnote 50?
- 17 A. Yes, the nine names are enumerated and specified in that
- 18 footnote number 50.
- 19 Q. I'd like to move quite some pages now to page 19 of ours. This
- 20 is text in relation to footnote 66 the English ERN 00087783,
- 21 Khmer 00711397, and French 00722081, talk about "Democratic
- 22 Kampuchea's official radio broadcast, a Pol Pot speech which
- 23 publically revealed for the first time both the existence of the
- 24 Communist Party and his leadership of it. The speech given on the
- 25 27th of September 1977, contained a detailed exposition of Pol

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- 1 Pot's views on the entire history of the Communist Movement in
- 2 Cambodia and its successes and failures.
- 3 [15.33.04]
- 4 "It seemed to signal publically the special trust Pol Pot had in
- 5 the two men who had been helping him in the purge process begun
- 6 earlier in the year: Nuon Chea and Khieu Samphan. They were the
- 7 only two Party leaders who Pol Pot found the opportunity to
- 8 mention favourably. Pol Pot described Khieu Samphan as a
- 9 'distinguished intellectual' and paid him the accolade of
- 10 mentioning how he had suffered arrest and detention because of
- 11 his political activities."
- 12 And again that's a document we are aware of E3/144.
- 13 My question is: In terms of factual sources of factual
- 14 information are there any other instances, factually, of Pol Pot
- 15 identifying others for particular and similar praise?
- 16 A. Not to my recollection, no.
- 17 [15.34.17]
- 18 Q. I want to move on please to page 25 in our paper. This
- 19 references footnote 74, for my learned friend, Mr. Koppe. The
- 20 English ERN 00087789, the Khmer is 00711408 and French 00722087.
- 21 I ask the question, unless there are pending objections, on the
- 22 basis that this is a question going to Khieu Samphan's capacity
- 23 for leadership, a theme on which His Honour Judge Lavergne asked
- 24 questions a few weeks and upon which I asked supplemental
- 25 questions arising from his questions in terms of Khieu Samphan's

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- 1 position post-1979.
- 2 At the bottom of our page 25 you state or it is stated in the
- 3 book:
- 4 "In December 1979, 11 months after the power of the Communist
- 5 Party of Kampuchea disintegrated in the face of a Vietnamese
- 6 military offensive, the government of Democratic Kampuchea was
- 7 'reshuffled'. Pol Pot stepped down and was replaced as prime
- 8 minister by Khieu Samphan."
- 9 Footnote 74 references: Democratic Kampuchea, "Biographies of
- 10 members of the government of Democratic Kampuchea."
- 11 And in brackets it then says "typescript document in the author's
- 12 possession" so your possession.
- 13 Can you please explain how you came to be in possession of this
- 14 typescript document?
- 15 [15.36.26]
- 16 A. Yes. It was passed on to me by one or more journalists to whom
- 17 it was given by the Khmer Rouge for lack of a more specific term.
- 18 So, it's a document in English that they distributed to
- 19 journalists at that time and then journalists passed on to me. I
- 20 suspect it was somebody by the name of Jim Gerrand. I can't be
- 21 absolutely sure of that, it might have been somebody else.
- 22 Q. Thank you. Our page, the next page, which is 26 referencing
- 23 footnote 77 English ERN 00087790; Khmer, 00711410; French,
- 24 00722088: "In addition to assuming the post of prime minister,
- 25 Khieu Samphan also became the provisional chairman of the

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- 1 Patriotic and Democratic Front of the Great National Union of
- 2 Kampuchea."
- 3 Again, you reference from "Democratic Kampuchea". This document
- 4 is called "Composition of the Government of Democratic Kampuchea"
- 5 and, again, typescript document in the possession of the author.
- 6 Is the chain of translation of the document similar to the
- 7 document we just dealt with in the previous footnote?
- 8 A. Yes. Again, I think the original is in English and the
- 9 document came to me via journalists who received it directly from
- 10 them, the Khmer Rouge.
- 11 [15.38.40]
- 12 Q. I'd like to move again on a number of pages to page 28 on our
- 13 version. If it helps in terms of footnotes, it is text in
- 14 relation to material between footnotes 83, 84 and onwards, but
- 15 you're talking about your 1980 interview with Khieu Samphan, and
- 16 to introduce the analysis, you say a third of the way down, page
- 17 28 on our version: "It's perhaps useful to quote at length from
- 18 remarks he" that's Khieu Samphan "made to the author in
- 19 August 1980 and from a document issued under his authority in
- 20 July 1987."
- 21 And I'm not going to deal with comments about starvation, I want
- 22 to start with comments about another matter.
- 23 [15.39.54]
- 24 So halfway down the page there's a sentence starting "With regard
- 25 to executions", and the sentence reads: "With regard to

