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LETTER DATED 27 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. 399 of 20 January 1970, I have the honour to bring the following to your attention for the information of the members of the Security Council:

During the night of 27/28 November 1969 at approximately 8 p.m. seven soldiers of the United States - South Viet-Nameese forces entered Cambodian territory at a place called Day Bang Kang belonging to the commune of Prek Phtol, district of Angkor Borey, in Takéo. They seized and forcibly led away towards South Viet-Nam four Khmer villagers - Pang Bin, Chem, Kham Chhem and Sum.

Pang Bin and Chem managed to escape along the way and alerted the elements at the Khmer post of Bak Day, who immediately set out in pursuit, but it proved impossible to intercept the intruders owing to the fire opened to cover their withdrawal by the United States - South Viet-Nameese post of Nhon Thoi.

Sum was released the following day, 28 November 1969, while Kham Chhem was not released until 1 December 1969 after the sum of 6,000 riels had been paid to soldiers of the United States - South Viet-Nameese forces.

On 19 December 1969, at approximately 11 a.m., a helicopter and a spotter aircraft of the United States - South Viet-Nameese forces violated Cambodian air space and four times dropped flares at a point some 200 metres west of the Khmer village of Takla belonging to the commune of Tuk Thleak, district of Pichrada, in Mondulkiri.

On 20 December 1969 at approximately 12 noon a helicopter of the United States - South Viet-Nameese forces violated Cambodian air space above the road connecting Khsim with Lapalkhé and landed at kilometre point 25, in the village of Khsim, district of Snuol, in Kratié.

A moment later the craft took off again and on leaving the ground strafed and fired rockets along the aforementioned road.

On 22 December 1969 at approximately 4.40 p.m. a spotter aircraft of the aforesaid forces violated Cambodian air space and fired five rocket shells on the region of Angkor Ang belonging to the commune of Koh Sampeou, district of Peam Chor, in Prey Véng.

On the same day, at approximately 4.45 p.m., soldiers of the United States - South Viet-Nameese forces from the Cai-Vang post fired several artillery shells into Khmer territory some 500 metres within the frontier, in the commune of Banteay Chakrey, district of Kompong Trabèk, in Prey-Véng.

The explosion of the shells seriously injured two oxen belonging to Nhoek Mao, an inhabitant of the aforementioned commune.

On 23 December 1969 at approximately 9 a.m. soldiers of the United States - South Viet-Nameese forces from the Queo Ba post fired several artillery shells into Cambodian territory some 500 metres within the frontier, in the commune of Samrong, district of Chantrea, in Svay Rieng.

On the same day, at approximately 6.30 p.m., three aircraft of the aforesaid forces violated Cambodian air space and fired twenty-odd rocket shells at a point some 2,500 metres within the frontier, in the commune of Cheam, district of Mimot, in Phkar Rumchek.

On 24 December 1969 at approximately 2 p.m. a helicopter of the same forces violated Cambodian air space and strafed the Khmer village of Sangkum belonging to the commune of Tounlong, in the aforementioned district of Mimot.

On the same day, at approximately 2.30 p.m., two helicopters of the United States - South Viet-Nameese forces, guided by a spotter aircraft, violated Cambodian air space above the region of Lapalkhé and fired with machine-guns and rockets on a buffalo herd some 2,500 metres within the frontier, in the commune of Srè Khtum, district of O-Raing, in Mondulkiri. The losses were as follows: seven buffaloes killed, twenty-two buffaloes injured and three buffaloes reported missing.

On 26 December 1969 at approximately 12 noon soldiers of the United States - South Viet-Nameese forces from the Thmar Dar post fired four artillery shells into Cambodian territory some 200 metres within the frontier, in the commune of Thmei, district of Kompong Rau, in Svay Rieng. A fifteen-year-old boy, Kim Sok, was seriously wounded.

On the same day, at approximately 4 p.m., soldiers of the aforesaid forces from the Go Bac Chieng post fired two artillery shells into Cambodian territory some 500 metres within the frontier, in the commune of Thmei, district of Kompong Rau, in Svay Rieng.

On 28 December 1969 at approximately 8 a.m. two patrol boats of the United States - South Viet-Nameese navy violated Cambodian territorial waters off Ream, some 350 metres south-east of the island called Koh Sès (Kampot).

