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LETTER DATED 3 DECEMBER 1969 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. 9172 of 2 December 1969, I have the honour to bring the following matters to your attention for the information of the members of the Security Council:

On 16 November 1969, between 7.40 a.m. and 10.30 a.m., United States-South Viet-Nameese F-105 aircraft, guided by two L-19 observation planes, bombed Cambodian positions at the Dak Dam resistance centre, situated approximately seven kilometres inside the frontier. At the same time, these Cambodian positions were subjected to artillery fire by United States-South Viet-Nameese soldiers at Bu Prang.

At 11 a.m., United States artillery again pounded these positions, while several aircraft and ten helicopters maintained a constant patrol over Sen Monorom and O Raing.

At 5.15 p.m., eight United States-South Viet-Nameese F-105 aircraft again bombed Dak Dam, which was at the same time subjected to artillery fire from South Viet-Nameese territory.

On 17 November 1969, at about 8.30 a.m., United States-South Viet-Nameese F-105 aircraft again bombed Dak Dam and the surrounding area. At the same time, other aircraft maintained an uninterrupted patrol over Sen Monorom and the Sen Monorom-Dak Dam road, thereby preventing the evacuation of casualties from Dak Dam.

The following is a provisional list of casualties and losses:

Personnel:

27 non-commissioned officers and men reported missing;
4 wounded, including 2 seriously.

Mobile equipment damaged:

- 6 Russian GAS 63 gun carriers
- 2 Dodge 4x4
- 5 GMC trucks
- 5 GMC dumper-trucks
- 1 jeep
- 1 Land Rover ambulance

Arms damaged:

- 6 37mm guns
- 4 50-calibre machine-guns
- 8 30-calibre machine-guns

Radio sets damaged:

3 sets, consisting of 1 ANGR/9 and 2 ANGR/10.

The Royal Government of Cambodia has lodged a strong and indignant protest against these new attacks on and deliberate bombardment of the Dak Dam centre by the United States armed forces. It has demanded that the Government of the United States of America take urgent steps to indemnify the victims, provide compensation for the damage caused and put an end once for all to such attacks whose consequences are entirely the responsibility of the United States authorities.

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

Accept, etc.

(Signed) HUOT SAMBATH
Permanent Representative of Cambodia
