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Met Ambassador Byroade on Cambodia. He showed me the latest dispatches from American sources. And it is certain that the Americans and S Vietnamese have destroyed plenty of ammunition, guns, supplies, communications and installations to paralyze them for 6 months and the Vietcongs have broken off after 4 hours battle because of lack of ammo.

Phnom Penh is however still encircled but since the Vietcong have taken it if they wanted to, and they have not, they must have other intentions.

Ches-Kin Thian says the Americans may withdraw, but the South Vietnamese will stay longer

Kissinger in a press conference has said that even if the Americans and South Vietnamese did not attacked in Cambodia, they would have been attacked from there.

Even if we have not met the Foreign Policy Council, I have decided that we should only participate in the Djakarta conference and not send aid except medical or humanitarian aid to the Cambodians. But we should try and get Sen Pal to invite the Djakarta conference to request an observation team of civilians to go to Cambodia and report back to the conference or to a bigger one called by the U.S. Sec. Gen.