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LETTER DATED 1 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. 8845 of 12 November 1969 (S/9503), I have the honour to bring the following matters to your attention for the information of the members of the Security Council:

On 27 August 1969, the Cambodian military authorities from the barracks at Kirirath in Battambang captured three Thai citizens who had illegally entered Cambodian territory in the region of Kbal Stung. Their names are:

- REACHHARY BUNSON, born in 1936 at Khao-Moeung; district of Prakhon Chhay, Province of Ram, in Thailand, son of Reachhary and Neang Phann;
- NAYDY RATH, born in 1935 at Say Khan, district of Vaingeophong, Province of Loeum in Thailand, son of Phat Naydy and Neang Soda;
- YONG YUTH PRASETH, born in 1937 at Donlabieng, district of Sisath Chhaynaly, Province of Sokhorthai in Thailand, son of Mung Yong Yuth and Neang Khieu.

On the morning of 10 October 1969, at about 8.50 a.m., two Thai fishing junks violated Cambodian territorial waters about 700 metres north-west of Koh-Werr, Province of Koh Kong. Warning shots were fired by the Cambodian guards on the island, but the junks escaped towards the open sea.

On the night of 16 to 17 October 1969, at about 10 p.m., a Cambodian military patrol stopped, for purposes of examination, a Thai motor junk of the YANMAR type, of 33 horse-power, registered under the number 2D No. 10,019, whose occupants were engaged in clandestine fishing in Cambodian territorial waters, about 3,000 metres south-west of Cham Yeam (Koh Kong). All those on board abandoned the junk and escaped by swimming.

The Royal Government of Cambodia has protested strongly against these repeated violations of Cambodian territory and territorial waters by Thai units and fishing junks, followed by clandestine fishing. It has asked the Thai Government to take appropriate steps to prevent the repetition of these reprehensible acts.

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

(Signed) HUOT SAMBATH
Permanent Representative of Cambodia
