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On instructions from my Government and further to my letter No. 1866 of 5 March 1969 (S/9045), I have the honour to communicate to you, for the information of the members of the Security Council, the following:

On 11 January 1969, at about 9 a.m., the units of the United States - South Viet-Nameese forces at the Long Khot (Kien Tuong) post directed mortar-fire into Cambodian territory. Six shells fell 2,000 metres inside Khmer territory, in the commune of Banteay Kraing, district of Kompong Rau (Svay Rieng), where they exploded, seriously injuring two oxen belonging to the local residents.

On 21 January 1969, at about 10.45 a.m., two helicopters of the United States - South Viet-Nameese forces, guided by a spotter aircraft, violated Cambodian air space over the commune of Kokisom, district of Rumduol (Svay Rieng), where they dropped chemical powders which caused inflammations of the skin among the local residents.

On 26 January 1969, at about 8 a.m., four launches of the United States - South Viet-Nameese forces moving along the Giang Thanh river directed gun-fire into Cambodian territory. Several shells fell in the commune of Beng Sala, district of Kompong Trach (Kampot), injuring an ox and a buffalo belonging to the local residents.

On 28 January 1969, at about 4 p.m., units of the United States - South Viet-Nameese armed forces from the Thai-Tri (Kien Tuong) post entered Cambodian territory, in the commune of Thnot, district of Chantrea (Svay Rieng). They opened fire on the local residents who were working in their fields, seriously wounding one of them, named Sao Im, who had to be taken to hospital immediately.

On 5 February 1969, at about 5 p.m., the units of the United States - South Viet-Nameese armed forces at the Tan Thanh (Kien Phong) post directed gun-fire into Cambodian territory. Four shells fell in the commune of Peam Montea. These units fired on the same place again on the next day, at about 3 p.m., seriously damaging the telecommunication cables.

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On 8 February 1969, at about 9.30 p.m., the units of the United States - South Viet-Nameese forces stationed at the Cai Vang and Tan Thanh (Kien Phong) posts fired on Cambodian territory, and about ten shells fell near the Khmer Provincial Guard post in the commune of Peam Montea, district of Konpong Trabèk (Prey Veng).

During the night of 8-9 February 1969, the units of the United States - South Viet-Nameese forces at the Moc Bai (Hau Nghia) post directed motar-fire into Cambodian territory. About ten shells fell approximately 500 metres inside Khmer territory, in the commune of Bavet, district of Svay Teap (Svay Rieng). The exploding shells seriously wounded a local woman resident, named Mau Ngauth, who had to be taken to hospital.

On 9 February 1969, at about 4 p.m., the units of the United States - South Viet-Nameese forces at the Katum (Tay Ninh) post directed gun-fire into Cambodian territory. The bursting of a shell which fell in the village of Srê Tanong, commune of Chan Moul, district of Mimot (Kompong Cham), seriously wounded a local resident, named An Phan, who had to be taken to hospital.

On 13 February 1969, at about 7 a.m., two boys living in the commune of Koh Sampeou, district of Peam Chor (Prey Veng) were killed when a shell fired by units of the United States - South Viet-Nameese forces based in South Viet-Nam exploded.

On 16 February 1969, at about 3.30 p.m., five launches of the United States - South Viet-Nameese navy, while moving along the Giang Thanh river, fired automatic weapons at the village of Kompong Ting, which is approximately 500 metres inside Cambodian territory, in the commune of Prek Kroeus, district of Kompong Trach (Kampot), killing an ox which belonged to the residents of that village.

On the same date, at about 11 p.m., the units of the United States - South Viet-Nameese forces at the Thanh Tri post fired several mortar shells into the Khmer commune of Khsèt, district of Kompong Rau (Svay Rieng).

On the same date, at about 12 midnight, the units of the United States - South Viet-Nameese forces at the Queo Ba post directed gun-fire into Cambodian territory.

On 17 February 1969, at about 10 p.m., units of the United States - South Viet-Nameese forces at the Thanh Tri post fired six shells which fell in the commune of Khsèt (Svay Rieng), wounding a local resident.

On 19 February 1969, at about 12 midnight, units of the United States - South Viet-Nameese armed forces from the Ong Tan post, moving along the Khmer-South Viet-Nameese frontier, fired automatic weapons at Cambodian residents who were in Khmer territory in the commune of Thmei, district of Kompong Rau, province of Svay Rieng. One of them was killed on the spot and another seriously wounded.

On 20 February 1969, at about 4 p.m., four helicopters and a spotter aircraft of the United States - South Viet-Nameese air forces violated Cambodian air space over the commune of Cheam Kravien, district of Mimot (Kompong Cham) and opened fire on a resident who was riding a motor cycle. The motor cycle was hit by bullets and put out of action.

On 21 February 1969, between about 9.30 and 11.30 a.m., twenty-two helicopters of the United States - South Viet-Nameese forces landed troops near the village of Tralock Bèk, commune of Daung, district of Romeas Hèk (Svay Rieng). After landing the troops, four of the helicopters and two spotter aircraft, supported by mortar-fire, flew over the village and fired rockets at it. Two women, named Néang Hem Ot and Neang Lam, were wounded and the house of a man named Khoy Sann was set on fire during this attack.

On 22 February 1969, at about 8.30 p.m., the units of the United States - South Viet-Nameese forces at the Thanh Tri post again fired on the place mentioned above. Three local residents were wounded by exploding shells, which fell approximately 500 metres inside Cambodian territory.

On 23 February 1969, at about 6 a.m., three helicopters of the United States - South Viet-Nameese forces machine-gunned a Provincial Guard post under construction at Chrak Leav, commune of Bavet (Svay Rieng). A member of the Guard named Nong Peou was wounded and had to be taken to hospital.

During the night of 24-25 February 1969, at about 10 p.m., the units of the United States - South Viet-Nameese armed forces at the Moc Bai post directed artillery fire into Cambodian territory. Several shells fell approximately 500 metres inside Cambodian territory in the commune of Bavet, district of Svay Teap, province of Svay Rieng. A member of the Khmer Royal Police was killed on the spot by the exploding shells.

The Royal Government of Cambodia has vigorously protested against these repeated violations of Cambodian territory and this provocative firing by United

States - South Viet-Nameese forces on the peaceful residents and members of the defence forces of Cambodia. It warns the Governments of the United States of America and the Republic of Viet-Nam of all the consequences which may result therefrom, and demands that they should take immediate measures to put an end to such hostile 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
