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CINCPAC CALLS FOR USAF AIRLIFT TO PHNOM PENH: A FEBRUARY
B TELEGRAM FROM CINCPAC STATES: "SEE NO ALTERNATIVE FOR ASSURING RESUPPLY (TO PHNOM PENH) WHILE FANK SEEKS TO REOPEN
MEKONG EXCEPT TO REINSTATE USAF AIRCREW MISSIONS."

THE TELEGRAM SAYS THAT PACOM AIRLIFT CAN HANDLE APPROXIMATELY 50 SORTIES DAILY AND ADDS, "NEED AUTHORITY TO USE PACOM AIRLIFT RESOURCES TO AVOID FURTHER DETERIORATION (OF AN) ALREADY CRITICAL SITUATION."

IN A FEBRUARY 8 TELEGRAM, AMBASSAOOR DEAN SUGGESTS THAT THE ADMINISTRTION KEEP AN OPEN MIND ABOUT A USAF AIRLIFT TO BRING ADEQUATE SUPPLIES INTO PHNOM PENH UNTIL THE MEKONG CAN BE REOPENED."

THERE ARE NO CONGRESSIONAL RESTRICTIONS ON A USAF AIRLIFT TO PHNOM PENH. SUCH USAF OPERATIONS WERE VOLUNTARILY DISCONTINUED LAST YEAR TO AVOID POSSIBLE LOSSES TO ENEMY FIRE. BIRD AND SON TOOK OVER AIRLIFT OPERATIONS ON A CONTRACT BASIS USING CIVILIAN PERSONNEL AND AIRCRAFT BORROWED FROM THE USAF (WITHOUT INSIGNIA). ALTHOUGH BIRD AND SON IS SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASING ITS FLIGHTS TO PHNOM PENH, THEY WILL NOT BE ENOUGH AS LONG AS THE MEKONG REMAINS BLOCKED. (STEARMAN)

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NEW SIHANOUK PRESS STATEMENT DENOUNCED U.S.: THE NEW CHINA NEWS AGENCY REPORTS THAT PRINCE SIHANOUK ISSUED A STATEMENT ON FEBRUARY 5 DENOUNCING THE U.S. GOVERNMENT FOR TAKING "NEW MEASURES AGAINST THE CAMBODIAN PEOPLE" AND REAFTIRMING THE DETERMINATION OF THE FUNK TO STRUGGLE UNTIL THE END. THE STATEMENT, WHICH IS NOT IN SIHANOUK'S USUAL PREE-WHEFLING STYLE, CONCLUDES WITH THE FOLLOWING COMMENT ON NEGOTIATIONS:

"THE FUNK, THE GRUNK, THE LIBERATION ARMY, AND NORODOM SIHANDUX...PROCLAIM TO THE WORLD THAT THEY WILL NEVER RENOUNCE THEIR STRUBGLE FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION, A STRUBGLE WHICH THEY WILL VIGOROUSLY CARRY THROUGH TO THE END WITHOUT RETREAT, ACCEPTING NO CEASE-FIRE, NO NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT COMPROMISE, WITHOUT RECONCILIATION, OR OTHER FORM OF NATIONAL BETRAYAL..."

THE KHMEP COMMUNIST LEADERSHIP REPORTEDLY WAS FURIOUS WITH SIMANOUK FOR HIS DISCUSSION OF NEGOTIATIONS OVER SWEDISH IV IN JANUARY. THIS FEBRUARY STATEMENT, THE SECOND IN A WEEK, WAS OBVIOUSLY DRAFTED FOR SIMANOUK BY HIS COMMUNIST MENTORS. IT IS PROBABLY PART OF A CAMPATON TO COUNTER

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THE PUBLIC REACTION GENERATED BY THE PRINCE'S JANUARY REMARKS. THIS PUBLIC POSITION AGAINST NEGOTIATIONS CONFORMS PEPORTS INDICATING THAT THE COMMUNIST LEADERSHIP HAS NO INTENTION OF SEEKING ANY TYPE OF POLITICAL SETTLEMENT NOW. ALL OF SIHANOUK'S HARD-LINE PRESS STATEMENT AGAINST A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT ARE CARRIED BY CHINESE NEWS MEDIA, WHILE HIS FREE-WHEELING PUBLIC STATEMENTS PAVORING A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT ARE NOT MENTIONED. (QUINN/STEARMAN)

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