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Letter dated 13 February 1981 from the Permanent Representative of
Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to forward herewith the statement dated 11 February 1981 by the spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam on the armed provocations by Thailand against the Lao People's Democratic Republic and kindly request you to have this letter and its enclosure circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under the items entitled "Question of Peace, Stability and Co-operation in South-East Asia" and "Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security", and of the Security Council.

(Signed) HA VAN LAU
Permanent Representative
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to the United Nations

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ANNEX

S T A T E M E N T
BY THE SPOKESMAN FOR THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM

Over recent days, Thailand has committed repeated and serious armed provocations against the Lao People's Democratic Republic. Particularly on February 7, 1981, Thai troops fired mortar and 105mm cannon shells on Sangkhy Island, Udone village, Hatsaiphong district, Vientiane province, and at the same time invaded this area of Laos, causing tension on the Thai - Lao border. Afterwards, the Thai side unilaterally closed Tha Dua and Tam Neleng border crossing points in an attempt to impose an economic blockade and cause difficulties to Laos.

These acts of the ultra rightists among the Thai ruling circles have grossly infringed upon the sovereignty of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, openly violated the joint declarations and border agreements between the two countries and undermined the Thai - Lao relations. These acts which took place following the visit to Thailand by Chinese Premier Zhao Ziyang are part of the scheme of the Chinese expansionists, in collusion with the U.S. imperialists and the ultra rightist reactionaries among the Thai authorities, to cause tension in this region. It is clear that by provoking the Thai - Lao border event, the Thai authorities have deliberately strained the Thai - Lao relations with a view to increasing hostility between the ASEAN and Indochinese countries, eluding the fair and reasonable proposals of the Conference of Foreign Ministers of Viet Nam, Laos and Kampuchea, sabotaging peace and stability in Southeast Asia, countering the trend to dialogue between the ASEAN and Indochinese countries, sowing division between the three Indochinese countries and between Laos and Viet Nam, this policy runs completely counter to the aspirations of the people of Thailand and of Southeast Asia as a whole for peace, stability and development of friendly relations and good neighbourhood between the countries in the region.

The only result the ultra rightist reactionaries among the Thai ruling circles could reap is total failure should they continue to provoke hostility among countries in the region and lend a hand to the Beijing expansionists in opposing the Lao People's Democratic Republic. The Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam fully supports the correct stand of the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic as expounded in the February 10, 1981 Statement which demands that Thailand stop immediately its acts of hostility towards the Lao People's Democratic Republic and holds it fully responsible for all consequences of its acts.

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