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Letter dated 29 January 1982 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
22 January 1982 (A/37/76-S/14846), I have the honour to inform you of the following:

1. On 16 December 1981, a number of Vietnamese aircraft once again violated Thailand's airspace by flying over Pong Nam Ron District, Chantaburi Province, and bombarded the area about 7 kilometres inside Thai territory. Fortunately no one was hurt but six craters measuring 8 metres wide and 3 metres deep were found with each crater about 20 metres apart.
2. On 18 January 1982, at 11.00 a.m., about 110 rounds of 120 mm. artillery shells fired by Vietnamese forces from their bases at Ban Po Samton and Ban Khae Don in Kampuchea landed in Thai territory at Ban Nong Ian and Ban Kok Sabaeng, Aranyaprathet District, Prachinburi Province, seriously injuring an innocent Thai girl, killing many buffaloes and destroying a number of tractors.
3. On 18 January 1982, at 12.00 a.m., Vietnamese forces intruded well within Thai territory at Khao Loem but later were forced to retreat into Kampuchean territory.

These incidents constitute further acts of gross violation of Thailand's territorial integrity and sovereignty. The Royal Thai Government strongly condemns these unprovoked and illegal acts of aggression on the part of Vietnamese troops and reserves its legitimate right to take all necessary measures 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 the items entitled "The situation in Kampuchea" and "Question of peace, stability and co-operation in South-East Asia", and of the Security Council.

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