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- 1 executions, he" that's Khieu Samphan "similarly asserted that
- 2 'the concrete reality is there were no such killings as a result
- 3 of a systematic policy or line to kill per se. Talk like like
- 4 this is untrue in concrete terms.'"
- 5 He then though, as you say a little later on, about four
- 6 sentences afterwards:
- 7 "Thus, after asking himself rhetorically and euphemistically
- 8 whether there had been 'things that adversely affected the lives
- 9 of the people', he replied, 'there were indeed, although not on
- 10 the scale of a massacre'. He quickly added that the existence of
- 11 such killings should be clarified: they existed as a result of
- 12 the Vietnamese agents, Khmer agents who the Vietnamese
- 13 infiltrated into the ranks of our state power where they
- 14 furthermore had quite important roles'."
- 15 "Evidently," you say, referring to So Phim, Ros Nhim, and Chou
- 16 Chet as people, "some of them were in charge of the zones."
- 17 You then state this, quoting from the interview: "[But] by 1977
- 18 to 1978 we had basically sorted them out and put proper order
- 19 into the situation inside the country."
- 20 [15.41.41]
- 21 Now, does that reflect both what's written on this page of the
- 22 book and also what Khieu Samphan told you in the interview that
- 23 you had with him?
- 24 A. I'm having a little bit of trouble sorting out what might have
- 25 come from which of those two sources. So the footnote is where?

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- 1 [15.42.13]
- 2 Q. I think it might be easier if I take you to the actual
- 3 interview. So tab 6 under your existing file, page 18. I'm now in
- 4 the actual interview, which is E3/203. This is English, 00424013;
- 5 French, 00434232; Khmer, 00385409 through 10. Now that is the
- 6 transcription of the actual interview. I hope it helps if you
- 7 look on the bottom of page 18 about "Some of them are in charge
- 8 of major zones and they distorted our line".
- 9 And then if I can read from this and if you can confirm this is
- 10 actually what Khieu Samphan said in the interview, and perhaps to
- 11 start with that sentence:
- 12 "Some of them were in charge of major zones and they distorted
- 13 our line, making some people in the areas they were in charge of
- 14 unhappy and affecting the lives of innocent people. What did they
- 15 do all these things for? They did these to isolate our Democratic
- 16 Kampuchean government from the people. Then it would be easy for
- 17 them to stage a coup. This was an attack on us from the inside
- 18 out. It was an attempt to attack us from the inside out.
- 19 Nonetheless, we fought constantly against these attempts and
- 20 defeated them. Until 1977-1978, we managed to deal with these
- 21 people completely and brought order back to the country. Thus,
- 22 the people were very satisfied. This is the truth."
- 23 Now, can I deal with it this way? Is that an accurate recording
- of what Khieu Samphan told you in the interview?
- 25 [15.44.51]

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- 1 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 2 Mr. Witness, could you please on?
- 3 And, Counsel Koppe, you may now proceed.
- 4 MR. KOPPE:
- 5 Did my learned friend finish the whole answer when reading this
- 6 page 18? Also, that last sentence please?
- 7 MR. RAYNOR:
- 8 Well, its there. My learned friend can cross-examine upon it.
- 9 BY MR. RAYNOR:
- 10 Mr. Heder, can you confirm that that was what Khieu Samphan told
- 11 you in the interview?
- 12 (Short pause)
- 13 [15.45.36]
- 14 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 15 Mr. Witness, could you please respond?
- 16 MR. HEDER:
- 17 A. Yes, I confirm the basic content, the content of the document
- 18 that you most referred to just now. I think the passages in my
- 19 publication are taken from this same interview and the
- 20 differences are explained by the vagaries of translation,
- 21 different sensibilities about how things should be translated,
- 22 but the substance is if not identical then virtually identical.
- 23 BY MR. RAYNOR:
- 24 Q. Now, this interview with Khieu Samphan, 4 August 1980, again,
- 25 similar question to yesterday with Ieng Sary, how was this

