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LETTER DATED 6 APRIL 1970 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES AD INTERIM
OF CAMBODIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF
THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government and further to my Letters No. 1706 and No. 1756 of 1 and 3 April 1970 (S/9730 and S/9734), I have the honour to bring to your attention the following, for the information of the members of the Security Council:

During the night of 1-2 April 1970, at about 2 a.m., Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese forces estimated to be about 100 strong launched a violent attack against the Khmer military post of Trapeang Phlong, situated approximately 1,500 metres inside the frontier, on Route 22, in the commune of Trapeang Phlong, district of Ponhea Krek, province of Kamchai Mea.

The losses suffered by the Khmer military post were as follows:

- Three soldiers killed;
- Two soldiers wounded;
- One United States machine-gun, a sub-machine gun, an automatic pistol and a telephone were carried off;
- Two huts were set on fire and a rifle was damaged.

During the night of 2-3 April 1970, at about 1.30 a.m., the mixed Cambodian forces of the district of Mimot, while on patrol, clashed with a Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese force of about 100 men, 2,500 metres inside the frontier, in the commune of Rong, district of Mimot, province of Phkar Rumchek, and seven kilometres south of Mimot.

One member of the Cambodian patrol was killed. Three Viet-Cong were killed and another taken prisoner.

On the night of 3 April 1970, at about 9 p.m., Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese forces estimated at three battalions, well equipped and heavily armed

(four 77 mm recoilless cannons, rocket launchers, mortars and heavy machine-guns) launched a violent three-hour attack against the centre of Chiphou (Svay Rieng), approximately twenty kilometres from the frontier.

The provisional estimate of Cambodian losses is as follows:

1. Military:

- Two soldiers killed,
- Ten soldiers reported missing,
- Eight seriously wounded and ten slightly wounded, including Captain Khlok Koroup, the commanding officer of the Sub-District,
- One automatic machine-gun damaged,
- 320 Enfield rifles, thirteen Sten guns, one mortar, two 30 mm machine-guns,
- One 50 mm machine-gun and some ammunition were carried off,
- Four huts and one private car were destroyed,
- Large amounts of equipment and documents from the military Sub-District were taken away and burnt,
- The house of Major Has Vary was set on fire.

2. Provincial Guard:

- One provincial guard reported missing,
- Fifty-six MAS 36 mm rifles, three United States carbines and one rifle were carried off,
- Two huts, some furniture and documents, as well as five motor-cycles, were set on fire.

3. Civilians:

- One aged woman killed,
- The office of the Head of District and the archives, as well as the house, of the Head of District were set on fire,
- The personal property of the inhabitants was removed.

On the same night of 3 April 1970, the Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese also burned down the Cambodian police post at Bavet, in Svay Rieng.

The Government of Cambodia ventures to draw the attention of the members of the Security Council to the fact that these open and increasingly frequent attacks by Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese forces against Cambodian defence forces and

posts within Cambodian territory are in grave defiance of the Charter of the United Nations, international law and the 1954 Geneva Accords, and jeopardize the peace and security not only of Cambodia but also of South-East Asia.

The Government of the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam and the Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Viet-Nam are held to be wholly responsible for any serious consequences which might arise.

The Government of Cambodia asks the members of the Security Council to consider the possibility of exerting all their influence to compel the Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese forces to put an immediate end to these acts of open aggression and withdraw their troops from the territory of neutral, independent and peaceful Cambodia.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this communication circulated as a Security Council document.

Accept, Sir, etc.

(Signed) OR KOSALAK
Deputy Permanent Representative of Cambodia,
Chargé d'Affaires ad interim
