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LETTER DATED 25 APRIL 1966 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
CAMBODIA ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On the instructions of my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you for the information of the members of the Security Council the following text of the Declaration by the Royal Government of Cambodia dated 23 April 1966:

"At approximately 9 p.m. on the night of 18 April 1966, about fifty soldiers of the United States - South-Viet-Nameese forces infiltrated Khmer territory for the purpose of attacking the provincial guard post and the village of Prey Khmoun, situated about 600 metres inside the demarcation line in the Khum Som, Srok of Kirivong, province of Takéo.

"After harassing the post in question for some twenty-five minutes, the aggressors withdrew in the direction of South Viet-Nam.

"This flagrant aggression by the United States - South Viet-Nameese forces against the said post and village, which are situated well within Khmer territory, caused many casualties among the local population, casualties which the International Control Commission and the foreign military and press attachés invited by the Royal Government were in a position to confirm on 20 April 1966, and which consisted of:

"One villager killed;

"Eleven persons wounded, of whom three were provincial guards and eight villagers.

"It must also be pointed out that, a few days previously, at about 11 p.m. on the night of 15-16 April 1966, while the Khmer people were joyfully celebrating the New Year, about 100 soldiers of the same forces deliberately committed another bloody aggression against the Khmer village of Toul Kannap and the local provincial guard post, situated approximately 2,500 metres inside the frontier in the Khum of Krapoum Chhuk, Srok of Koh Andeth, also in the province of Takéo.

"The casualties resulting from this despicable act of aggression were as follows:

"Two villagers killed outright - one man of fifty-five years of age and one woman of twenty-four years of age;

"Six wounded, also among the villagers, including three in serious condition;

"Several domestic animals killed or injured.

"The Royal Government of Cambodia calls world opinion to witness and protests most solemnly against these intolerable premeditated acts of aggression. It likewise appeals to all peace-loving and justice-loving countries to take, without delay, the necessary measures to prevent a repetition of such crimes, for which the United States and South Viet-Nameese authorities bear a tremendous responsibility in the eyes of the whole world."

I should be obliged if you would have the text of this communication circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

Accept, Sir, etc.

(Signed) HUOT SAMBATH
Permanent Representative of Cambodia
