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**New Envoy of Cambodia  
Meets and Thanks Nixon**

WASHINGTON, June 11 (AP) — Cambodia's new ambassador told President Nixon today that United States assistance had "saved us from the hands of the Communists." in reply, Mr. Nixon pledged: "We shall do our best to aid Cambodia to defend its neutrality."

The exchange with the newly accredited Ambassador, Sonn Voeunsai, was made public by the State Department following Mr. Sonn's presentation of his credentials to the President today.

Mr. Sonn said Cambodia would need United States aid and friendship to help end "the criminal aggression against its territory" and proceed with national development.