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- 1 interview set up, how did you get access to Khieu Samphan, who
- 2 was present at the interview, a little bit of background? And I
- 3 apologize because I've gone against my golden rule of asking
- 4 three questions in one, but do you get the drift of the question?
- 5 [15.46.54]
- 6 MR. HEDER:
- 7 A. This interview happened while I was at the Asian Institute of
- 8 Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok. The interview the setting
- 9 up of the interview was facilitated by the Thai academic who was
- 10 then, I think, the head of the Institute, Khien Teeravit, and
- 11 also with the help of journalists, former colleagues of mine,
- 12 including the folks from "Kyodo" with whom I did the interviews
- 13 that are in one of the other documents that we've discussed
- 14 extensively.
- 15 [15.47.58]
- 16 I went in the company of another a number of journalists. Been
- 17 trying to I knew this question was coming, I've been trying to
- 18 remember who those journalists were. I think one of them was
- 19 probably Gary Burns. He was a television journalist. There were a
- 20 couple of others. At the moment for the life of me I can't
- 21 remember exactly who.
- 22 [15.48.33]
- 23 We were picked-up in Bangkok by a Democratic Kampuchea vehicle
- 24 and taken to the Thai-Cambodian border and probably crossed over
- 25 to the Cambodian side. As it happens, this is the border between

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- 1 Cambodia and Thailand in the area of Preah Vihear which we know
- 2 is somewhat disputed, so I'm not exactly sure which side of the
- 3 border I was on.
- 4 The format of the encounter was initially a kind of press
- 5 conference. Khieu Samphan, if I recall correctly, made a prepared
- 6 statement to myself and the journalists present and then there
- 7 was I had a separate interview with Khieu Samphan which, to my
- 8 recollection, was one-on-one. Journalists were not present, it
- 9 was me and Khieu Samphan and a tape recorder.
- 10 We also spent the night in this location, myself and the
- 11 journalists. And then, if I recall correctly, we left the next
- 12 morning and were transported back to Bangkok in a Democratic
- 13 Kampuchea vehicle.
- 14 Q. Just what was the location? Are we in the middle of a town?
- 15 Are we on the outskirts? Are we in the jungle? Are we where are
- 16 we and what was the set-up? What I mean by that was, what was the
- 17 I don't know who was with Khieu Samphan; was there an
- 18 entourage? Can you just describe the setting?
- 19 [15.50.20]
- 20 A. Yes. This was at the top or near the top of the Dangrek
- 21 Escarpment which forms the border, the disputed border, between
- 22 Cambodia and Thailand in that area.
- 23 Khieu Samphan was present. Somebody by the name of Thiounn Mumm
- 24 was present. Also present on that occasion was Son Sen, to whom I
- 25 also spoke, not in a formal interview but informally, and this

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- 1 was considered from the Democratic Kampuchea side of things a bit
- 2 of a treat because Son Sen had, according to what we were told
- 3 and according to what Son Sen said to me, just emerged from the
- 4 interior of Cambodia where he was said to have been leading the
- 5 opposition to the Vietnamese presence. So this was the first time
- 6 anyone had seen Son Sen I think, any foreigner that is to say,
- 7 any or I should say any Westerner I suppose. I suppose Thai and
- 8 Chinese had seen him, but any Westerner, any Western journalist
- 9 or academic, hadn't seen Son Sen since the fall of Phnom Penh.
- 10 [15.51.50]
- 11 So and my understanding from subsequent interviews is that this
- 12 was more or less the then location of the headquarters for the
- 13 Party Central Committee.
- 14 Q. Now, I'd like you just to look at the first page of our file
- 15 3, tab 6, and the front of the document has "Duration, 47
- 16 Minutes", and then it even has a counter 00 to 16 minutes. And
- 17 then can I take you to the final page of the document.
- 18 So, first of all, the front page, can you confirm it has 47
- 19 minutes, first of all?
- 20 A. Yes, that's what it says.
- 21 Q. And if you look at the final page of E3/203, we have "End of
- 22 Tape 6". Now, how was this recorded?
- 23 [15.53.16]
- 24 A. An ordinary cassette tape recorder of the era, the kinds of
- 25 cassettes that people used to play music off of in those days.

