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Dear Bob:

The Congress has under consideration the necessary appropriations to fulfill the American commitment to participate in the funding of the United Nations peace-keeping mission in Cambodia. I urge that this commitment be fully met.

Cambodia has been through one of the more tragic experiences of recent years. It is not appropriate to debate what America did, or could have done, to make this less tragic. But it is appropriate for America in cooperation with other nations to help bind up the wounds of this experience and set Cambodia on the path to a new life. The United Nations is trying to do so. It is up to us, along with others, to help it with the necessary funding to accomplish this great task.

As one who had a special relationship with the sad final days of the fall of South Vietnam to its conquerors and to Cambodia's descent into the horror of the killing field, I feel most forcefully the need to set Cambodia on the path to freedom and decency. I hope the Congress will provide the necessary resources to do so.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gerald Ford".

The Honorable Bob Dole
Minority Leader
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