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LETTER DATED 28 FEBRUARY 1968 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. 1007 of 21 February 1968, I have the honour to communicate to you, for the information of the members of the Security Council, the following:

On 19 January 1968, at about 1.30 p.m., four Thai soldiers entered Cambodian territory and seized two inhabitants named Sam Rong and Dy Rin as they were picking tobacco at a location between boundary markers Nos. 57 and 58 in the Sangkat of Kamrieng, Srok of Pailin (Battambang).

On 1 February 1968, at about 2.30 p.m., armed elements from Thailand fired on an inhabitant of the Phum of Kalar named Meus Yoth as he was driving his cart at a point approximately six kilometres to the south-east of Kalar, which is in the Sangkat of Kok Romiet, Srok of Thmar Puork (Battambang). An ox was killed in the incident, and Meus Yoth was seized and taken to Thai territory, where he was closely interrogated.

Towards midnight on 5 February 1968, a Khmer patrol boarded a Thai fishing vessel with a crew of two which was engaged in illegal fishing in Cambodian territorial waters. The vessel and the crew are at present being held by the Khmer authorities at Khémarak Phouminville.

On 8 February 1968, at about 3 a.m., a Khmer patrol boarded a Thai vessel which was engaged in illegal fishing in Cambodian territorial waters approximately three kilometres off shore opposite the Phum of Thnal Krabey. The crew succeeded in swimming away, but the vessel is at present being held at Khémarak Phouminville.

On 11 February 1968, at about 7.15 p.m., the Cambodian post at ●-Ampil, situated approximately 1,000 metres inside the frontier in the province of Oddâr Meanchey, was subjected to mortar and automatic fire by armed elements from Thailand. A Cambodian soldier, Second Lieutenant Ich Sam Phan, was wounded in the attack.

On 14 February 1968, at about 5.30 p.m., some twenty armed men coming from Thailand fired mortars, incendiary grenades and small arms for a period of thirty minutes at the Phum of Chhoeu Slap, which is situated twelve kilometres inside the frontier and approximately twenty kilometres northwest of Samrong (Oddâr Meanchey). The incident resulted in the wounding of a woman, the burning of two houses and two granaries, and the killing of a pig.

The Royal Government of Cambodia has filed a strong protest against these new acts of criminal aggression and violations of Cambodian territory committed by the Thai armed forces and has called upon the Royal Government of Thailand to put an end to them forthwith.

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

Accept, Sir, etc.

(Signed) Huot SAMBATH  
Permanent Representative of Cambodia

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