

February 8, 1980.

Dr. Kurt Waldheim,
The Secretary-General,
The United Nations,
New York, N.Y.,
U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Waldheim,

Chinese New Year greetings to you from people of six historical religions in Hong Kong (Buddhism, Confucianism, Taoism, Islam, and Catholic and Protestant Christianity)!

In our Chinese New Year Message to the people of Hong Kong we include among other things our concern for the people of Kampuchea who are facing the imminent danger of mass extinction resulting from warfare, hunger, disease and expulsion. We are encouraging our people to make contributions towards sending food, medicine and other relief goods to Kampuchea, besides offering our goodwill and prayers. Even so, we know well that by ourselves we can do little for the suffering people in one of our South East Asian countries.

We earnestly appeal through your good offices as the Secretary-General of the United Nations to facilitate joint efforts by government representatives of all concerned nations to save the Kampuchean people from further tragedies. Particularly we would like to see the following non-partisan actions taken or strengthened without delay:-

- 1) that effective measures to supervise the transportation and distribution of relief goods sent to the people who need them be provided;
- 2) that means to prevent all parties from further acts of armed hostilities forthwith be devised;
- 3) that a special international conference to deal with the re-settlement of Kampuchean refugees be convened;

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- 4) that through the effort and coordination of the U.N. an appropriate structure be established through which and in which peaceful settlement of conflicts can be achieved;
- 5) that ways to protect religious groups from being maltreated be implemented.

As representatives of religious bodies, we are not versed in the ways of power politics, yet we firmly believe that there must be a moral base for the government of men leading to the preservation of world peace, and we support you in all endeavours to assert the moral leadership of your great international organization besides its involvement in political actions.

Yours faithfully,




Rev. Kok Kwong &
Mr. Wong Wan Tin
The President &
Vice President,
H.K. Buddhist Asso.




Rt. Rev. Gilbert Baker
The Chairman,
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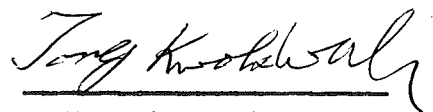
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cc: Sir Murray McClehorse, the Governor of Hong Kong.