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Letter dated 3 January 1983 from the Permanent Representative of Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to forward herewith the statement of 30 December 1982 by Viet Nam News Agency rejecting the charges made by the Thai Foreign Ministry that Vietnamese forces had many times encroached upon or shelled Thai territory.

I should be grateful if Your Excellency could have this note and its enclosure circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under the item entitled "Question of peace, stability and co-operation in South-East Asia".

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ANNEX

STATEMENT

BY VIET NAM NEWS AGENCY

Beijing radio yesterday quoted Thai news-papers as saying that last week the Thai Foreign Ministry instructed its Permanent Mission to the United Nations to inform the U.N. Secretary-General that Viet Nam had many times encroached upon Thai-land's border and that Vietnamese forces had fired rockets and shells on Thai territory, causing death and injuries to Thai civilians.

Viet Nam News Agency is authorized to completely reject the above-said fabrication.

As VNA has pointed out many times, such fabrications aim at poisoning the atmosphere which is becoming less strained, thwarting the process of dialogue and of establishing friendly relations between Viet Nam and Thailand, and playing off the Indochinese countries against the ASEAN nations, in service of Beijing's expansionist and hegemonist policy.

HANOI December 30, 1982
