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LETTER DATED 16 DECEMBER 1968 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. 8451 of 15 November 1968 (S/8901), I have the honour to bring the following to your attention, for the information of the members of the Security Council.

On 8 November 1968, at about 2 p.m., Cambodian military units of the Tranup sub-division were attacked during patrols by a group of about ten armed Thai soldiers at a place situated about fifteen kilometres north of the centre of Samrong, province of Oddâr Meanchey, and about ten kilometres inside Cambodian territory.

Following counterfire by the Cambodian patrol they withdrew into Thailand.

On 10 November 1968, at about 4 p.m., a group of armed Thai soldiers harassed the Cambodian post of O-Smach, province of Oddâr Meanchey, with mortar and automatic fire.

The strong counterfire of the Cambodian troops forced them to withdraw in the direction of Thailand a few moments later.

On 13 November 1968, at about midday, a group of armed Thai soldiers penetrated into Cambodian territory and forcibly abducted three Khmer citizens named:

OUM SARUN

DIM HENG

Neang PHAT SOUK SEAN.

These persons were working peaceably in the fields some eight kilometres north-east of the centre of Poipet and two kilometres inside Cambodian territory in the province of Battambang.

The victims were released later after harsh interrogation.

On 13 November 1968, at about 3.20 p.m., an ox-cart carrying the personal effects of Cambodian troops was blown up by a Thai land mine about ten kilometres south-west of Kaup, Srok of Sisophon, province of Battambang, and about five kilometres inside Cambodian territory.

The explosion caused the following losses:

Men:

One Cambodian soldier killed on the spot

Another seriously wounded

Cattle:

One ox killed on the spot

Another seriously injured

Material:

One cart, sundry military effects and one rifle badly damaged.

On 16 November 1968, at about 11.30 a.m., a patrol of Cambodian troops from the post of Vaing Khen, Sangkat of Kaup, province of Battambang, were blown up by another Thai mine at a place situated 3,000 metres inside Cambodian territory and about ten kilometres south-west of Poipet, province of Battambang.

As a result of the explosion, Private Second Class SAING-TAING was killed on the spot and Corporal TUM-PHEAN of the 45th BC of the Royal Khmer Army was seriously wounded.

The Royal Government of Cambodia has lodged a vigorous protest against these criminal acts of aggression and provocation deliberately committed on Cambodian territory by Thai troops and has demanded that the Royal Government of Thailand should put an end to such reprehensible acts immediately.

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
