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SUBJECT: Cambodian Territorial Waters

REF: Phnom Penh's A-45 of October 2, 1969
Phnom Penh's 152 of November 6, 1969

In the "Contre Gouvernement" of February 16, 1970 there appeared an article on "The Resources of the Sea". While the piece was of no particular interest, there was one paragraph of interest in support of earlier reports on a new delineation of Cambodian territorial waters.

"While our territorial sea has been three miles until now, the Government's declaration (Embassy Comment: This has not been officially made yet.) solemnly affirms that as of 27 September 1969, the width of the Cambodian territorial sea is fixed at 12 nautical miles from the coast."

Again, it must be stressed that the Embassy has neither received nor seen any official paper regarding the change in territorial waters. However, we suspect it to be true in view of RKG interest in off-shore petroleum development.

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