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The following information from the Registry of the International Court of Justice is communicated to the Press:

In the course of eight hearings from 15 to 20 March 1962, in the case concerning the Temple of Preah Vihear (Cambodia *v.* Thailand) (Merits) the Court heard the following witnesses and experts who, before taking the stand, made the solemn declarations provided for in Article 53, paragraph 2 (witnesses) and paragraph 3 (experts) of the Rules of Court:

- (a) M. Suon Bonn, former Governor of Kompong Thom, at present Inspector, Political and Administrative Affairs, Ministry of the Interior (Cambodia), as a witness presented by Cambodia.

M. Suon Bonn was examined by Professor Pinto, Counsel for Cambodia, and cross examined by Sir Frank Soskice, Counsel for Thailand.

- (b) Professor Willem Schermerhorn, Dean of the International Training Centre for Aerial Survey, Delft, as an expert presented by Thailand.

Professor Schermerhorn was examined by Sir Frank Soskice and cross examined by the Honourable Dean Acheson, Counsel for Cambodia. He was re-examined by Sir Frank Soskice.

- (c) Mr. Friedrich E. Ackermann, lecturer at the International Training Centre for Aerial Survey, Delft, as a witness and an expert presented by Thailand.

Mr. Ackermann was examined by Sir Frank Soskice and cross examined by the Honourable Dean Acheson and Professor Paul Reuter, Counsel for Cambodia. He was re-examined by Sir Frank Soskice.

- (d) Mr. Herman Theodoor Verstappen, Geomorphologist, Head of the Geological Section of the International Training Centre for Aerial Survey, Delft, as an expert presented by Thailand.

Mr. Verstappen was examined by Sir Frank Soskice and cross examined by the Honourable Dean Acheson. He was re-examined by Sir Frank Soskice.

Following the hearing of the witnesses and experts the Court, with the participation of representatives of the Parties, examined in camera a document produced by the Government of Cambodia, namely a film of the disputed area.

When the public hearings were resumed, questions were put to the witnesses and experts by the following Members of the Court:

Judge Wellington Koo to M. Suon Bonn and, at a later stage, to Mr. Ackermann.

Judge Sir Gerald Fitzmaurice to M. Suon Bonn, Mr. Ackermann and Mr. Verstappen.

Vice-President Alfaro to Mr. Ackermann.

The Agent for Thailand, H.S.H. Prince Vongsamahip Jayankura, read the submissions on behalf of his Government in reply to the original final submissions filed by Cambodia.

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The Agent for Cambodia, His Excellency M. Truong Cang, read the final submissions of his Government, as amended following the hearing of the witnesses.

Counsel for Thailand indicated that at the end of the day that Government would file its amended submissions in reply to the amended submissions of Cambodia.

The next hearing of the Court will be held on Wednesday, 21 March 1962 at 10.30 a.m. for the purpose of hearing the Government of Cambodia in its oral reply.

The Hague, 20 March 1962.
