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LETTER DATED 6 JANUARY 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. 9731 of 31 December 1969 (S/9586), I have the honour to inform you of the following for the information of the members of the Security Council.

On 17 December 1969, at about 11.50 a.m., soldiers of the United States-South Viet-Nameese forces from the Cai Vang post fired seven cannon shells into the Cambodian village of Tabol, in the commune of Cheang Dek, Kompong Trabèk district, in Prey Veng.

The burst from these shells immediately killed a woman named Frak Neang Vann and seriously wounded four villagers named Ne Kien, Peou Yun, Yay Touch and Loung Oun. While they were being taken to the hospital at Kompong Trabèk, Loung Oun died of his wounds, at about 1.40 p.m.

The Royal Government of Cambodia has protested strongly and indignantly against these deliberate shellings by the United States-South Viet-Nameese forces, which cause casualties among the peaceful and innocent inhabitants of Cambodia. It has demanded that the United States Government should take immediate steps to give the victims fair compensation and to put an end to these continual and intolerable attacks on a neutral and peaceful country.

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

Accept, Sir, etc.

(Signed) HUOT SAMBATH
Permanent Representative of Cambodia