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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MESSAGE:

I ACKNOWLEDGE THE RECEIPT OF YOUR MESSAGE AND WISH TO THANK
YOU FOR INFORMING ME IN ADVANCE THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S
DECISION ON THE KAMPUCHEAN QUESTION. THE CHINESE GOVERN-
MENT IS MUCH CONCERNED ABOUT THIS MATTER.

THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT GREATLY VALUES THE FRIENDLY RELATIONS
AND COOPERATION ESTABLISHED BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS.
DURING MY VISIT TO YOUR COUNTRY, OUR EXCHANGE OF VIEWS
PROVED THAT OUR OPINIONS ON INDOCHINA AND SOUTHEAST ASIA WERE
IN MANY WAYS SIMILAR OR IDENTICAL.

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IN THE SPIRIT OF MUTUAL CONFIDENCE, I SHOULD INFORM YOU
FRANKLY THAT I AM WORRIED THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S
DECISION TO WITHDRAW RECOGNITION OF DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA
WOULD ENTAIL GRAVE ADVERSE CONSEQUENCES TO THE STRUGGLE

PRIME MINISTER'S
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BEING WAGED IN INDOCHINA AND SOUTHEAST ASIA AGAINST VIETNAMESE AGGRESSION AND EXPANSION. THE SOVIET UNION AND VIET NAM WILL SURELY TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE OCCASION TO URGE SOME COUNTRIES TO RECOGNIZE THE HENG SAMRIN PUPPET REGIME AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO ACCEPT VIETNAMESE-SOVIET INVASION AND OCCUPATION OF INDOCHINA AS A FAIT ACCOMPLI. SUCH A DEVELOPMENT WOULD NOT ONLY BE A HEAVY BLOW AT THE KAMPUCHEAN PEOPLE'S JUST STRUGGLE, BUT ALSO POSE A DITMCT THREAT TO THE INDEPENDENCE AND SECURITY OF THE ASEAN COUNTRIES, THAILAND IN PARTICULAR. THEREFORE, WE CANNOT BUT TAKE EXCEPTION TO THIS DECISION OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT.

IT IS OBVIOUS THAT VIET NAM WILL NOT EASILY AGREE TO WITHDRAW ITS FORCES FROM KAMPUCHEA. CONDITIONS ARE NOT YET RIPE FOR A POLITICAL SOLUTION OF THE KAMPUCHEAN ISSUE. WHILE THE DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEAN GOVERNMENT DID MAKE MANY ERRORS IN ITS POLICIES IN THE PAST, IT HAS AWAKENED TO THE MISTAKE AND IS ADDRESSING ITSELF TO MAKING AMENDS. IT HAS ALL ALONG BEEN THE MAIN FORCE RALLYING THE PEOPLE AND PERSEVERING IN RESISTANCE IN THE COUNTRY AGAINST VIETNAMESE AGGRESSION. THE ARMED FORCES OF DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA, BY PERSISTING IN STRUGGLE, HAVE TIED DOWN VIET NAM AND THWARTED SOVIET-VIETNAMESE EXPANSION TO SOUTHEAST ASIA. AT THIS CRITISCAL JUNCTURE WHEN VIET NAM IS LAUNCHING A DRY SEASON OFFENSIVE IN KAMPUCHEA, CONTINUED RECOGNITION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA FULLY CONFORMS TO THE LARGER INTEREST OF SAFEGUARDING PEACE AND STABILITY IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, WE STILL HOPE THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WOULD CAREFULLY RECONSIDER ITS DECISION OF WITHDRAWING RECOGNITION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA.

WITH BEEH WISHES.

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