

# Elizabeth Becker Cambodia and Khmer Rouge Collection, 1970-1988

## Overview of the Collection

<b>Creator</b>	Becker, Elizabeth
<b>Title</b>	Elizabeth Becker Cambodia and Khmer Rouge Collection
<b>Dates</b>	1970-1988 (inclusive) 1970 1988
<b>Quantity</b>	0.86 cubic feet (2 boxes), includes textual materials, photographs and DVDs
<b>Collection Number</b>	6036 (Accession No. 6036-001)
<b>Summary</b>	Publications, personal notes, photographs, recorded interviews, transcription of interview with Ieng Sary, and United Nations reports and correspondence regarding Cambodia and the Khmer Rouge compiled by journalist, Elizabeth Becker
<b>Repository</b>	<a href="#">University of Washington Libraries, Special Collections</a> Special Collections University of Washington Libraries Box 352900 Seattle, WA 98195-2900 Telephone: 206-543-1929 Fax: 206-543-1931 <a href="mailto:speccoll@uw.edu">speccoll@uw.edu</a>
<b>Access Restrictions</b>	Open to all users.
<b>Languages</b>	English, French

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## Biographical Note

Elizabeth Becker has had an extensive career as an award winning international journalist for the New York Times, National Public Radio, and the Washington Post. Her primary area of expertise is in Cambodia and the Khmer Rouge due to her coverage of the Cambodian Civil War in the 1960s and 1970s. During this time she was one of only 2 journalists to interview Pol Pot while he was in power and is the author of "When the War was Over" (1986), a history of modern Cambodia and the Khmer Rouge. She had also covered many other stories of international significance such as South Africa's first democratic election and the Rwandan Genocide.

## Content Description

Publications, personal notes, photographs, recorded interviews, transcription of interview with Ieng Sary, and United Nations reports and correspondence regarding Cambodia and the Khmer Rouge. Notes and materials were gathered by Becker on a 2 week reporting trip to Cambodia in December 1978. Some materials are in French. Also included are several subsequent interviews with Khmer Rouge Leaders. DVD copies of taped interviews include: Pol Pot- December 22, 1978, Ieng Sary-

December 19, 1978, Ieng Thirith- 1980, and minor Khmer Rouge Officials at Sime Reap Zoo and Angkor Temples.

## Use of the Collection

### Restrictions on Use

Creator's copyrights transferred to the University of Washington Libraries.

## Administrative Information

### Arrangement

Arranged in 4 series.

- Series 1, Interviews -- text and audio
- Series 2, Notes and other papers
- Series 3, Photographs
- Series 4, Publications

### Acquisition Information

Elizabeth Becker, 2009-04-15

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## Detailed Description of the Collection

### Series 1: Interviews -- text and audio

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1/1	Text of Pol Pot Speech at Cambodia Communist Party Anniversary Meeting	1977
1/2	Text of Ieng Sary Speech to United Nations	1977
1/3	Interview Transcription with Ieng Sary	1981
1/4	<b>Sound recordings on DVD</b>	<b>1978</b>
	Siem Reap	1978

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	Audio of journalists and their guides in discussion about the flora and fauna of Siem Reap and Angkor Wat.	
	leng Sary - Phnom Penh	1978
	leng Thirith - Tape 1, Side A	1978
	leng Thirith - Tape 1, Side B	1978
	leng Thirith - Tape 2	1978
	leng Thirith - Tape 3	1978
	Pol Pot Interview	1978
	Pol Pot Dinner Apparently mislabeled sound recording; sounds to be duplicate as the leng Sary - Phnom Penh recording	1978

## Series 2: Notes and other papers

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1/5	Becker's Notes from Trip to Democratic Kampuchea	1978
1/6	Poster of Democratic Cambodia Government Structure	1977
1/7	Press Releases	1980
1/8	United Nations Reports and Correspondence	1978-1985
1/9	Map of Cambodia (Photocopy)	1977

## Series 3: Photographs

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1/10-11	Photographs of Sights and People in Cambodia	1979

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/12	Negatives of Sights and People in Cambodia	1979