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- 1 Q. I mean, was there a tape recorder on open show? Were you
- 2 hiding it? Was it openly on view?
- 3 A. No, this wasn't secretly recorded, this was openly on view as
- 4 you put it.
- 5 Q. I'd like to go to page 20 of E3, the document itself, E3/203.
- 6 Sorry, in fact, I think it will be easier to go to the final
- 7 page, which is page 21 for you. This is English ERN 00424016;
- 8 Khmer, 00385414; and French, 00434236/7, and I'm quoting your
- 9 question:
- 10 Question to Khieu Samphan: "What I wanted to ask was at the time
- 11 was about anyone who was accused of being either CIA agents or
- 12 Yuon agents. I want to ask if any of them were accused of being
- 13 Yuon agents in order to kill them, in order to kill true
- 14 patriots. Did that happen among the upper echelon?"
- 15 Answer: "Yes, there was a comrade in West. He was an old man. He
- 16 was accused by the Yuon agents. They were responsible for that.
- 17 They accused him. However, they were not successful because we
- 18 investigated the case in a timely manner."
- 19 [15.55.55]
- 20 I want to pause there because on the face of it this transcript
- 21 shows "End of Tape 6". Is that correct on this page?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. Now I want you to go back, please, to the same file tab 1
- 24 which is the book "Pol Pot and Khieu Samphan" and to page number
- 25 29 in the English, referencing footnote 85 and the text beneath,

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- 1 for my learned friend Mr. Koppe; English, 00087793; French,
- 2 00722090; and Khmer, 00385413314.
- 3 Now, if you look at the top of the page, Mr. Kiernan Mr. Heder,
- 4 forgive me, it's late in the day. If you look at the this is
- 5 you in the book and there's a direct, I think, translation or a
- 6 direct extrapolation from the interview:
- 7 [15.57.27]
- 8 "There was a comrade in the West, who's elderly now, who was
- 9 accused by the Vietnamese agents who were responsibles (sic)
- 10 above him. With regard, however, to this problem, they were
- 11 unable to keep unable to make their accusations stick because
- 12 we kept track of things and examined them."
- 13 It's the next part, because you say here in the book: "When the
- 14 matter was pursued further..." in other words, when the comrade
- 15 in the West was pursued further-
- 16 So, to quote:
- 17 "When the matter was pursued further, the following exchange
- 18 occurred..."
- 19 Question: "So what about people like Hou Youn and Hu Nim and all
- 20 the others who were executed as a result of being accused of
- 21 treason? Hou Youn and Hu Nim were friends of yours, and I guess
- 22 you also knew many of the leading Party cadre who were killed
- 23 because they were accused of being CIA agents or KGB agents or
- 24 Vietnamese agents. What about all those zone and sector
- 25 secretaries and deputy secretaries and members and all those

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- 1 brigade secretaries and deputy secretaries and members?
- 2 [15.59.01]
- 3 "I find it very hard to believe that there were so many agents of
- 4 imperialism and the Vietnamese within the Party. I take it you
- 5 believe they were all agents, that all of those who were executed
- 6 at these levels were correctly accused and should have been
- 7 killed. You don't think it's possible some of them were wrongly
- 8 accused, that some of them were loyal Communists and patriots and
- 9 wrongly killed? As far as you know, there weren't any cases where
- 10 somebody innocent was accused?
- 11 Answer: "No."
- 12 Your question: "Not a single one?"
- 13 Answer: "No, none."
- 14 Your question: "So everybody who was executed was, in fact, a
- 15 traitor?"
- 16 Answer: "Yes, as far as I can grasp."
- 17 Question: "And no-one was wrongly accused?"
- 18 Answer: "As I said, there was one old man in the West who was
- 19 accused of being a traitor but was, in fact, loyal."
- 20 Now, first question, sounds obvious, is that what's written in
- 21 this paper, first of all?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. Now, when you were writing the paper and referencing the
- 24 interview with Khieu Samphan, what record were you relying on to
- 25 quote verbatim questions and answers that I've just read out?

