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LETTER DATED 23 SEPTEMBER 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 communicate the following to you for the information of the members of the Security Council.

On 18 August 1966, at approximately 6.50 a.m., about 200 soldiers belonging to the United States - South Viet-Nameese forces, transported in some twenty helicopters guided by an aircraft of the L-19 type and supported by three aircraft of the F-105 type, landed at a point situated opposite the Khmer villages of Paun and Srè-Tasrey, Khum Daung, Srok of Rmeas Hèk (Svay Rieng) and fired mortars in the direction of Khmer territory, wounding a member of the National Defence Force by the name of Mau Ten, and killing an ox and wounding a buffalo belonging to the inhabitants of the villages mentioned above.

At the same moment the helicopters in question violated the air space of Cambodia and machine-gunned the village of Taso, situated some 200 metres inside the demarcation line, in the same Khum, Srok and Khet as indicated above.

Shortly afterwards, an aircraft of the L-19 type again violated the air space of Cambodia, flying at a low altitude over an area situated approximately 300 metres east of the principal town of the above-mentioned Srok of Rmeas Hèk.

On 20 August 1966, at approximately 3.50 p.m., two helicopters belonging to the United States - South Viet-Nameese air forces violated the air space of Cambodia, flying over the Khum of Lom Kom, as far as 7,500 metres inside Khmer territory, in the Srok of Andaug-Pich (Rattanakiri).

The helicopters then machine-gunned the above-mentioned village and fired rockets at it, two of them falling within the precincts of the Provincial Guard post of the Khum referred to above, wounding two members of the Guard, one of whom is in serious condition.

On 4 September 1966, at approximately 7 p.m., United States-South Viet-Nameese forces coming from Hatien (Kien Giang) stationed themselves near the border and directed mortar fire on the Khmer village of Kauk Kambor, in the Khum of Russey Srok, Srok of Kampong Trach (Kampot).

This shameful attack by United States-South Viet-Nameese forces caused casualties among the local villagers, casualties which the International Commission for Supervision and Control, foreign military and press attachés and local and international press correspondents were able to confirm with their own eyes, namely:

A woman seventy-two years of age killed,  
Three persons wounded, including two women.

Twelve points of impact of mortar shells, and also shell fragments, were found in the area.

On 7 September 1966, at approximately 3 p.m., two helicopters belonging to the United States-South Viet-Nameese armed forces coming from South Viet-Nam, after flying over the village of Sramar, Khum of Khset, Srok of Kampong Rau (Svay Rieng), for some twenty minutes, machine-gunned the Khmer peasants who were working in the fields about 300 metres inside the demarcation line.

This savage attack caused casualties among the local population, casualties which the International Commission for Supervision and Control and the foreign military and press attachés and local and international press correspondents invited by the Royal Government to verify these barbaric acts, were able to confirm with their own eyes, namely:

A child eleven years of age killed,  
Two persons wounded, one a woman forty-three years of age and the other a boy fourteen years of age.

The Royal Government has registered the most vigorous protests against these deliberate violations of Khmer air space followed by barbaric acts of aggression against the Cambodian border population, and has demanded that the Governments of the United States of America and of the Republic of Viet-Nam should put an immediate stop to such criminal acts.

I should be obliged if you would be good enough to have the text of this communication circulated as a Security Council document.

Accept, Sir, etc.

(Signed) HUOT SAMBATH  
Permanent Representative of Cambodia