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LETTER DATED 3 MAY 1968 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF CAMBODIA
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On the instructions of my Government, I have the honour to inform you that, according to the international Press, NASA has under study, at the instance of the United States Department of Defense, a project for putting into orbit a mirror-satellite 600 metres in diameter which would reflect sunlight on the surface of the earth so as to illuminate an area of 100,000 square kilometres with an intensity of light double that of the full moon. The United States apparently intends to use this first mirror-satellite to turn night into day throughout a vast area of Viet-Nam in order to help its troops.

If such a mirror-satellite is put into use in Viet-Nam, it would hardly fail to have unfortunate repercussions on crops and on human life in neighbouring countries, including Cambodia.

The Royal Government of Cambodia has lodged a solemn protest against this project, which betokens a cynical bellicosity, and asks the Government of the United States of America to give up this effort.

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

Accept, Sir, etc.

(Signed) HUOT SAMBATH
Permanent Representative of Cambodia
