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LETTER DATED 31 DECEMBER 1968 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF CAMBODIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF
THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On the instructions of my Government and further to my letter No. 9124 of 16 December 1968, I have the honour to communicate to you, for the information of the members of the Security Council, the following facts:

On 29 November 1968, at approximately 8 a.m., an armed band of some sixty men coming from Thailand entered Cambodian territory and opened heavy fire on a Cambodian patrol quartered at Bavel which was on an observation mission in the region of O-Cham Neap, district of Sisophon, province of Battambang, at a point approximately fifteen kilometres from the Cambodian-Thai frontier, killing two Cambodian soldiers named Buth Sun and Nuon Thang Chan and wounding two others named Bin Savath and Yang Nang.

On 30 November 1968, at approximately 10.45 a.m., two motor junks coming from Thailand were surprised while engaging in clandestine fishing in Cambodian territorial waters off Koh Yor, province of Koh Kong. They withdrew when they sighted the vessel of the Royal Khmer Navy which was patrolling the area.

On 1 December 1968, at approximately 7.30 a.m., a booby-trap set by armed elements from Thailand at a point south-west of Kauk Romiet, district of Thmar Puok, province of Battambang, approximately four kilometres from the frontier, blew up, seriously wounding two Cambodian soldiers named Neak Chhuom and Sin Chhay.

On 3 December 1968, at approximately 7 p.m., armed fishermen on board ten junks coming from Thailand entered Cambodian waters at a point approximately ten kilometres west of the island of Koh Kong and fired on members of a Cambodian patrol which was on an observation mission in the area, seriously wounding two soldiers, one of whom died in the hospital. A motor junk which had been used in the patrol operation was badly damaged.

The Royal Government of Cambodia has filed a vigorous and indignant protest against the constant violations of its territory and territorial waters and the deliberate attacks by armed elements coming from Thailand. It has called upon the Thai Government to take immediate steps to put an end to these criminal acts being committed by Thai soldiers and inhabitants.

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
