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LETTER DATED 7 DECEMBER 1978 FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE OF DEMOCRATIC  
KAMPUCHEA ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

With reference to the letter dated 7 November 1978 from the delegation of Democratic Kampuchea, issued as Security Council document S/12919 of 8 November 1978, my delegation has the honour to transmit to you the following additional information which demonstrate Viet Nam's determination to continue its savage acts of aggression and annexation against Democratic Kampuchea:

1. As had been expected since the beginning of the present dry season, during November and early in this month of December 1978, several divisions of the Vietnamese army have intensified their acts of aggression and invasion against the territory of Democratic Kampuchea, along the frontiers from the "Naga's tail" region, at the north-eastern end, to the coast in the south. Specifically, Vietnamese forces have attacked at the following three points:

along national highway No. 19, in Ratanakiri province,

in the Snuol region of Kratié province,

on national highway No. 7, near the Mémot district in the eastern part of the province of Kompong Cham.

The Vietnamese forces of aggression have utilized many tanks and armoured vehicles, aircraft bombardment and toxic chemical gases, and caused a number of casualties among the civilian population.

2. Concurrently with these acts of aggression and invasion, Viet Nam is continuing to send its agents to infiltrate Kampuchea with a view to trying to incite the people to revolt. The Hanoi administration has fabricated lies about so-called uprisings against the Government of Democratic Kampuchea and has directly and repeatedly called for a revolt to overthrow the Government of Democratic Kampuchea. Moreover, as it has already done for several decades, Viet Nam has created a new puppet organization which it is employing to serve its annexationist aims. By all these activities it is hoping to camouflage its acts of aggression, brazenly to deceive world opinion by making it believe that Viet Nam is not attacking Kampuchea and that what is going on is merely an internal matter in Kampuchea. In reality, all these criminal acts of Viet Nam flagrantly violate the most elementary principles of international law and of the Charter of the United Nations.

3. Just as in late 1977 and during 1978, all these Vietnamese acts of aggression and invasion against Democratic Kampuchea have been crushed by the people of Kampuchea and its revolutionary army. The Vietnamese plan for an Indo-Chinese Federation has suffered a strategic defeat. The plan of Viet Nam and of the expansionist Soviet super-Power for expansion into South East Asia has been foiled. These severe defeats have plunged Viet Nam into growing and inextricable internal difficulties and have forced it into complete isolation at the international level. That is the reason why the Vietnamese administration is desperately endeavouring to cause a diversion in its hopeless attempt, on the one hand, to attribute the ignominious defeats inflicted on it by the resolute struggle of the people and revolutionary army of Kampuchea to other third forces - because it habitually goes overboard in boasting about its powerful army - and, on the other hand, to conceal from international opinion the real cause of Viet Nam's aggression against Democratic Kampuchea and to cover up the expansionist aims of Viet Nam and the Soviet Union in South East Asia, at a time when the whole world is denouncing and harshly condemning them.

4. At the same time as Viet Nam is intensifying its acts of aggression and invasion against Democratic Kampuchea, the Soviet Union has been sending to Viet Nam more and more military advisers and increasingly large quantities of military equipment. It is also strengthening its missile bases and naval bases in Viet Nam. The expansionist objectives of the Treaty of Friendship and Co-operation between Viet Nam and the Soviet Union of 3 November 1978 are obvious. The lying and hypocritical propaganda of Viet Nam cannot conceal that fact.

It is the duty of the people and the revolutionary army of Kampuchea always to maintain their keen vigilance and remain masters of the situation at all times so as to defend and safeguard Democratic Kampuchea for all time as an independent, neutral and non-aligned State and to contribute to the defence and safeguarding of national independence and peace in South East Asia and in the rest of Asia and the world. The conflict between Kampuchea and Viet Nam will not be settled until the Hanoi Administration stops its aggression against Kampuchea, abandons its ambition to engulf Kampuchea in accordance with its plan for an Indo-Chinese Federation, gives up its regional expansionist designs and takes practical steps to respect the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Democratic Kampuchea and the right of the people of Kampuchea to decide their own destiny.

I should be grateful if you could arrange for this letter to be issued as a Security Council document.

For the delegation of Democratic Kampuchea

(Signed) IN Nath  
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary

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