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LETTER DATED 8 FEBRUARY 1968 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF CAMBODIA ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government and further to my letter No. 660 of 7 February 1968, I have the honour to communicate to you, for the information of the members of the Security Council, the following:

On 18 January 1968, at about 5 a.m., detachments of the United States-South Viet-Nameese armed forces coming from Cai-Vang (South Viet-Nam) penetrated more than 200 metres into Khmer territory and opened fire with some violence on a detachment of the Khmer National Defence Forces supported by provincial guards from the Peam Montea post, this detachment having taken up a position about 100 metres from the said post, in the Srok of Kompong Trabèk, province of Prey Vèng.

After the Khmer defenders had returned the fire, the enemy was obliged to withdraw into South Viet-Nameese territory.

On the Khmer side, the casualties caused by this barbarous attack were three members of the Khmer National Defence Forces killed and one provincial guard wounded.

As they withdrew, the enemy detachments left on the ground in Cambodian territory:

- 1 SCR 300 wireless set;
- 1 SCR 536 wireless set;
- 2 United States rifles;
- 2 United States helmets, one with United States officer's stripes;
- 1 bullet-proof vest;
- 11 cases of 57 mm shells;
- 2 scarves, one with a special parachutist commando's insignia;
- 1 ground-air signalling strip;
- 3 khaki vests marked "made in USA";
- 1 60 mm mortar bomb and 23 charges;
- 1 pair of shoes.

The International Control Commission and the military and press attachés of diplomatic missions accredited to the Royal Government, as well as reporters from the national and foreign Press, who were invited by the Royal Government to visit the scene of the aggression, were able to verify with their own eyes the facts mentioned above.

The Royal Government of Cambodia has lodged a most vigorous protest against this armed attack by United States-South Viet-Namese armed forces, and has demanded that the Governments of the United States of America and the Republic of Viet-Nam should put an end to such attacks without delay.

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

Accept, Sir, etc.

(Signed) HUOT SAMBATH
Permanent Representative of Cambodia
