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LETTER DATED 12 AUGUST 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. 5867 of 12 August 1968, I have the honour to bring the following to your attention, for the information of members of the Security Council:

On 9 June 1968, at about 4.20 p.m., three United States-South Viet-Namese aircraft, including one L-19, bombed and machine-gunned an area on the Khmer-Viet-Namese border 500 metres inside Cambodian territory, village of Tanou, commune of Chambak, district and province of Svay Rieng. A cow belonging to an inhabitant of that village was seriously wounded.

On the morning of 11 June 1968 a United States-South Viet-Namese F.105 aircraft violated Cambodian air space to a distance of 10,000 metres and flew over the district of Romeas Hek, in the province of Svay Rieng. The aircraft flew over the district several times before returning to South Viet-Nam.

On 12 June 1968, at about 2 a.m., seven United States-South Viet-Namese helicopters, guided by an observation aircraft, opened fire with machine-guns and, after dropping flares, launched rockets against the area around the Khmer post of the Provincial Guard of Prey Khmounh, situated 300 metres inside the frontier, in the commune of Som, district of Preah Bat Cheanchum, province of Takeo. A little later, at about 5 a.m., a strong force of United States-South Viet-Namese troops covered by helicopters and an observation aircraft penetrated Khmer territory and fired on the above-mentioned post for two hours. A Khmer villager named Mom-Thay was wounded.

On 14 June 1968, at about 7.40 a.m., a United States-South Viet-Namese aircraft flew over the communes of Choam and Choam Kravien, district of Mimot, province of Kompong Cham.

On the same day, at about 10.50 a.m., a United States-South Viet-Namese F-105 aircraft flew several times over the communes of Roung, Chan Moul and Choam, district of Mimot, in the same province.

On 21 June 1968, at about 5.55 a.m., three twin-engine United States-South Viet-Namese aircraft flew over the communes of Roung, Tramoung, Triek and Dar, in the same district of Mimot, Kompong Cham.

On 22 June 1968, at about 5 p.m., a United States-South Viet-Namese F.105 flew over the post of the Provincial Guard at Bavet, district of Svay Teap, province of Svay Rieng, at an altitude of about 1,500 metres.

On 23 June 1968, at about 8 p.m., a United States-South Viet-Namese L.19 reconnaissance aircraft flew over that same post at an altitude of about 1,000 metres.

On 24 June 1968, at about 2.45 p.m., a United States-South Viet-Namese helicopter flew over the post of the Provincial Guard at Leach, commune of Choam, district of Mimot, province of Kompong Cham.

On 25 June 1968, at about 10 a.m., a United States-South Viet-Namese aircraft flew over the same district at an altitude of about 3,000 metres.

On the same day, three United States-South Viet-Namese B-52 aircraft flew over the same area three times at 1.50 p.m., 5 p.m. and 5.15 p.m., at an altitude of about 3,000 metres.

On 29 June 1968, three United States-South Viet-Namese B-52 aircraft again flew over that area twice, at about 8.50 p.m. and 9.10 p.m., at an altitude of about 5,000 metres.

On 30 June 1968, at about 1.50 p.m. and 11.45 p.m., two United States-South Viet-Namese F-105 aircraft and one United States-South Viet-Namese L-19 aircraft again flew over that same region of Bavet, at altitudes of 2,000 and 1,000 metres respectively.

The Royal Government of Cambodia has vigorously protested against these new violations of Cambodia's air space by the United States-South Viet-Namese forces, followed in some cases by aggression. It has demanded that the Governments of the United States of America and the Republic of Viet-Nam should put an immediate end to these acts.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for this letter to be circulated as a Security Council document.

Accept, Sir, etc.

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