## Series 4: Publications

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
2/1	"Signal Victory of the Militant Unity of the Three Indo-Chinese Peoples"	1970
2/2	"Communique de presse de la premiere session pleniere de la premiere legislature de l'assemblee des representants du peuple du Kampuchea"	1976
2/3	"Democratic Kampuchea is Moving Forward"	1977
2/4	"Long Live the 17th Anniversay of the Communist Party of Kampuchea - Speech by Pol Pot, Secretary of the Central Committee of the Kampuchean Communist Party, Delivered on September 29, 1977"	1977
2/5	"Comment fut Decide et Prepare le Depart Officiel du Marechal President de Phnom Penh, Republique Khmere, le 1er Avril 1975"	1977
2/6	"Discours prononce par le Camarade Pol Pot, Secretaire du Comite Central du Parti Communiste du Kampuchea - Au Meeting Commemorant le 17 Anniversaire de la Fondation du Parti Communiste du Kampuchea et a l'occasion de la proclamation solennelle de L'exist	1977
2/7	"Democratic Kampuchea: Black paper - Facts and Evidences of the Acts of Aggression and Annexation of Vietnam against Kampuchea"	1978
2/8	"Pol Pot - Les Grandioses Victoires de la Revolutioinm du Kampuchea sous La Direction juste et Clairvoyante du Parti Communiste du Kampuchea"	1978
2/9	"Pol Pot - Talks with the Delegation of the Sweden-Kampuchea Friendship Associaiton"	1978

<b>Container(s)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
2/10	"Pol Pot - Continuons a tenir fermement haut leve le drapeau de la victoire du glorieux parti communiste du Kampuchea pour defendre le Kampuchea Democratique poursuivre ;a revolution socialiste et edifier le socialisme"	<b>1978</b>
2/11	"Evidences on the Vietnamese aggression against Democratic Kampuchea"	<b>1978</b>
2/12	"Interview of Comrade Pol Pot to the Delegation of Yugoslav Journalists in Visit to Democratic Kampuchea"	<b>1978</b>
2/13	"Interview of Comrade Pol Pot to the Democratic Kampuchea Press-Agency"	<b>1978</b>
2/14	"Pol Pot - Talks with the Delegation of the Association Belgium - Kampuchea"	<b>1978</b>
2/15	"Pol Pot - Interview to Mr. Jan Myrdal, Member of the Delegation of the Association of Friendship Sweden-Kampuchea for the Swedish Television"	<b>1978</b>
2/16	"Biography of Comrade Pol Pot"	<b>1978</b>
2/17	"Pol Pot - Interview to the Representatives of the Hong Kong's Newspapers Wen Wei Po and Ta Kun Pao"	<b>1978</b>
2/18	"Speech made by Comrade Pol Pot at the banquet given in honour of the delegation of the Communist Party of China and the government of the People's Republic of China"	<b>1978</b>
2/19	"The Peoples Republic of Kampuchea"	<b>1979</b>
2/20	"The National United Front for the Salvation of Kampuchea"	<b>1979</b>
2/21	"Le conseil populaire revolutionnaire du Kampuchea"	<b>1979</b>
2/22	"Role of the Kampuchean Women for Equality, Development and Peace"	<b>1980</b>
2/23	"Heroism of the Kampuchean Women before and after the Vietnamese Invasion"	<b>1980</b>
2/24	"L'Opinion Mondiale et la Situation Actuelle au Kampuchea"	<b>1980</b>

Container(s)	Description	Dates
2/25	"La solidarite Kampuchea - Vietnam"	1982
2/26	"Thai authorities step up hostile activities against the People's Republic of Kampuchea"	1982
2/27	"Quelques preuves sur les manoeuvres des expansionnistes et hegemonistes chinois contre le peuple Kampucheen"	1982
2/28	"Kampuchean Today"	1988
2/29	"Women of Cambodia"	undated

## Names and Subjects

### Subject Terms :

Journalists--United States--Archives

### Personal Names :

Becker, Elizabeth--Archives

Ieng Sary--Interviews

Ieng Thirith, 1932-2015--Interviews

Pol Pot--Interviews

### Corporate Names :

Party of Democratic Kampuchea--Sources

University of Washington--Alumni and alumnae--Archives

### Geographical Names :

Cambodia--Photographs

Cambodia--Politics and government

Sie#mre#ab (Cambodia)--Description and travel

### Form or Genre Terms :

Interviews

Photographs

Sound recordings

Transcriptions (documents)

## Names and Subjects

### Subject Terms :

Personal Papers/Corporate Records (University of Washington)

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