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LETTER DATED 10 JUNE 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. 4408 of 3 June 1969 (S/9235), I have the honour to communicate the following to you for the information of the members of the Security Council:

On 8 April 1969, at about 1600 hours, a Cambodian patrol on an observation mission set off a mine hidden by Thai soldiers at O-Channeap Kandol, about twenty kilometres inside the Khmer-Thailand frontier, in the commune of Channaum, district of Sisophon, province of Battambang. The explosion of the mine killed one Cambodian soldier, Private 1st class MOU UNG, instantly.

On 11 April 1969, at about midnight, a gang of Thai hooligans burst into the village of Pel, attached to the commune of Thkau, district of Angkor-Chum, province of Oddor Meanchey, and looted the property of the inhabitants. When they withdrew, the hooligans forcibly took away with them NHUONG CHROCH and his family, so as to use them as a protection and prevent pursuit by the Cambodian authorities. The victims were only released after the frontier with Thailand had been crossed.

On 23 April 1969, at about 1900 hours, a Thai fishing junk violated the territorial waters of Cambodia, penetrating up to about 700 metres to the south of the Island of Polowai. After warning shots from the Cambodian coastguards of the Island, the Thai vessel withdrew toward the open sea.

The Royal Government of Cambodia has made a vehement protest to the Royal Government of Thailand against the violations of Cambodian territory and territorial waters, the laying of mines in frontier areas and the acts of looting committed by Thai elements. It has called upon the Government of Thailand to take adequate steps to prevent the recurrence of such reprehensible acts and to pay compensation to the victims.

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

Accept, Sir, etc.

(Signed) HUOT SAMBATH
Permanent Representative of Cambodia
