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Letter dated 21 December 1979 from the Permanent
Representative of China to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of a note sent by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China to the Vietnamese Embassy in China on 18 December 1979, lodging a strong protest with the Vietnamese authorities against their armed provocations along the Sino-Vietnamese border. I request that this note be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under the item entitled "Report of the Security Council", and of the Security Council.

(Signed) CHEN Chu,
Permanent Representative of
the People's Republic of
China to the United Nations

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NOTE FROM THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF
THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA TO
THE VIETNAMESE EMBASSY IN CHINA

18 December 1979

Beijing

Embassy of the Viet Nam Socialist Republic in China:

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China hereby makes a representation about grave incidents of bloodshed at the Sino-Vietnamese border area caused by armed provocation deliberately made by the Vietnamese authorities. At 8:30 a.m. on 13 December 1979, over one hundred armed Vietnamese personnel invaded the district of Taoguochung, Malipo County, Yunnan Province. They wildly opened fire on a Chinese village and a farm and killed or wounded a number of Chinese border inhabitants and staff and workers of the farm and destroyed some houses, thus inflicting substantial losses of lives and property on the local population. The Chinese border guards and militia there were forced to hit back in self-defence and drove the Vietnamese aggressor troops out of the Chinese border.

It must be pointed out that in the past weeks, the Vietnamese authorities, while making a hullabaloo against China, went on increasing the tension in the Sino-Vietnamese border areas and carried on armed provocations and created bloodshed by firing into and shelling Chinese territory. In November and the first ten days of December, 1979, more than 300 cases of armed provocation were committed by the Vietnamese authorities in China's Guangxi and Yunnan border areas and dozens of Chinese were killed or wounded. What is more, the Vietnamese authorities have several times sent special agents to China to gather intelligence, kill Chinese border inhabitants and created a grave menace to security in Chinese border areas.

Yet the Vietnamese Ministry of Foreign Affairs in its notes to the Chinese Embassy in Hanoi on December 6 and 12 stood the matter on its head and openly attacked and vilified China. Such an attempt to blame China for the tension in the Sino-Vietnamese border areas can get nowhere.

The Foreign Ministry of the People's Republic of China declares its categorical rejection of the Vietnamese authorities' slanders and vilifications and lodges a strong protest against the acts of armed provocation committed by the Vietnamese side. The Chinese side once again demands

that the Vietnamese side stop at once all its criminal activities of intruding into Chinese border areas and creating bloodshed. Otherwise, the Vietnamese authorities will have to assume full responsibility for all the consequences arising therefrom.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of
the People's Republic of China

Beijing
