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LETTER DATED 24 JUNE 1969 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF CAMBODIA
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instruction from my Government and further to my letter No. 4860 of 17 June 1969 (S/9264), I have the honour to inform you of the following, for the information of the members of the Security Council:

On 12 March 1969, a Cambodian patrol on a mission in the commune of Svay Chek, district of Thmar Puok, province of Battambang, surprised a group of Thai bandits digging in the ground at a point situated at TA.613.338 to steal old Khmer art objects.

Caught in the act, these bandits opened fire on the Khmer patrol officers, who had to return fire. After an exchange of fire lasting about twenty minutes, the Thai bandits withdrew towards Thailand, leaving behind one dead man and two locally made rifles.

On the night of 30 April 1969, at about 9.30 p.m., two Thai fishing junks violated the territorial waters of Cambodia by penetrating to about 900 metres north of the island of Polowai, province of Koh Kong. These vessels did not withdraw to the open sea until the Cambodian guards on the island had fired a challenge.

On the night of 5 May 1969, at about 11.30 p.m., a Cambodian patrol at sea surprised a Thai motor junk engaged in clandestine fishing in Khmer territorial waters about five kilometres west of the island of Koh Moul, province of Koh Kong. After a brief exchange of fire, the Cambodian patrol managed to capture the Thai junk with a crew of four, one of whom was seriously wounded during the exchange of fire.

The Royal Government of Cambodia has lodged a strong protest against these repeated violations of Khmer territorial waters and territory, followed by acts of piracy committed by Thai fishermen and bandits. It has demanded that the

Government of Thailand take appropriate measures to trace and punish those responsible and put an end to such reprehensible acts.

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

Accept, Sir, etc.

(Signed) Huot SAMBATH
Permanent Representative of Cambodia
