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On the instructions of my Government and further to my letter No. 8433 of 15 November 1968, I have the honour to inform you that, during the period 8 September to 9 October 1968, United States - South Viet-Nameese air forces violated Cambodian air space twenty-one times at the following places, dates and times:

On 8 September 1968, at 12 noon, five aircraft raked the vicinity of Peam Veal Sralas, village of Tanou, commune of Chambâk, district of Svay Rieng, province of Svay Rieng, with machine-gun fire.

On the same day, at 4 p.m., the same places were machine-gunned by two F-105 aircraft and one reconnaissance aircraft for thirty minutes.

On 11 September 1968, Cambodian air space was violated several times over the village of Bavet and the centre of Chipou, commune of Chrak Mtés, district of Svay Teap, province of Svay Rieng:

- at 10 a.m., by two F-105 aircraft flying at an altitude of about 2,000 metres;
- at 11.55 a.m., by two F-105 aircraft flying at an altitude of about 1,500 metres;
- at 2 p.m., by a helicopter flying at an altitude of about 1,500 metres;
- at 3.35 and 3.40 p.m., by two F-105 aircraft flying at an altitude of about 1,500 metres.

On the same day, at about 12.25 p.m., an aircraft flying at an altitude of 2,000 metres penetrated to a depth of five to ten kilometres in the vicinity of the villages of Am-Pork, Chi Mon, Toum-Peang, province of Kompong Cham.

On 12 September 1968, at 7.30 a.m., two aircraft flying at an altitude of 1,500 metres penetrated to a depth of three kilometres in the vicinity of the village of Phnom-Den, commune of Phnom-Den, and of the villages of Phothi-Sangkê and Tuol-Kamnâp, district of Preah Bat Choan-Chum, province of Takeo.

On 17 September 1968, at 10.40 a.m., an aircraft flying at an altitude of 2,000 metres penetrated to a depth of eight kilometres in the vicinity of the village of Koh Rocar, district of Peam Chor, province of Prey Veng.

On 19 September 1968, at 3.18 p.m., two F-105 aircraft flying at an altitude of 2,000 metres penetrated to a depth of twenty to twenty-five kilometres in the vicinity of the villages of Saâm, Chipéang, Prit, in the plantation of Krek, district of Mimot, province of Kompong Cham.

On 20 September 1968, an aircraft of the United States - South Viet-Nameese air forces twice flew over the market of Mimot, province of Kompong Cham, at an altitude of 700 to 800 metres.

On 21 September 1968, at 9.15 a.m., an F-105 aircraft flying at an altitude of 2,000 metres penetrated to a depth of eight kilometres in the vicinity of Koh Rocar and Prek-Sambour, district of Peam Chor, province of Prey Veng.

On 22 September 1968, at 11 a.m., an aircraft flew over the village of Angkor Borei, Srok Angkor Borei, province of Takeo, at an altitude of 800 metres.

On the same day, at 7.55 p.m., a Dakota aircraft flew over the National Security post and the customs house at Bavet, district of Svay Teap, province of Svay Rieng, and dropped a flare.

On 23 September 1968:

- at about 8.30 a.m., an L-19 aircraft flying at an altitude of 1,500 metres twice penetrated to a depth of 4,000 metres in the vicinity of Koh Rocar, district of Peam Chor, province of Prey Veng;
- at about 8.35 a.m., a Dakota flying at an altitude of 800 metres penetrated to a depth of 1,500 metres in the vicinity of Kaâm Samnâr Krcm, district of Loeuk Dek, province of Kandal;
- at about 12.30 p.m., a helicopter flew over the town of Svay Rieng at an altitude of 1,000 metres.

On 24 September 1968, at 8.40 a.m., a Neptune aircraft flying at an altitude of 400 metres penetrated to a depth of 800 metres in the vicinity of the Sangkat of Sæmpeou Poun and the Sangkat of Prek Chrey, district of Koh Thom, province of Kandal.

On the same day, at about 5.50 a.m., two aircraft flew over the centre of Mimot and Khnang Krapeu, district of Mimot, at an altitude of 1,000 metres.

On 28 September 1968, at 8.25 a.m., two aircraft flying at an altitude of 800 metres penetrated to a depth of 2,000 metres over the Sangkat of Kaâm Samnar Krom, Srok Loeuk Dek, Khet Kandal,

On 30 September 1968, at 3.30 p.m., five helicopters machine-gunned inhabitants of the Phum Phsoet-Krâmuon, commune of Peam Montea, district of Kompong Trabèk, province of Prey Veng, killing on the spot a man named Nguyen Van Dut.

On 5 October 1968, at 3.40 p.m., two F-105 aircraft flying at an altitude of 2,000 metres penetrated to a depth of 4,000 metres over the commune of Koh Rokar, district of Peam Chor, province of Prey Veng.

On 6 October 1968, at 10 a.m., one L-19 reconnaissance aircraft and two F-105 aircraft flew over the district of Romeas Hèk, province of Svay Rieng, and fired rockets at the inhabitants, in the vicinity of the National Guard post of Tanou, 150 metres inside Cambodian territory.

On the same day, about 10.20 a.m., an L-19 aircraft flew over the same spot at an altitude of 1,500 metres and penetrated to a depth of 500 metres.

On 9 October 1968, at about 3 p.m., three aircraft flew several times over the commune of Choam Kravien, district of Mimot, province of Kompong Cham, at an altitude of 1,000 metres. The members of the International Control Commission who were present at the above-mentioned time were eye-witnesses of these violations.

The Royal Government of Cambodia has energetically protested against these repeated violations of Cambodian air space, which in some cases were followed by machine-gun fire causing material damage and endangering the lives of the inhabitants of the border area. It has demanded that the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Viet-Nam should put an end to such acts and pay compensation to the families of the victims.

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
