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LETTER DATED 16 JANUARY 1969 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
CAMBODIA ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On the instructions of my Government and further to my letter No. 9375 of 27 December 1969 (S/8944), I have the honour to communicate to you, for the information of the members of the Security Council, the following facts:

On 1 December 1968, at approximately 9 a.m., three aircraft of the United States-South Viet-Nameese forces violated Cambodian air space and machine-gunned the village of Veal Chhmong in the commune of Dar, district of Mimot, wounding two villagers named Mang Seang and Chiep Phin.

On 8 December 1968, at approximately 3.30 p.m., an automobile was subjected to fire from rocket-launchers and machine-guns by a group of United States-South Viet-Nameese soldiers who had been landed by helicopters at a point near kilometre stone 47 in the commune of Khsim, district of Snuol, province of Kratié.

The vehicle was severely damaged.

On 12 December 1968, at approximately 1 a.m., three patrol boats of the United States-South Viet-Nameese forces, coming from Hatien and patrolling the Giang Thanh river, directed several bursts of automatic weapon fire at the Cambodian villages of Bat Banliek and Prek Trahing, commune of Prek Kroeus, district of Kompong Trach, province of Kampot.

On the same day, at approximately 2 p.m., two helicopters of the United States-South Viet-Nameese forces violated Cambodian air space and machine-gunned buffalo herdsman at a place situated approximately 1,500 metres from the Khmer-South Viet-Nameese frontier in the commune of Kokisom, district of Rumduol, province of Svay Rieng, killing a herdsman named Ouk Chem on the spot.

On 14 December 1968, at approximately 4 p.m., five helicopters and a spotter aircraft of the United States-South Viet-Nameese air forces flew over and machine-gunned the frontier area in the vicinity of the commune of Khsim, district of Snuol, province of Kratié.

On the following day, at approximately 2 p.m., another five helicopters of the same forces flew over the Khsim-Mondulkiri road between kilometre stones 20 and 26, and on the following day, at approximately 11 a.m., a United States-South Viet-Nameese helicopter and a United States-South Viet-Nameese spotter aircraft flew over the same road between kilometre stones 15 and 25.

On 15 December 1968, at approximately 5.30 p.m., members of the United States-South Viet-Nameese forces from the post of Kinh Thay Bang (Chaudoc) fired artillery into Cambodian territory. Six shells landed approximately 2,000 metres inside Cambodia in the village of Prek Khsach, commune of Kompong Krassaing, district of Koh Andeth, province of Takéo, seriously wounding a woman, who was a Cambodian national, and severely damaging her house.

On 17 December 1968, at approximately 7 p.m., members of the United States-South Viet-Nameese armed forces from the post of Queo-Ba (Hau Ghia) fired artillery into Cambodia. Seven shells landed approximately 500 metres inside Cambodian territory in the commune of Mésar Thngâk, district of Chantrea, province of Svay Rieng, severely damaging two houses and wounding two buffaloes and a pig.

On the same day, at approximately 3.30 p.m., two helicopters of the United States-South Viet-Nameese air forces flew over and machine-gunned for the fifth time the abandoned police post situated near road No. 13, approximately 500 metres from the Khmer-South Viet-Nameese frontier in the commune of Khsim, district of Snuol, province of Kratié.

The same post had previously been bombed and machine-gunned on 25, 27 and 28 November 1968 and on 8 December 1968.

On 19 December 1968, at approximately 10 a.m., three helicopters guided by two spotter aircraft of the United States-South Viet-Nameese forces again machine-gunned and bombed this abandoned post.

On 20 December 1968, at approximately 2 p.m., members of the United States-South Viet-Nameese armed forces from the posts of Cai Vang and Vinh Dien (Kien Phong) fired artillery into Cambodia; some twenty shells landed on the grounds of the provincial guard post of Peam Montea, district of Kompong Trabèk, province of Prey Veng, damaging a barrack.

The Royal Government of Cambodia has protested vigorously against the hostile fire directed by the United States-South Viet-Namese armed forces against Cambodian territory which endangers the lives of the innocent Khmer inhabitants of the frontier area and destroys their property. The Royal Government has called upon the Governments of the United States of America and of the Republic of Viet-Nam to take adequate steps to prevent the recurrence of such reprehensible acts and to pay compensation to the victims.

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
