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LETTER DATED 4 APRIL 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. 2638 of 1 April 1969 (S/9127), I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of a statement by the Royal Government of Cambodia concerning the attack on the Cambodian village of Skatum which was carried out on 11 March 1969 by helicopters and aircraft of the United States - South Viet-Nameese forces:

"On 11 March 1969, at about 12.30 a.m., five helicopters guided by a reconnaissance aircraft of the United States - South Viet-Nameese forces attacked with machine-gun fire and rockets the phum of Skatum, in the sangkat of Choam Kravien, srok of Mimot, province of Kompong Cham, causing some damage. A second attack, carried out by the same aircraft at about 6 p.m., inflicted heavy losses on the Cambodian civilian population, four persons being killed (a man, a woman and two children) and ten persons being seriously wounded. In addition, five oxen and two buffaloes and two houses were destroyed by fire.

"The Royal Government denounces, before the United Nations and world public opinion, this further crime committed by United States aircraft and asks that a parallel be drawn between the humanitarian gestures of Cambodia in unconditionally releasing United States prisoners captured in Cambodian territory and the wilful killing of men, women and children by the United States Air Force. It points out, moreover, that the sole victims of this most recent unjustifiable act of aggression have been peaceful Cambodian citizens and not, as United States propaganda claims, FNL combatants who had infiltrated into our frontier areas.

"The Royal Government demands once again that the United States put an end to its terrorist attacks against Cambodia, and, to this end, it asks the support of all the countries which guarantee respect for the Charter of the United Nations and the elementary rights of a country which practises a policy of strict neutrality."

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

(Signed) HUOT SAMBATH  
Permanent Representative of Cambodia

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