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LETTER DATED 25 FEBRUARY 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. 956 of 18 February 1970 (S/9653), I have the honour to bring the following to your attention for the information of members of the Security Council.

On 22 and 23 December 1969, two fighter-bombers and five helicopters of the United States - South Viet-Nameese forces violated Cambodian air space and fired rockets on the commune of Chrey Thom, district of Koh Thom, in the province of Kandal, wounding a villager named Trung Sanh, known as Chong.

On 31 December 1969, an aircraft of the United States - South Viet-Nameese forces violated Cambodian air space and strafed Cambodian villagers who were cutting straw in the commune of Dar, district of Mimot, in Phkar Rumchek, seriously wounding two of them, named Born Pa and Ros Lay, known as Khveng.

On 21 January 1970, at approximately 2 p.m., an aircraft of the United States - South Viet-Nameese forces violated Cambodian air space and fired rockets at a herd of cattle grazing some 500 metres inside the frontier, in the commune of Samrong, district of Chantrea, in the province of Svay Rieng, killing four buffaloes and wounding two others, belonging to inhabitants of the area named Nguyen Thi Ngai, Nguyen Thi Vinh and Nguyen Van Toi.

On 24 January 1970, at approximately 10 a.m., patrol boats of the United States - South Viet-Nameese navy, sailing on the Giang Thanh River, fired five mortar rounds at our territory some 500 metres inside the frontier, in the commune of Koh Kok, district of Pram Chor, in the province of Prey Veng.

On the same day, at approximately 3 p.m., five helicopters of the United States - South Viet-Nameese forces violated Cambodian air space. Two of them landed some 200 yards inside the frontier, in the commune of Thnot, district of Kompong Rau, in the province of Svay Rieng, and landed soldiers who seized and forcibly abducted two Cambodian villagers doing agricultural work there.

Their names are Nov Poeun and Phan Phou, aged 18 and 19 years respectively.

The victims were not released until the following day, 25 January 1970.

On the night of 24/25 January 1970, soldiers of the United States - South Viet-Nameese forces from the Giong Gang and Queo Ba posts shelled the Cambodian commune of Samrong, district of Chantrea, in the province of Svay Rieng.

On 25 January 1970, at approximately mid-day, four helicopters of the United States - South Viet-Nameese forces, led by a spotter aircraft, violated Cambodian air space, strafed and sprayed defoliants on the Cambodian villages of Pouchouloeu and Andaung Kraleng 10 km inside the frontier in the commune of O-Raing, district of O-Raing, in Mondulkiri.

The defoliants had toxic effects on the inhabitants of the aforementioned villages, apparently causing headaches and vomiting.

On the same day, at approximately 2 p.m., two helicopters of the United States - South Viet-Nameese forces violated Cambodian air space and fired rockets at Cambodian territory about 1,500 m inside the frontier, in the commune of Prasat, district of Chantrea, in the province of Svay Rieng, wounding a villager named Em Roeun.

On the same day, at approximately 6.30 p.m., a landing-craft of the United States - South Viet-Nameese navy, sailing on the Mekong River, fired three shells at Cambodian territory about 300 m inside the frontier, in the commune of Koh Sampeou, district of Peam Chor, in the province of Prey Veng.

On the night of 25/26 January 1970, at approximately 8 p.m., soldiers of the United States - South Viet-Nameese forces from the Vinh Phu post fired four shells at Cambodian territory about 500 m inside the frontier, in the commune of Ta-Or, district of Kirivong, in the province of Takéo.

An 26 January 1970, at approximately 9.30 a.m., a spotter aircraft of the United States - South Viet-Nameese forces violated Cambodian air space and strafed a tractor travelling along the Khsim-Mondulkiri road, at kilometre point 39, about 6 km from the frontier, in the commune of Sré Khtum, district of O-Raing, in the province of Mondulkiri. The tractor was damaged in the strafing.

On 27 January 1970, at approximately 6.30 p.m., soldiers of the United States - Viet-Nameese forces from the Chum Tam post fired six shells at Cambodian territory about 500 m inside the frontier, in the commune of Koh Kok, district of Peam Chor,

in the province of Prey Veng, killing an ox belonging to an inhabitant of the area named Nguyen Van Boeung.

On the night of 27/28 January 1970, at approximately 8 p.m., soldiers of the United States - South Viet-Nameese forces from the Vinh Gia and Vinh Dien posts fired automatic weapons and eight shells at the Royal Cambodian Police post of Thnot Chong Srang about 500 m inside the frontier, in the commune of Thnot Chong Srang, district of Banteay Meas, in the province of Kampot.

On 28 January 1970, at approximately 7 p.m., a landing-craft of the United States - South Viet-Nameese Navy, sailing on the Mekong River, fired fifteen shells at the Cambodian post at Koh Sampeou, in the district of Peam Chor, in the province of Prey Veng, causing damage to that post.

On 29 January 1970, at approximately 6.30 p.m., soldiers of the United States - South Viet-Nameese forces from the Giong Gang post fired seven shells at Cambodian territory about 1,500 m inside the frontier in the commune of Prasat, district of Chantrea, in the province of Svay Rieng, damaging a house belonging to an inhabitant of the area named Ny Thon.

On 8 February 1970, at approximately 3 p.m., a helicopter of the United States - South Viet-Nameese forces violated Cambodian air space and fired rockets at the Cambodian village of Khann Seima, about 2,500 m inside the frontier in the commune of Snuol, district of Snuol, in the province of Kratié, killing a villager named Kheng Nguon and setting fire to a house.

On the same day, at approximately 4 p.m., a helicopter of the United States - South Viet-Nameese forces again violated Cambodian air space and strafed a military jeep belonging to the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces on the Mimot-Snuol road about 7 km from the frontier, in the commune of Touloung, district of Mimot, in the province of Phkar Rumchek. The vehicle was damaged.

The Royal Government of Cambodia has lodged a strong and indignant protest against these repeated violations of Cambodian air space, followed by deliberate firing and spraying of defoliants on the peaceful and innocent inhabitants of the Cambodian frontier region and on their dwellings, which have been committed by the United States - South Viet-Nameese forces. It has called upon the Government of the United States of America to take immediate steps to indemnify the victims, make reparation for the damage caused and put an end to such acts of aggression once and for all.

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

Accept, Sir, etc.

(Signed) HUOT SAMRATH  
Permanent Representative of Cambodia

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