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The materials in her Cambodia collection, she has kindly donated to the Matheson Library of Monash University, cover the period of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia (UNTAC) from 1992 to 1993. They comprise the following:

BOX 1 – UNTAC – POLITICAL

- Reports - Meetings of the Supreme National Council of Cambodia
- Biographies of Senior UN officials in Cambodia
- Statements of the Special Representative of the Secretary General
- UN Security Council Resolution 792 (1992) and Report by the UNSG on Cambodia.
- UNTAC – Standing Operating Procedures – Volume 1
- UNTAC – Standing Operating Procedures – Volume 2
- Visit of the UN Secretary General to Cambodia - 1993
- Casualties of UN Civilian and Military personnel.
- Research Papers
- UNTAC – Internal Assessment of the UN Mission (August 1993)

BOX 2 – UNTAC – POLITICAL

- Articles/Comments on Prince Norodom Sihanouk
- Profile - Prime Minister Hun Sen/ Interviews-Articles
- US Embassy – Phnom Penh - Press Releases
- Democratic Kampuchea Party Miscellaneous Documents
- FUNCINPEC Party Miscellaneous Documents
- Cambodian People’s Party Miscellaneous Documents
- Prince Norodom Sirivuddh’s Arrest and Exile
- Prince Norodom Chakrapong’s Activities 1992/93
- SNC Meetings – Reports by UNTAC staff
- Documents on Vietnam-Cambodia Relations 1991-93
BOX 3 – PRESS COMMENTARY

- Articles written by Dr. Downie on Cambodia 1988 - 1990
- Articles written by Dr. Downie on Cambodia 1991 – 1993
- BBC Transcripts of assignments
- Media Guidelines for Cambodia
- Press Reports Volume 1 – 1992
- Press Reports Volume 2 – 1993
- Press Reports Volume 3 - 1994

BOX 4 - UNTAC – REHABILITATION AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Note: This Box comprises various files on such issues as Budget support for Cambodia; UNTAC’s impact on Cambodia’s Economy; Investment regulations; Public Sector management; Repatriation of refugees from Thai camps and various other economic and financial issues:

- UNTAC Rehabilitation and Economic Affairs – Volume 1 1992
- UNTAC Rehabilitation and Economic Affairs – Volume 2 1993
- Donors’ Review Meeting – 1993
- Banking System during Transitional period
- UN General Assembly – 7 May 1992 Financing of the UN Advance Mission in Cambodia
- Ministry of Economy and Finance – Miscellaneous Documents
- Investment Law for Cambodia – Various Proposals

BOX 5 – UNTAC – INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

- Complaints from Political Parties (Non-election related)
- People’s Party Radio & Newspaper Monitoring
- Party of Democratic Kampuchea Radio Monitoring
- KPNLF Radio & Bulletin Monitoring
- FUNCINPEC Radio & Bulletin Monitoring
- Radio UNTAC
- Press Releases from UNTAC’s Spokesman office
- UNTAC – Internal Reports on Peace Process, Information & Education
- UNTAC – Notable Reports in the Cambodian Media
- UNTAC – Field Trips reports
- IBC TV (Thai Owned) Monitoring
BOX 6 – UNTAC – ELECTORAL ISSUES

- People’s Party Report on the Ballots Counting – 1993
- Overview of the Polling Process – Part 2
- Miscellaneous Political Parties Electoral materials (Khmer language)
- Miscellaneous Materials of Political Parties in English
- UNTAC – Electoral Regulations
- UNTAC – Electoral Issues
- UNTAC – Electoral Law
- UNTAC - Election Observers.
- National Assembly – Miscellaneous Documents

BOX 7 – HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES

- UNTAC - Human Rights Issues - Volume 1
- UNTAC - Human Rights Issues – Volume 2
- Women’s Rights Issues – Volume 1
- Women’s Rights Issues – Volume 2
- Reform of the Cambodian Judiciary
- Penal Code.
- Khmer Institute of Democracy (KID)
- Dossier on Julio Jeldres, Founder of KID
- Letter from Co-Premiers (28/2/1995) to UN Secretary General asking the closure of the UN Office for Human Rights in Cambodia

BOX 8 – MISCELLANEOUS FILES

- French Interest in Cambodia
- Press Releases – Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- Profile – Deputy PM Samdech Sar Kheng
- Press Releases/Statements of First Prime Prince Norodom Ranariddh.
- Documentation on the Question of Cambodia’s borders and the alleged Vietnamese presence in Cambodia.
- Japanese Assistance to Cambodia.
- Australia-Cambodia Relations.
- Cambodia-Vietnam Relations.
- US Embassy in Cambodia – Press Releases
- Papers by Cambodia scholars: David Chandler, Ben Kiernan and Michael Vickery.
- Cambodian Red Cross – Reports of Activities
• Establishment of the Journalists' Typing Centre – 1991.
• Miscellaneous Handwritten Notes – 1993-1994
• Cambodia - Oil Exploration – Press Releases and Proposals
• Cambodia – Mining Exploration – Miscellaneous Documents
• Cambodia – Telecommunications – Miscellaneous Documents

BOX 9 – MISCELLANEOUS FILES

• Booklet on The War in Cambodia 1970-75 by Ken Conboy
• Visit of US Congressman Stephen Solarz
• Documents on the issue of the Presence of Foreign Forces in Cambodia
• UNICEF Press Releases
• Forests/Illegal Logging in Cambodia
• Ministry of Interior – Control of NGOs and Associations
• World Food Program – Internally Displaced Persons
• Dossier – Sam Rainsy
• Press Articles File – Return of Prince Sihanouk to Cambodia Nov. 1991
• Press Articles File - Attack on Khmer Rouge Delegates – Nov. 1991
• Articles written by Dr Sue Downie on Vietnam – 1988-1990
• Ministry of Environment – Various documents
• Maps of Cambodia
• Miscellaneous Reports from UNTAC Information and Education Division
• Miscellaneous Press Releases from the Royal Government of Cambodia