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Romanian President’s Visit to Cambodia: Treaty of Friendship

(a) Abstract of reports (FE/5826/A2/5):

On 29th May President Ceausescu and his delegation flew to Siem Reap-Angkor. They were accompanied by Khieu Samphan, Ieng Sary, Ieng Thirith and the Romanian acting charge d’affaires Valeriu Adamescu. On arrival they were welcomed by (?Kang Chap), Secretary of the CPK Northern Region Committee and Chairman of the Serve the People Committee of the Northern Region, who later gave a luncheon for them. The party visited the Bayon and Ankor Wat temples. (Phnom Penh home service 2300 gmt 29 May 78)

On 30th May Ceausescu and the Romanian delegation left Phnom Penh by special plane after successfully concluding an official friendship visit to Cambodia. Pol Pot, Khieu Samphan, Ieng Sary, Vorn Vet and Ieng Thirith accompanied the delegation to the airport. Nuon Chea, Chairman of the Standing Committee of the Cambodian People’s Representative Assembly; Mey Prang, Chairman of the Committee for Communications; Cheng An, Chairman of the Committee for Industry; Thiounn Thioeunn, Minister of Public Health; and Yun Yat, Minister of Propaganda, Culture and Education, were at the airport to see the guests off. (Phnom Penh home service 1135 gmt 30 May 78)

President Ceausescu, who briefly stopped over in New Delhi on the 30th, had talks with Prime Minister Morarji Desai. (New Delhi home service in English 0830 gmt 30 May 78)

(b) Phnom Penh home service (i) 2300 gmt 29 May, (ii) 1200 gmt and (iii) 2300 gmt 30 May 78

(i) Excerpts from President Ceausescu’s reply at the 28th May banquet:

... We should like to thank you for the warm reception and friendly sentiments that you have expressed for us. We regard this as proof of the feelings of respect and love that our two peoples hold for each other, as well as proof of the friendly relations and co-operation that exist between our two Parties and states.

The Romanian people, who have struggled arduously for centuries in order to defend and preserve their own national entity, rights and freedoms and the independence of their own motherland, have always had profound sympathy for and have actively expressed solidarity with the valiant and heroic struggle of the Cambodian people against imperialism and old and new colonialism to liberate their nation and people, to seize the right to be masters of their own country, and to strengthen and expand the independence and sovereignty of the democratic Cambodian State. Three years ago we greeted with joy the historic victory of the Cambodian people under the leadership of the CPK, and the success in building a new, free and dignified life...

In the world, there are changes which attest to the desire of people to put a final end to the policies of imperialism, colonialism and neo-colonialism. At the same time, it is apparent that policies of dividing the world into zones of influence and domination are being strengthened. Therefore it is necessary for the progressive forces and anti-imperialist forces to unite to prevent an aggravation of the international situation and to bring about new policies which are based on equality between nations and respect for each people’s independence.
(iii) Excerpts from “joint statement” date 30th May:

... Comrade Pol Pot ... and Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu ... held talks...
These official talks proceeded in a warm atmosphere of friendship, affection, esteem and mutual trust and understanding. The sides exchanged information about the internal situations in their respective countries and about issues of current interest to the CPK and RCP and the Cambodian and Romanian peoples. The two sides examined the prospects of bilateral relations between the two Parties and peoples and exchanged views on a wide range of issues concerning the main aspects of the current international situation and the communist and workers movements...

The Democratic Cambodian side expressed its great esteem for Comrade President Nicolae Ceausescu and highly valued his contributions to the struggle for the cause of socialism and consolidation of peace, for the establishment of a new international economic and political order and for the strengthening and expanding solidarity among anti-imperialist, progressive and democratic forces fighting for freedom, national independence, security, co-operation and progress.

Comrade Pol Pot ... told Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu about the historic great victory of 17th April 1975 won by the Cambodian people over imperialism and foreign intervention.

