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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. 9109 of 16 December 1968, I have the honour to bring the following to your attention, for the information of the members of the Security Council.

On 3 November 1968 at about 1 p.m., Cambodian troops assisted by units of the National Defence Forces from the village of Pak Khlang, in the province of Koh Kong, while on patrol at sea, came upon three Thai junks engaged in clandestine fishing in Cambodian territorial waters off Koh Yor, province of Koh Kong.

After an exchange of fire, the Thai boats withdrew towards Thailand.

On 11 November 1968 at around noon, Cambodian troops from Koh Yor, province of Koh Kong, while on patrol at sea, encountered two motorized Thai junks engaged in clandestine fishing in Cambodian territorial waters off Koh Yor.

The Thai boats retreated on the approach of the Cambodian patrol.

During the night of 18-19 November 1968 at about 8 p.m. mixed units consisting of members of the Armed Forces and the National Defence Forces, while on patrol at sea, came upon about ten armed and motorized Thai junks engaged in clandestine fishing in Cambodian territorial waters, about ten kilometres west of Koh Muol, province of Koh Kong.

Having been caught in the act, the men of the ten Thai junks opened fire on the mixed Cambodian patrol and killed Doeung Chhuoy, a member of the National Defence Force. When the mixed Cambodian patrol retaliated, eight Thai junks escaped, and two others were taken.

The Royal Government of Cambodia has lodged a vigorous protest against these repeated violations of Cambodian territorial waters by armed Thai junks and has demanded that the Royal Government of Thailand should take steps to put an end to these reprehensible acts immediately.

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

Accept, Sir, etc.

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