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- o Although the British Government does not see itself as a major player on Cambodia, the basic British policy is fully in accord with ours:
 - to emphasize the Vietnamese withdrawal from Cambodia and the non-return of the Khmer Rouge to power;
 - we both believe that an acceptable settlement must be based on Prince Sihanouk as the head of a future Cambodian government.
- o We both support an international conference provided it is well prepared and expect that a settlement will require an international presence, possibly an international peace-keeping or monitoring force, to support Prince Sihanouk's government.
- o Thatcher recently met with Prince Sihanouk in London and expressed her support for him.
- o Thatcher has suggested a role for the five permanent members of the UN Security Council in a Cambodian settlement; we have not taken a position on her proposal, and are awaiting details;
- o The French have reservations about UNSC involvement.
- o Both the US and the UK follow a policy of diplomatic/economic isolation of Vietnam and believe this policy has been effective in pressuring Vietnam toward a negotiated Cambodian settlement.
- o We both strongly support ASEAN's efforts to maintain a strong majority vote for its annual Cambodia resolution in the UN.

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