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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. 9497 of 31 December 1968, I have the honour to inform you that, during the night of 15-16 December 1968, approximately ten Thai fishing junks entered Cambodian waters off the island of Koh Kong.

Surprised by elements of the Cambodian sea patrol, the Thais opened fire on these forces, who returned the fire. After an exchange of fire lasting approximately thirty minutes, one of these junks, equipped with a 300 CV ATLAS motor, was captured with sixteen crew members, one of whom was fatally wounded, and two automatic pistols were seized on board.

The Royal Government of Cambodia has protested vigorously against the intrusion of Thai fishing junks into Cambodian waters and the opening of fire by the Thais against the Cambodian security forces. It has called upon the Thai Government to take adequate steps to prevent its nationals from again committing such acts.

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