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Part I of this book is a synthesis of the various papers, positions and discussions held at that conference, and is not meant to be an exact rendition of UNTAC itself. Part II reproduces all the papers presented in Singapore and should provide the reader with a sense of the complexity of UNTAC, and the diversity of views of the different actors.

Due to the fact that Under-Secretary-General Yasushi Akashi, Special Representative of the Secretary-General (SRSG) to Cambodia, could not participate in the Singapore Conference, the ensuing report, though rich in its component-oriented evaluation, could not benefit from his overall analysis. In particular, the crucial relationship between the SRSG and the Supreme National Council, and political groups represented there, as well as the special relationship between the SRSG and HRH King Sihanouk, could certainly have been exposed in more detail. In this regard, readers may wish to refer to various articles written by USG Akashi, to gain a more comprehensive picture of the forces at play.

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