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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS:

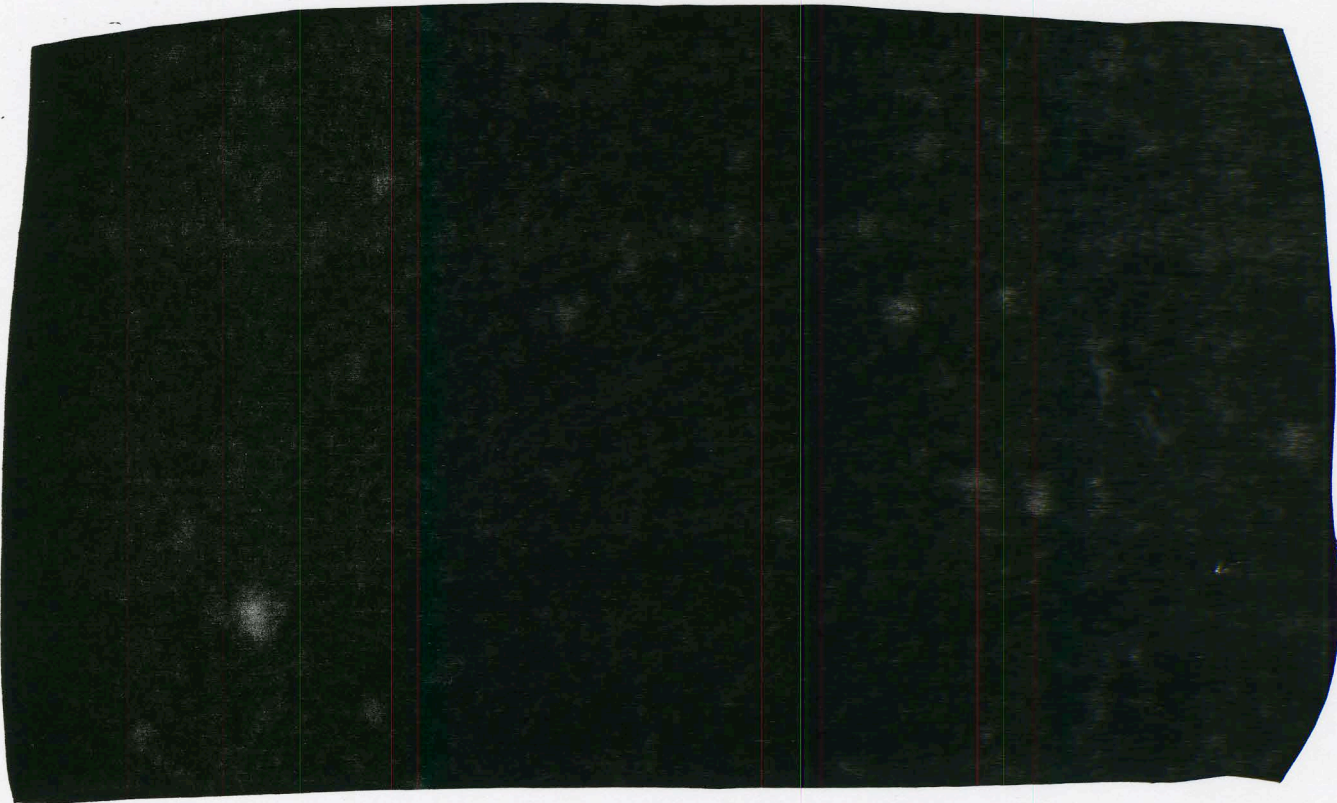
Lon Nol, President of the Khmer Republic
Hang Thun Hak, Prime Minister of the
Khmer Republic
Dr. Henry A. Kissinger, Assistant to the
President for National Security Affairs
Ambassador William H. Sullivan, Deputy
Assistant Secretary of State for Far
Eastern Affairs
John D. Negroponte, NSC Staff

DATE & TIME:

October 22, 1972, 10:00 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

PLACE:

Lon Nol's Residence
Phnom Penh, Cambodia



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By MKO NARA, Date 9/30/93

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As you know, the basic position of President Nixon was laid down on the 8th of May, 1972 when he announced the mining and the resuming of bombing of North Vietnam. The principles he established at that time were that we wanted a ceasefire and the release of United States prisoners of war in return for which we would withdraw from Vietnam. In addition, we have said consistently that we would not impose a government on South Vietnam, that we would not discuss political personalities and we would insist that the political future of South Vietnam be shaped by the South Vietnamese people themselves. We have always said there could be no concessions on these points.





President Lon Nol: Of course -- I just wanted to give you a general idea of my feelings.

Dr. Kissinger: Along with the ceasefire both sides will release their prisoners except the civilian prisoners held by the Republic of Vietnam which will be the subject of a separate negotiation between the South Vietnamese parties. In other words, the North Vietnamese have left Viet Cong civilian prisoners of war to the South Vietnamese for negotiations. One can hardly say that this is the action of a victorious side.

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