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Text of the Phnom Penh Cease-Fire Offer

PEKING, April 16 (Agence France-Presse)—Following, in translation, is the text of the Phnom Penh Government's offer of a cease-fire and a transfer of power to Prince Norodom Sihanouk, as relayed by Roger E. Gallopin, president of the Executive Committee of the International Committee of the Red Cross in Geneva, and released here today by the Prince's Cabinet. The offer, signed by Lieut. Gen. Saksut Sakhan, head of the Military Government, was introduced and concluded by a message from the Red Cross official.

To Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, Cambodian head of state:

Dear Sir:

I bring to your attention the fact that the representative of the International Red Cross in Phnom Penh has been asked to pass on to you the following message, which I relay without comment:

"In accordance with the legitimate aspirations of the

Khmer people, who fervently wish the end of hostilities, the Cambodian Government, intent on avoiding the loss of many more Khmer lives in the present fratricidal struggle and recognizing that the continuation of this fratricidal struggle will inevitably bring about the annihilation of the Khmer people and nation:

"1. Has decided to accept any realistic solution that can end the bloodshed and bring about national reconciliation.

"2. Is ready to this end to conclude an immediate ceasefire with GRUNK [the Royal Government of Khmer National Union], FUNK [the Khmer National United Front] and FAPLNG [the People's National Liberation Armed Forces of Cambodia].

"3. Is prepared to accept conditions for reacting a common accord between the Khmer parties concerned for a complete end to hostilities.

"4. Commits itself to

avoiding all acts of reprisal or discrimination against people and organizations because of their activities during the hostilities and to guaranteeing their democratic liberties, but asks that GRUNK, FUNK and FAPLNG agree to a reciprocal commitment.

"5. Commits itself to an immediate transfer of power under the supervision of the International Red Cross and the Phnom Penh representative of the United Nations as soon as the response of GRUNK, FUNK and FAPLNG is known."

The International Red Cross, fulfilling its traditional role of intermediary, is at your disposal to transmit any message entrusted to it.

Regarding the proposal to transfer power under the supervision of the Red Cross and the United Nations, I wish to make it clear that this would imply only the presence of the Red Cross representative if it was required.