On the same day, at approximately 1.40 p.m., two helicopters of the United States - South Viet-Nameese forces, guided by a spotter aircraft, violated Cambodian air space and fired three rocket shells on the Khmer military post of Lapalkhé, in Mondulkiri.

On 29 December 1969 at approximately 4.30 p.m. aircraft of the United States - South Viet-Nameese forces violated Cambodian air space and strafed and fired rockets on the Khmer village of Pounhea, some 1,500 metres within the frontier, in the commune of O-Raing, district of O-Raing, in Mondulkiri.

The firing resulted in the following losses:

- one hut damaged;
- three tons of paddy, one earthenware jar filled with rice and eight empty jars destroyed;
- one set of gongs and other articles belonging to one Kroeun Krak burnt.

During the night of 29/30 December 1969 at approximately 8 p.m. soldiers of the aforesaid forces from the Tan Thanh post fired twenty-odd mortar and artillery shells on the commune of Peam Montea belonging to the district of Kompong Trabèk, in Prey Vèng.

The explosion of the shells destroyed the rice crop belonging to the local inhabitants Lou Van Yar and Tran Kry.

On 30 December 1969, elements of the aforesaid forces from the Kinh Thay Bang post fired seven artillery shells into the Khmer village of Bac Nam, commune of Prek Tonlea, district of Koh Thom, in Kandal.

The explosion of the shells injured an ox belonging to Oum Phath and damaged seven houses of local inhabitants.

On the same day, at approximately 7 p.m., soldiers of the aforesaid forces fired five artillery shells on the Khmer Royal Police post of Vaing Kéo belonging

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to the commune of Sampeou Poun, district of Koh Thom, in Kandal; the post's roof was damaged.

On the same day, at approximately 8.45 p.m., two patrol boats of the United States - South Viet-Nameese navy fired five artillery shells into the Khmer village of Prey Prous, commune of Prek Kroeus, district of Kampong Trach, in Kampot.

On 30 and 31 December 1969, at approximately 6 p.m. and 5.30 a.m. respectively, soldiers of the United States - South Viet-Nameese forces fired artillery shells into Cambodian territory some 500 metres within the frontier, in the commune of Koh Sampeou, district of Peam Chor, in Prey Veng.

On 31 December 1969 at approximately 9.30 a.m. a spotter aircraft of the aforesaid forces violated Cambodian air space and fired two rocket shells at a point some 2,500 metres within the frontier, in the commune of Samrong, district of Chantrea, in Svay Rieng.

On 1 and 2 January 1970 at 1 p.m. soldiers of the aforesaid forces from the Chum-Tam post fired ten-odd artillery shells into the aforementioned commune of Koh Sampeou.

On 2 January 1970 at approximately 3.50 a.m. two patrol boats of the United States - South Viet-Nameese navy violated Cambodian territorial waters south-east of the island called Koh Sès off Ream (Kampot).

When challenged by fire from the guards of the island, the boats withdrew towards the island called Koh Tral, forcibly carrying off a Cambodian fishing junk with its owner, Sar Tinam, and his child on board.

During the night of 2/3 January 1970, at approximately 9 p.m., soldiers of the aforesaid forces from the Thanh Tri post fired several artillery shells into Khmer territory 500 metres from Khset, district of Kompong Rau, in Svay Rieng, damaging a house belonging to the local inhabitant Ros Kann.

On 6 January 1970 at approximately 3.30 p.m. five helicopters of the United States - South Viet-Nameese forces violated Cambodian air space and strafed the Khmer village of Prasath lying at XT 297 175, some 1,000 metres within the frontier, in the district of Chantrea, in Svay Rieng.

Losses resulting from this attack were as follows:

- two villagers killed outright - Kim Saban (twenty years old) and Kim Eng (eighteen years old);
- one girl seriously wounded - Chhoeung Sophay (eleven years old);
- one hectare of rice-crop belonging to Nhek Peou and seven sacks of paddy belonging to Prak Khun destroyed.

The Royal Government of Cambodia has filed a strong and indignant protest against these criminal acts of aggression perpetrated by the United States - South Viet-Nameese forces against Cambodia and its peaceful inhabitants. It has called upon the Government of the United States of America to take immediate steps to release and indemnify the victims, make reparation for the damage caused and put an end to such acts against 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
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