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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AUSTRALIA,
KHMER REPUBLIC and REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM**

**Memorandum of understanding on Australian participation in the
training of FANK personnel in Viet-Nam (with memorandum
dated 3 December 1971). Signed at Saigon on 8 December 1971**

Authentic text of the Memorandum of understanding : English.

Authentic texts of the memorandum of 3 December 1971 : English and French.

Registered by the United States of America on 26 September 1972.

**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE, AUSTRALIE,
RÉPUBLIQUE KHMÈRE et RÉPUBLIQUE
DU VIET-NAM**

**Mémoire d'accord relatif à la participation australienne à
l'instruction du personnel des Forces armées nationales
khmères au Viet-Nam (avec mémoire en date du 3
décembre 1971). Signé à Saigon le 8 décembre 1971**

Texte authentique du Mémoire d'accord : anglais.

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Enregistré par les États-Unis d'Amérique le 26 septembre 1972.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING¹ ON AUSTRALIAN PARTICIPATION IN THE TRAINING OF FANK PERSONNEL IN VIET-NAM

We, the Ambassadors in Saigon of Australia, the Khmer Republic, and the United States, and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Viet-Nam, formally accept on behalf of our Governments the arrangements recommended in the attached "Memorandum on Australian participation [in] the training of FANK personnel in Viet-Nam" drawn up at a meeting of Saigon on December 3rd, 1971, between military representatives of Australia, the Khmer Republic, the Republic of Viet-Nam and the United States.

Saigon, 8th December, 1971.

[Signed]

TRAN VAN LAM
Minister of Foreign Affairs
of the Republic of Vietnam

[Signed]

A. MALCOLM MORRIS, O.B.E.
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Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Khmer Republic

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MEMORANDUM ON AUSTRALIAN PARTICIPATION
IN THE TRAINING OF FANK PERSONNEL IN VIET-NAM

In April 1970 the Prime Minister of the Khmer Republic broadcast an appeal for international assistance in the defence field. This was subsequently followed up with Australia by Khmer Ministers and senior service officers who on a number of occasions in 1970 and 1971 stressed to Australian Ministers and officials the critical need for assistance in military training.

¹ Came into force on 8 December 1971 by signature.

2. The Australian Government responded by agreeing, in consultation with the Khmer authorities, on a programme for training FANK (Forces armées nationales khmères) personnel in Australia. It was recognised, however, that this would go only part of the way to meet Khmer training needs.

3. In August 1971, the Australian Prime Minister announced that Australia would retain some military training and advisory elements in the Republic of Viet-Nam if they were wanted and if satisfactory arrangements could be made.

4. Given that decision, the continuing need for further training assistance to FANK personnel, and the existence in Viet-Nam of United States training facilities for FANK personnel, the Australian Government announced in November 1971 that it had made a decision in principle to enter into discussions with the other Governments concerned about the participation of Australia, with others, in the training of Khmer personnel in Viet-Nam. That decision in principle was welcomed by the Khmer, Vietnamese and United States Governments.

5. The specific arrangements to govern the participation of Australia in the training of FANK personnel in Viet-Nam were discussed at a meeting in Saigon on 3 December, 1971 between military representatives of Australia, the Khmer Republic, the Republic of Viet-Nam and the United States.

6. At that meeting these representatives recommended the following arrangements :

- (a) Subject to the agreement of the Government of the Republic of Viet-Nam the Australian Government will provide, so long as that is mutually agreed, a group of the order of thirty instructors for the training of FANK personnel in Viet-Nam, the exact composition of the group to be determined in the light of further consultations with the appropriate FANK and United States military authorities;
- (b) This group of instructors, which initially will be part of Australian Force Viet-Nam, will be additional to those which the Australian Government has stated its readiness to include in the Australian Army Assistance Group (AAAG) for the training of Vietnamese forces, but will form an integral part of the AAAG, when established, and will be administered and supported by it. Any special arrangements required for the Australian group of instructors for the training of FANK personnel in Viet-Nam will be arranged between the appropriate FANK, United States and Australian military authorities;
- (c) The costs of this group of instructors will be borne by the Australian Government;

- (d) The group of instructors will work within the framework of the United States training establishment in Phuoc Tuy province of the Republic of Viet-Nam. The movement of FANK personnel to these training establishments, and their maintenance there, will not be the responsibility of the Australian Government;
- (e) The courses of training on which this group of Australian instructors will be used will be decided on in consultation with the appropriate FANK and United States military authorities.

[Signed]

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Chef de la Représentation des FANK
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à Saigon

[Signed]

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Australian Force Viet-Nam

[Signed]

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