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LETTER DATED 7 MAY 1970 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. 1965 of 4 May 1970 (S/9780), I have the honour to bring the following to your attention for the information of the members of the Security Council:

On 29 April 1970, at about 5 p.m., the Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese intercepted in the vicinity of Ohhlong a barge transporting prisoners from Kratié to Phnom-Penh.

On the same day, at about 6.30 p.m., the villages of Sen Pheas and Chruoi Samrong, situated between the districts of Samrong and Trang, in Takéo, were violently bombarded with artillery shells by the Viet-Cong and the North Viet-Nameese. The vigorous counter-attack by the Khmer National Defence Forces reduced the enemy's artillery to silence and compelled him to withdraw, leaving behind two soldiers killed on the battlefield and carrying off other casualties.

During the night of 29-30 April 1970, the bridge of Prek Thmey, in Kandal, was destroyed by the Viet-Cong and the North Viet-Nameese.

On 30 April 1970, the Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese succeeded in infiltrating into the town of Kampot and engaged in street fighting against the Khmer forces, using commercial buildings, treetops and the church as bases for the attack. The Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese were assisted in these engagements by local Viet-Nameese nationals to whom they had supplied weapons and munitions. Calm was restored about 6 p.m. The enemy suffered heavy losses; Cambodian losses were light.

On the same day, at about 6 p.m., the Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese laid an ambush along the axis of Oraing Euv, in Peam Cheang, in Kompong Cham. The immediate counter-attack by the Khmer National Defence Forces put the enemy to

flight. He left on the battlefield one soldier killed, a Chinese rifle and four grenades. Cambodian losses were light.

The Cambodian Government and people are profoundly indignant at this escalating series of overt acts of criminal aggression committed inside Cambodian territory by the Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese, who are thus shamelessly violating the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of neutral, peaceful Cambodia, and are trampling underfoot the 1954 Geneva Agreements and international law.

The Cambodian Government and people call upon all countries devoted to peace and justice to bear witness to these facts, and hold the Government of the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam and the National Liberation Front of South Viet-Nam (Viet-Cong) fully responsible for any serious consequences which ensue from their present policy of aggression and expansionism.

The Cambodian Government and people are entitled to take all necessary measures to ensure the defence and survival of their country, which can in no circumstances bow to the jungle law being imposed on it by the imperialist Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese invaders.

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

Accept, Sir, etc.

(Signed) KHIM TIT
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