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Letter dated 25 March 1981 from the Permanent Representative  
of Thailand to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-  
General

Upon the instructions of my Government and further to my letter of 27 January 1981 (A/36/82-S/14345), I have the honour to inform you that the latest serious violations of Thai sovereignty and territorial integrity by Vietnamese-Heng Samrin forces occurred as follows:

On 17 March 1981, at 9.20 to 9.25 a.m., Vietnamese-Heng Samrin forces attacked with heavy weapons a marine unit stationed at Ban Hadlek, Klong Yai district, Trat province. On the same day, at 2.00 p.m., at Baan Khodsai in the same district, a car carrying Thai naval officers returning from inspecting the damages to the said Thai Marine Unit was driven along a coastal road inside Thai territory, near the Thai-Kampuchean border, when it was attacked by Vietnamese-Heng Samrin forces firing heavy weapons from the Banthad mountain range. Two Thai naval officers were killed and four others, including a rear admiral, were seriously wounded.

This unprovoked armed attack not only caused a serious loss of lives but also constituted yet another blatant violation of Thai territorial integrity and sovereignty. The Royal Thai Government strongly condemns this act of aggression and reserves its legitimate right to take all necessary measures to protect the lives of Thai nationals as well as to safeguard Thailand's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

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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 items 22, 34 and 83 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) M. L. Birabhongse KASEMSRI  
Permanent Representative

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