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- 1 [16.01.00]
- 2 A. Well, there are I obviously see where this is going, what
- 3 the problem is. From the way it's written it would seem to me
- 4 that there must have been another tape which has possibly been
- 5 lost over the years. And it's also possible that this was done
- 6 after the tape ran out or over dinner or the next morning and,
- 7 therefore, wasn't on the tapes that were done during the formal
- 8 interview. But that doesn't seem from the way it's written it
- 9 does indeed seem to have been those are not the kinds of not
- 10 the kind of presentation of the data that would come from
- 11 anything other than a tape. If the tape was lost, then the tape
- 12 was lost.
- 13 [16.01.54]
- 14 Q. Are you satisfied that these questions and answers reflect
- 15 questions that you asked Khieu Samphan and answers that he gave
- 16 you?
- 17 A. Yes, I have a pretty clear memory of this conversation because
- 18 of the kind of combative and confrontational, emotional nature of
- 19 it. It's something that I remember.
- 20 Q. We'll set this in context. Six tapes of 47 minutes or
- 21 thereabouts, roughly 50 minutes times six, roughly 300 minutes.
- 22 You're towards the end of the interview. Can you try and recreate
- 23 for us how did it feel when you're sat opposite Khieu Samphan
- 24 asking these questions? How did you feel inside yourself when you
- 25 were asking these questions about Hu Nim and Hou Youn? How did

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- 1 you feel?
- 2 A. Well, I mean, I think it was more I mean, I knew that I had,
- 3 in a sense, ambushed the man. I don't think he expected or was
- 4 prepared for this line of questioning, particularly because the
- 5 line of questioning was fairly detailed and reflected the
- 6 knowledge that I already had at this point of the structure and
- 7 organization of the party and the purge process.
- 8 So it was as I said, it was it was confrontational, it was
- 9 emotional, I think, on both sides.
- 10 [16.04.08]
- 11 MR. RAYNOR:
- 12 Thank you, Mr. President. I'm conscious of the time. Can I
- 13 explain that I have two more pages which will constitute perhaps
- 14 two or three questions and I hope it would be convenient, please,
- 15 if I can finish this today. But I am, of course, in your hands.
- 16 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 17 You may proceed.
- 18 [16.04.39]
- 19 MR. RAYNOR:
- 20 Q. I'm carrying on now with the book, our version D366/7.1.14,
- 21 referencing around footnote 86, English ERN 00087794; Khmer,
- 22 00711416 through 7; French, 00722091.
- 23 And you state or it's stated in the book:
- 24 "In response to years of questions like these," in other words,
- 25 the questions we've just gone through, "Khieu Samphan's Office of

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- 1 the Vice-President of Democratic Kampuchea for Foreign Affairs
- 2 issued a document."
- 3 Now, it says here on 15 July 1978. Can I first ask you, is that a
- 4 correct reference to the date of "Truth and Justice", as it's
- 5 called in its short form, or should it, in fact, be 1987?
- 6 MR. HEDER:
- 7 A. It should be 1987 as it is in the footnote, footnote number
- 8 86.
- 9 Q. Thank you. I'm not going to deal with it in detail but you
- 10 state a bit later on, two or three sentences:
- 11 [16.06.09]
- 12 "The document conceded more deaths than Khieu Samphan had been
- 13 willing to admit in 1980. These included deaths by starvation and
- 14 executions of alleged traitors and of people who had mistakenly
- 15 killed when they were, in fact, not agents of the Vietnamese.
- 16 "However, the document still vastly underestimated the true death
- 17 toll and attempted to shift almost all the responsibility for
- 18 starvation and execution to alleged enemies."
- 19 Now that document is on our case file as E3/703. I don't propose
- 20 to go through it, but in the footnote I want to deal with well,
- 21 yes, I'll read on if I may on the text:
- 22 "Khieu Samphan thus in effect simply reiterated his unrepentant
- 23 support for, and his association with, Pol Pot and his failed
- 24 policies. He also inadvertently shed more light on his own role
- 25 in the conduct of criminal political murders."

