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HANOUK WELCOMED BY CHOU IN PEKING

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PEKING, April 11—Prince Sihanouk said here today that his forces in Cambodia would go on fighting those of the present regime in Phnom Penh until 1976 if necessary.

The Prince, returning to his exile in Peking after a prolonged absence during which he says he visited insurgent areas of Cambodia, said it was "an honor" for his forces to be bombed by the United States Air Force. Asked how long he thought the Lon Nol government could survive, he said it depended on President Nixon.

Prince Sihanouk was welcomed at the airport by Premier Chou En Lai. The Chinese media have given great publicity to the reports of Prince Sihanouk's visit to "liberated" areas of his country and talks with people there who sympathize with his cause.

Asked how he had entered Cambodia from North Vietnam, two countries that have a common frontier, Prince Sihanouk said he went by the Ho Chi Minh Trail. This suggests that he went through Laos and possibly through parts of South Vietnam.