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Letter dated 13 February 1988 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the
Permanent Mission of the Lao People's Democratic Republic to the
United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government and further to my earlier letters concerning the situation along the Lao-Thai border in the Nahonoi area, I have the honour to draw your attention to the recent attacks launched by Thai military forces on Lao civilian targets.

On 11 February 1988, six Thai F5 fighter-bombers bombed the Lao village of Nakok, situated 30 kilometres inside Lao territory, causing serious damage and casualties: a number of Lao villagers were wounded, some were killed, two houses were destroyed, a school was seriously damaged and about 20 buffaloes and cows were killed. Between 0530 and 1530 hours that same day, Thai military forces pounded several Lao villages in Nahonoi commune with heavy artillery of various calibres (nearly 300 105 mm-130 mm and 155 mm shells were fired).

At 1400 hours on 12 February 1988, six Thai F5 fighter bombers again bombed the Lao village of Nakok, seriously damaging five houses and killing four

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villagers. During the same period, Thai military forces fired over 1,800 shells of various calibres at Lao territory in the vicinity of Botène district.

These Thai military attacks, defying all morality, are extremely serious acts and the Lao Minister for Foreign Affairs protested vigorously to the Thai Government about them on 13 February 1988.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter distributed as an official document of the General Assembly, under items 42, 72, 130 and 137 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Alounkeo KITTIKHOUN
Chargé d'affaires a.i.