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- 1 [16.07.28]
- 2 You go on to say:
- 3 "Khieu Samphan's document begins by rehearsing the false claim
- 4 that Pol Pot's policies succeeded in improving the life of the
- 5 peasantry. It is asserted that once the Communist Party of
- 6 Kampuchea took power their life began to improve, for all of them
- 7 had enough rice to eat and clothes. Moreover, their health was
- 8 constantly improving since 1976 and the situation supposedly kept
- 9 improving right through 1978."
- 10 Now, in terms of that document at footnote 86, to give its title,
- 11 "Office of the Vice-President of Democratic Kampuchea in Charge
- 12 of Foreign Affairs: What are the Truth and Justice about the
- 13 Accusations Against Democratic Kampuchea of Mass Killings from
- 14 1975 to 1978". And then, again, "Typescript Document in the
- 15 Author's Possession".
- 16 So my question, Mr. Heder, is how did this document get to be in
- 17 your possession?
- 18 A. In this particular instance, my recollection is that it was
- 19 given to me a Cambodian American by the name of Kem Sos, who, I
- 20 think, by this time was a serving U.S. State Department official.
- 21 If he wasn't by this time a serving U.S. State Department
- 22 official, he was an employee of the U.S. Embassy in Bangkok
- 23 working on the Thai/Cambodian border.
- 24 [16.09.26]
- 25 Q. Just to confirm that we're talking about the same document,

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- 1 can you please go to your tab 7? That's our document E3/703. Can
- 2 you confirm that this is the document that came into your
- 3 possession? This I don't know whether the original document is
- 4 in Khmer or English, but this is obviously in English, so can you
- 5 just help us that?
- 6 A. It's the same document in the sense that it's the same
- 7 content. I can't be sure that this document which has Youk
- 8 Chhang's notation on it is the one that was given to me and then
- 9 I gave to him and then he annotated it, but it's the same
- 10 document in the sense of the same content.
- 11 [16.10.27]
- 12 And the original was in English. This is not somebody else's
- 13 translation from the Khmer; this is their own translation,
- 14 presumably into English, of something they wrote themselves in
- 15 Khmer.
- 16 MR. RAYNOR:
- 17 Thank you, Mr. Heder.
- 18 Thank you, Mr. President and Your Honours, for allowing me a
- 19 little additional time at this stage. Thank you, Mr. Heder.
- 20 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 21 Thank you, Mr. Co-Prosecutor, and thank you also Mr. Heder.
- 22 The hearing for today now comes to an end, and the Chamber will
- 23 adjourn now. The next hearing will be resumed on Monday next
- 24 week, starting from 9 a.m.
- 25 On Monday, the Chamber continues to hear the testimony of Mr.

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1 Heder. We hope this message is informed now to the parties to the 2 proceedings and people concerned and the public. 3 Mr. Heder, your testimony is not yet complete. The Chamber wishes to also hear your testimony again on Monday next week, so please 4 5 return to the courtroom on Monday the 15th of July at 9 a.m. 6 Court Officer is now directed to assist Mr. Heder to ensure that 7 he is returned to his place and have him returned to the courtroom at 9 a.m. on Monday. 8 9 [16.12.10] 10 Security personnel are now directed to take Mr. Khieu Samphan and 11 Nuon Chea back to the detention facility and have them returned to the courtroom by 9 a.m. on Monday the 15th of July, 9 a.m. Mr. 12 13 Nuon Chea is directed only to be returned to his holding cell downstairs, where he can observe the proceedings through 14 audio-visual link. 15 16 The Court is adjourned. (Court adjourns at 1612H) 17 18 19 20 21 22 23

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