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LETTER DATED 19 FEBRUARY 1970 FROM THE ACTING PERMANENT
REPRESENTATIVE OF THAILAND TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions of my Government and further to my letter No. 2101/2512 dated 8 December 1969 addressed to the President of the Security Council, I have the honour to bring to your attention for the information of the States Members of the United Nations the following unelicited and vicious acts committed by members of the Cambodian armed forces and para-military personnel against peace-loving Thai villagers along the Thai-Cambodian border areas:

On 3 and 4 June 1969, a Thai trawler named "Taramahasap" owned by Nang Sao Malee Taramahakul with a crew of five men, namely, Nai Lo, the skipper, Nai Kim Liang Sombatboon, assistant to the skipper, Nai Sai, the mechanic, Nai Yap and Nai Khaw, was fired upon while trawling on 4 June 1969 off-shore Ban Haad Lek, Amphur Klong Yai, Trad Province, well within Thai territorial waters, by a group of Cambodian soldiers on board another Thai fishing boat named "Korb Chai", which had been seized earlier by the Cambodians. Nai Lo was wounded in the stomach by gun-shots. Nai Kim Liang and Nai Sai escaped by swimming to Koh Kong in the Cambodian territory, but were arrested later on and imprisoned for nearly three months. Nai Kim Liang was then released on bail with the assistance of his brother, Nai Chai, and returned to Trad Province on 26 October 1969 to report the incident to the Thai authorities. As for Nai Sai, he is still held by the Cambodian authorities and the fate of other crew members remains unknown.

On 16 October 1969, a Thai fishing boat "Charoensin 3", owned by Nang Liang Koew Yeung, set out to sea at about 19.30 hours with Nai Anond as skipper, Nai Somboon Tantasook as engineer and two other crew members: Nai Chalerm Kong Koew and Nai Lek. While trawling off-shore at Ban Klong Hin, Haad Lek Village, Amphur Klong Yai, Trad Province, inside Thai territorial

waters, there came a motor-boat with three armed Cambodian soldiers alongside the "Charoensin 3" who seized control of it. One of the soldiers shot at the back of Nai Lek and killed him instantly. His body was thrown overboard. Nai Somboon Tantasook was also shot at in the left upper arm. His legs were then tied up and he was thrown into the water and dragged along behind the boat for some time but managed later on to untie the rope and swam back to shore. Nai Anond, the skipper, has not been heard of ever since; Nai Chalerm Kong Koew was the only one who was able to escape, without being harmed. The Cambodians took the boat with them.

On 24 October and on 27 October 1969, at about 11.00 hours and 19.20 hours respectively, Cambodian troops posted at Ban Kalo fired recklessly and without any justifiable cause into Thai territory at Ban San Law Jang Ngan, Tambon Tapsadet, Amphur Ta Praya, Prachinburi Province. There was, however, no report of casualty.

On 8 November 1969, at about 15.00 hours, Nai Boun Yaha and Nai Sin Charoenpol, inhabitants of Ban Kut-Phue, Amphur Ta Praya, Prachinburi Province, went fishing near the Thai-Cambodian border and stepped on a mine laid in Thai territory by the Cambodians. Nai Sin Charoenpol was killed instantly while Nai Boun Yaha was seriously injured.

On 18 November 1969, at about 1.00 hour, while fishing off-shore at Haad Lek Village, Amphur Klong Yai, Trad Province, within Thai territorial waters, two Thai fishing boats were attacked, seized and led away by the Cambodians. One bearing the name "So Kitcharoen" and belonging to Nai Sombat Kulprakorpkit, had a crew of six men on board. Three of them disappeared, the rest managed to get ashore. One of the survivors was seriously injured by gun-shots. There were five crewmen on board the other boat, "Sangwan Tong", owned by Nang Sangwan Por Tong. As a result of the incident, two of them were believed to have been killed or held by the Cambodians; the other three were able to escape and returned safely.

The Royal Thai Government therefore lodges a strong protest against the above-mentioned acts of armed intrusion, attack, piracy, murder and lawlessness committed by Cambodian soldiers and other armed elements against Thai territory and innocent Thai villagers living in the border areas and their properties. It also wishes to call upon the Cambodian Government to take serious measures to put an end to such acts of criminal wantonness.

I should be obliged if you would circulate the text of this communication as a document of the Security Council.

Accept, etc.

(Signed) Anand PANYARACHUN
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to the United Nations