The delegation of the CPK and Government of Democratic Cambodia informed the Romanian side of the results achieved by the Cambodian people under the leadership of the CPK in fulfilling their current tasks of defending the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Democratic Cambodia and carrying on the socialist revolution and socialist construction in the new stage of the Cambodian revolution so as to make Cambodia prosper and advance as an independent, unified, peaceful, neutral, non-aligned, sovereign and democratic country with territorial integrity...

The Comrade Secretary-General of the RCP and President of the Socialist Republic of Romania [SRR] highly valued the great victory scored by the CPK and Cambodian people in their task of preserving, strengthening and expanding the revolution's fruits of victory, and of strengthening and expanding the economy and social welfare in the advance along the socialist line towards glory and prosperity. [Ceausescu] also highly valued the policy of independence and non-alignment advocated by Democratic Cambodia. The RCP and SRR Government once again expressed their solidarity with and support for the Cambodian people in their efforts to fulfil their tasks in the new stage of the Cambodian revolution.

The two sides noted with satisfaction that the fraternal friendly relations, solidarity and co-operation between the CPK and RCP, between Democratic Cambodia and the SRR and between the Cambodian and Romanian peoples have steadily developed in the political, economic, commercial, cultural and other fields of common interest. They reaffirmed their desire to pursue the consolidation and expansion of friendship and bilateral co-operation in accordance with the interests of the Cambodian and Romanian peoples by adhering to Marxism-Leninism and the principles of mutual respect for independence, national sovereignty and territorial integrity, the right of each people to control their own destiny, non-aggression, non-interference in each other's internal affairs, equality and mutual benefit.

To this end, Comrade Pol Pot ... and Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu ... signed a Treaty of Friendship and Co-operation between Democratic Cambodia and the SRR. The
two sides will undertake to expand relations between representatives of the Parties, Governments and Assemblies of the two countries, as well as commercial and economic relations, co-operation in the field of science and technology, and relations and co-operation in science, education, culture, arts and other fields of common interest.

An agreement on economic and technical co-operation between the Government of Democratic Cambodia and the Government of the SRR, a trade agreement between the Government of Democratic Cambodia and the Government of the SRR, and an agreement between the Government of Democratic Cambodia and the Government of the SRR on maritime fishing co-operation were also signed during the visit.

The two sides agreed to appoint ambassadors in Phnom Penh and Bucharest. They agreed that the authorities concerned in the two countries should work out measures and appropriate means to expand the scope of the relations between Democratic Cambodia and the SRR.

Within the framework of the exchange of views on some current issues pertaining to the international situation, the two sides expressed their firm desire actively to contribute to the cause of peace and security in the world, to the examination and settlement of major international issues now facing mankind, to general and total disarmament, first of all the elimination of nuclear weapons, to the establishment of a new international economic and political order, and to the creation of a just and better world. Democratic Cambodia and the SRR agreed that all disputes and tensions between states should be peacefully settled on the basis of respect, through actual deeds, for independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity and the right of peoples to manage their own destinies without external interference.

The two sides expressed great satisfaction at the outcome of the official friendship visit paid to Democratic Cambodia by the Romanian Party and government delegation headed by Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu... The two sides regarded the visit, the talks between Comrades Pol Pot and Nicolae Ceausescu and the signing of the Treaty of Friendship and Co-operation and other documents as constituting another important contribution to the gradual consolidation and expansion of comprehensive bilateral Cambodian-Romanian relations in the interests of the Cambodian and Romanian peoples and the cause of independence, democracy, socialism and peace in the world.

Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu... and Comrade Elena Ceausescu expressed sincere thanks to Comrade Pol Pot... and to the Cambodian Government and people for according them a most cordial and friendly welcome and hospitality during their visit to friendly Democratic Cambodia. Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu... invited a delegation of CPK and Government of Democratic Cambodia led by Comrade Pol Pot... to pay an official visit of friendship to the SRR. Comrade Pol Pot accepted this invitation with the greatest of pleasure...