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Letter dated 22 February 1982 from the Permanent Representative of
Thailand to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Further to my letter of 16 February 1982 (A/37/88-S/14872) and upon the instructions of my Government, I have the honour to bring to your attention the following incidents:

1. On 17 February 1982, at 1330 hours, Vietnamese troops numbering 40 men intruded one kilometre into Thai territory at Ban Sabtaree, Pong Nam Ron District, Chantaburi Province, and attacked a Thai border patrol police unit of 15 men, causing five deaths on the Thai side. During the fighting, 20 mortar shells were fired by the Vietnamese troops from Kampuchean territory into Thai territory, injuring one civilian.

2. On the same day, during the said incident, another group of approximately 300 troops had been deployed and stationed close to the scene of the fighting, about two kilometres inside Thai territory until the early morning of 19 February.

These blatant violations of Thai sovereignty and territorial integrity once again demonstrate the continued total disregard of the principles of international law and the United Nations Charter.

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Thailand strongly condemns these systematic acts of aggression flagrantly committed by the Vietnamese forces and reaffirms its legitimate right of self-defence against all forms of foreign aggression.

I have the honour to request that the text of this letter be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under items 20 and 35 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) M. L. Birabhongse KASEMSRI
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