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Letter dated 18 June 1986 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the
Permanent Mission of Thailand to the United Nations addressed to
the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government and pursuant to the Mission's note dated 30 May 1986 (A/41/387-S/18119), I have the honour to draw your attention to the deliberate acts of aggression and inhumane crimes committed by the forces of the Lao People's Democratic Republic in violation of Thailand's sovereignty and territorial integrity, and against the lives of innocent Lao civilians, as follows:

On 14 June 1986 at around 2120 hours, about 40 fully armed soldiers of the Lao People's Democratic Republic crossed over the Thai-Lao border and launched a savage attack on a makeshift encampment of 142 Lao illegal immigrants at Ban Huay Pong, Chiang Kham District, Phayao Province, some 10 kilometres inside Thai territory. As a result, 35 Lao (6 men, 11 women and 18 children) were killed on the spot. In addition, 14 Lao were seriously

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wounded and another 4 injured. The whole civilian encampment was burnt down before the intruding forces withdrew across the border. There were 89 Lao who managed to escape to safety and the wounded are now under the care and protection of Thai authorities.

The existence of this encampment was well known to the Lao People's Democratic Republic. The armed attack against those Lao awaiting to be processed into the appropriate refugee centre was thus premeditated. This act of atrocities, carried out in a cold-blooded manner, was most hideous and inhumane as it was solely intended to stem the flow of Lao emigrants who fled the oppressive State in the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

This criminal action against innocent Lao also constitutes a serious breach of Thailand's sovereignty and territorial integrity. It is but a blatant violation of international law and the principles of the United Nations Charter and of fundamental human rights.

The Royal Thai Government strongly condemns this inhumane and hostile act by the forces of the Lao People's Democratic Republic and hereby demands that the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic refrain from undertaking similar military expeditions in the future and must bear full responsibility for its actions. The Royal Thai Government reaffirms its legitimate right to safeguard Thailand's sovereignty and territorial integrity as well as the lives and properties of all nationals in Thailand by every means. The Royal Thai Government wishes also to draw the attention of the international community to this incident and appeals to all parties concerned to voice their condemnation of this barbarous and criminal act.

I have the honour to request that the text of this letter be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under items 25, 39, 70, 127 and 136 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Chuchai KASEMSARN
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