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Letter dated 5 January 1981 from the Permanent Representative of  
Thailand to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions of my Government and pursuant to my letter of 5 September 1980 (A/35/440-S/14164), I have the honour to inform you that, following a most serious incident of 23-24 June 1980 when Vietnamese-Heng Samrin forces attacked and destroyed Kampuchean refugee encampments and Thai villages, Vietnamese-Heng Samrin forces have, on over 80 separate occasions, continued to violate Thailand's sovereignty and territorial integrity. These violations not only seriously threaten the lives of innocent Thai villagers but also caused damages to their property.

The latest serious incident occurred on 3 January 1981 at 2.30 a.m., when Vietnamese-Heng Samrin forces crossed the Thai-Kampuchean border and intruded about 700 metres into Thai territory at border Post No. 31 east of Ban Sa-ngae in Ta Phraya District, Prachinburi Province.

The intruders attacked a Royal Thai Army unit guarding the area, forcing Thai soldiers to return fire in self-defence, resulting in heavy fighting for one and a half hours before the intruders were driven back into Kampuchean territory. In this engagement, two Thai soldiers were killed and one seriously wounded, while the number of casualties suffered by the intruders was not immediately known.

This incursion and armed attack constitutes yet another blatant violation of Thailand's territorial integrity and sovereignty and having serious consequences affecting the peace and stability of the South-East Asian region.

The Royal Thai Government strongly condemns this act of aggression and reserves the right to take all necessary and legitimate measures to safeguard Thailand's sovereignty and territorial integrity, including bringing the matter before the United Nations Security Council for appropriate action.

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I have the honour to request that the text of this letter be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under the items entitled "The situation in Kampuchea", "Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees" and "Question of peace, stability and co-operation in South-East Asia" and of the Security Council.

(Signed) M. L. Birabhongse KASEMSRI  
Permanent Representative

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