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LETTER DATED 28 MARCH 1968 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. 1803 of 20 March 1968, I have the honour to communicate to you, for the information of the members of the Security Council, the following:

- In the night of 24/25 February 1968, at about 1.15 a.m., some thirty South Viet-Namese soldiers, disguised as civilians and armed with carbines, Springfield rifles, Colt pistols, grenades, grenade-launchers and side-arms, penetrated Khmer territory and looted the house of a Cambodian called Nhep Mech, the owner of a saw-mill in the Sangkat of Prek Chrey, Srok of Koh Thom, province of Kandal.

During this criminal looting, a Cambodian woman was wounded on the right cheek and the left arm.

The arrival of the patrolling Khmer provincial guards obliged the assailants to withdraw to South Viet-Nam but they took with them:

- 12,000 riels
- l ice container
- l Philips radio
- 1 gold chain
- wearing apparel,

all belonging to Mr. Nhep Mech.

The Royal Government of Cambodia has lodged a vigorous protest against this violation of Khmer territory followed by acts of piracy committed deliberately by South Viet-Namese soldiers. It has demanded that the Government of the Republic of Viet-Nam arrange for the return of the money and articles stolen from the victim and that it put an end to such criminal acts.

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

Accept, Sir, etc.

(Signed) HUOT SAMBATH
Permanent Representative of Cambodia