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Letter dated 29 October 1982 from the Permanent Representative of Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

With reference to the letter dated 7 October 1982 from the Permanent Representative of Thailand (A/37/529-S/15453), I have the honour, in order to refute the slanderous charges mentioned in that letter, to enclose herewith a press release issued by the Permanent Mission of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam concerning a Vietnamese AN-26 aircraft flying off course into Thai territory on 11 February 1982.

I should be grateful if Your Excellency could have this note and its enclosure circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under agenda items 20 and 35.

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PRESS RELEASE

ON VIETNAM'S AN-26 AIRCRAFT FLYING OFF COURSE INTO
THAI TERRITORY ON FEBRUARY 11, 1982.

Recently there have been improper reports about the deviation and emergency landing of a Vietnamese AN-26 aircraft in Thai territory on February 11, 1982. In this connection, the Permanent Mission of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to the United Nations deems it necessary to set the truth as follows :

On February 11, 1982, the AN-26 aircraft N. 264 of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam with 13 persons on board taking off from Pochentong airfield (Phnom Penh), while en route back to Viet Nam, due to technical trouble and bad weather, deviated from its course and had to make an emergency landing in the territory of Thailand.

After a period of bilateral discussions and consultations in a spirit of friendship and good neighborliness, on May 21, 1982, the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand decided to return to the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam the above-mentioned aircraft and all persons on board.

On May 21, 1982 the persons on board the AN-26 aircraft were picked up by an aircraft of the Vietnamese Government. In accordance with the agreement reached between the two sides, on October 1, 1982 the Thai side returned to the Vietnamese side ten equipments of this aircraft, and its remainder would be handled by the Thai side.
