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LETTER DATED 8 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 letter No. 1765 of 6 April 1970 (S/9741), I have the honour to bring to your attention the following, for the information of the members of the Security Council:

On 31 March 1970, Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese forces encircled the Khmer military posts of Koh Kok and Koh Sampeou, district of Peamchor, in Prey Veng, and succeeded in breaking into them on 3 April.

Thirty-two Khmer soldiers, including the two post commanders, were captured by the enemy, who carried off a radio and some documents.

On the night of 1 April 1970, at about 10 p.m., Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese troops, estimated to be several hundred strong, encircled the village of Thnot, district of Kompong Rau, in Svay Rieng, captured twenty-two villagers and carried off twenty-nine rifles.

On 2 April 1970, at about 6 a.m., Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese forces attacked the Khmer post of Tuol Morn, in the commune of Peam Montea; district of Kompong Trabek, in Prey Veng.

The Cambodian losses are as follows:

Two soldiers killed,

Eighteen others captured by the enemy,

One automatic pistol, three sub-machine guns, three bren-guns, fourteen rifles, one radio and some documents were carried off.

On the same day, at about 8 a.m., the Khmer post of Thnœung in the same commune, district and province, was attacked by the same forces.

The Cambodian losses are as follows:

Three soldiers killed, including the post commander,

One automatic pistol, two sub-machine guns and two cannons lost.

On the same day of 2 April 1970, at about 7.30 p.m., Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese forces attacked and occupied the Provincial Guard post of Moeung Khay, commune of Koh Rokar, district of Peamchor, in Prey Veng. Two soldiers and the head of the commune were captured, and two automatic pistols were carried off.

During the night of 4-5 April 1970, the Khmer post of Kompong Trach, district of Romeas Hek, in Svay Rieng, was violently attacked by Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese troops estimated to be roughly 500 strong. Two Khmer soldiers, including the commanding officer of the Sub-District, were killed.

The Government of Cambodia wishes to emphasize the gravity of these open and increasingly frequent attacks against Cambodian defence forces and posts by well equipped and heavily armed Viet-Cong and North Viet-Nameese forces, which have thus shown themselves in their true colours as expansionists.

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 end to these acts of open aggression against neutral, independent and peaceful Cambodia.

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 consequences which might arise from these acts, which are in grave defiance of the Charter of the United Nations, international law and the 1954 Geneva Accords, and jeopardize the peace and security of the world in general and South-East Asia in particular.

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
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Chargé d'Affaires ad interim
