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LETTER DATED 14 MARCH 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. 2072 of 11 March 1969 (S/9074), I have the honour to communicate to you, for the information of the members of the Security Council, the following:

On 22 February 1969, at about 4.30 p.m., a spotter aircraft of the United States - South Viet-Nameese forces repeatedly violated Cambodian air space over the village of Chrak Kranh, commune of ROUNG, district of Mimot (Kompong Cham). At the same time, the units of the United States - South Viet-Nameese forces at the Katoum post fired several artillery shells in the direction of Cambodian territory. The explosion of these shells wounded a Buddhist monk and four buffaloes and killed four other buffaloes.

On 26 February 1969 a helicopter of the United States - South Viet-Nameese forces violated Cambodian air space over the commune of Kokisom, district of Rumduol (Svay Rieng). A Cambodian inhabitant named Phoeung Khien, who was fishing at a point inside Cambodian territory, was killed by shots fired from the aforementioned helicopter.

During the night of 27 to 28 February 1969, from 8 p.m. to midnight, several aircraft of the United States - South Viet-Nameese forces violated Cambodian air space over the area of Mésar Thngâk, district of Svay Teap (Svay Rieng) and attacked the area with rocket and machine-gun fire, damaging one house and severely wounding five female inhabitants, one of whom succumbed to her wounds while being taken to hospital.

The victims were the following:

1. Néang Sot Lon, age 15 (deceased)
2. Néang Sot Ian, age 10, hospitalized
3. Néang Phan Nin, age 15, hospitalized
4. Néang Pan Tieng, age 21, hospitalized
5. Néang Peou Sum, age 27, hospitalized

During the night of 1 to 2 March 1969, at about 1.30 a.m., units of the United States - South Viet-Nameese forces estimated at sixty persons intruded into Cambodian territory in the village of Kéo Chas, commune of Banteay Kraing, district of Kompong Rau (Svay Rieng), at a point approximately 800 metres from the Khmer - South Viet-Nameese frontier. The aforementioned units opened fire with their automatic weapons on the said village, killing on the spot a little girl named Néang Pauk Sabor, age 12. When the aggressors withdrew, they took away property and poultry and destroyed five sacks of paddy belonging to the inhabitants of the village.

The Royal Government of Cambodia has lodged a vigorous protest against these violations of Cambodian air space and territory and these deliberate attacks committed by the United States - South Viet-Nameese forces against peaceful and innocent Khmer inhabitants. It has demanded that the Governments of the United States of America and the Republic of Viet-Nam should take appropriate measures to punish the guilty, compensate the families of the victims and put an end to such acts of banditry.

I should be grateful 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