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LETTER DATED 5 MAY 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. 3353 of 29 April 1969, I have the honour to communicate the following to you for the information of the members of the Security Council:

On 28 April 1969 at about 9.30 a.m., an aircraft and two helicopters of the United States - South Viet-Nameese forces violated Cambodian air space and repeatedly overflew the Royal Police post at Loboek in the commune of Thnot, district of Kompong Rau, province of Svay Rieng. Elements of the Royal Police attached to the post fired on these aircraft and two helicopters were shot down, falling two kilometres south of the post and approximately two kilometres from the frontier, inside Cambodian territory. One helicopter caught fire on the ground.

Immediately after the helicopters fell, several aircraft and helicopters of the United States - South Viet-Nameese forces intervened, again violating Cambodian air space, to rescue the pilots, crews and other occupants of the downed helicopters. The remnants of the downed craft are still at the site of the incident.

Elements of the United States - South Viet-Nameese forces have fortified their positions near the frontier across from this site.

In bringing the above facts to the knowledge of the members of the Security Council, the Royal Government strongly and indignantly denounces the disgraceful tactics employed by the United States - South Viet-Nameese military and by certain United States newspapers which represent Cambodian posts and troops as foreign encampments and troops in Cambodian territory in order to justify aggression and bombing against Cambodia.

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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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