

LETTER DATED 15 OCTOBER 1968 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF CAMBODIA TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On the instructions of my Government and further to my letter No. 7584 of 9 October 1968 (S/8849), I have the honour to bring the following to your attention, for the information of the members of the Security Council.

On 5 September 1968, at about 7.30 a.m., members of the United States -South Viet-Namese forces from the post of Moc Bai (Hau Nghia) patrolling along the frontier fired at the Cambodian commune of Bavet, district of Svay Teap, province of Svay Rieng, seriously wounding a local inhabitant named Pheam Vantieng.

On 8 September 1968, at about 10.30 a.m., the United States - South Viet-Namese forces at the post of Trapeang Robang (Tay Ninh) fired mortars at Cambodian territory. Several shells fell in the district of Rumduol, province of Svay Rieng, seriously wounding a Cambodian named Thach Suth, who was fishing.

On 9 September 1968, at about 8 a.m., three armed South Viet-Namese accompanied by a United States national penetrated about fifty metres into Cambodian territory in order to reconnoitre the Cambodian village of Tuol Prasat, commune of Sam Yong, district of Kompong Rau, province of Svay Rieng.

They withdrew into South Viet-Namese territory at about 10 a.m.

On ll September 1968, at about 7 p.m., the United States - South Viet-Namese troops at the post of Ong Truong near the Cambodian commune of Khset, district of Kompong Rau, province of Svay Rieng, fired 81-mm shells into Cambodian territory. Two shells fell beside the post of Tuol Thmar Sar in the above-mentioned commune.

On 13 September 1968, at about 10 a.m., the United States - South Viet-Namese forces at the post of Kantum fired 105-mm shells into Cambodian territory in the region of Sre Tanong, commune of Chan Moul, district of Mimot, province of Kompong Cham. The shells killed an ox and wounded eight others and a buffalo.

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A sugar-cane plantation belonging to the National Sugar Company of Cambodia at Memot, in the same province of Kompong Cham, has been about 60 per cent spoilt by the defoliating product spread by the United States - South Viet-Namese air force.

On 22 September 1968, at about 11.35 a.m., United States - South Viet-Namese soldiers travelling in seven crafts of the Hovercraft type fired several bursts of automatic fire at the Cambodian provincial guard post of Koh Skor. At the same time, the United States - South Viet-Namese forces at the post of Cai Muong fired six 60-mm shells at the village of Kin Ly, commune of Koh Sampeou, district of Preah Sdech, province of Prey Veng. The explosion of the shells caused the death of a young local inhabitant named Le Van De and seriously wounded three others (Viet-Namese).

The Royal Government of Cambodia has strongly protested against these further violations of its territory, the deliberate shooting and the spreading of toxic products, taking the lives of two animals and causing serious damage to the crops of the Cambodian inhabitants, all of which have been committed by the United States - South Viet-Namese forces. It has demanded that the Governments of the United States of America and the Republic of Viet-Nam should put an end to such acts and pay compensation to the victims.

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

Accept, Sir, etc.

(<u>Signed</u>) HUOT SAMBATH Permanent Representative of Cambodia