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LETTER DATED 19 JUNE 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. 4030 of 12 June 1968, I have the honour to bring the following to your attention, for the information of members of the Security Council:

On 28 April 1968, at about 2.40 p.m., a United States-South Viet-Namese aircraft overflew Cambodian territory and directed several bursts of machine-gun fire at the Khmer post of the Banteay Kraing Provincial Guard, Kompong Trabèk district, Prey-Véng province.

This machine-gunning attack was followed by a burst of artillery fire from the United States-South Viet-Namese post at Cai-Van. Three shells fell in the Peam Montea commune, Kompong Trabèk district, Prey-Véng province.

On 29 April 1968, at about 8.30 a.m., a United States-South Viet-Namese reconnaissance aircraft overflew Cambodian air space and fired two rockets on the commune of Thmei, Kompong Rau district, Svay-Rieng province.

On 1 May 1968, at about 2.45 p.m., soldiers of the United States-South Viet-Namese forces opened fire with artillery in the direction of Khmer territory.

One shell fell in the commune of Chan Moul, Mimot district, Kompong Cham province.

On the same day, at about 2.50 p.m., another United States-South Viet-Namese reconnaissance aircraft violated Cambodian air space and fired a rocket on the commune of Koh Kok, Peam Chor district, Prey-Véng province.

On 3 May 1968, at about 8.30 a.m., soldiers of the United States-South Viet-Namese forces from the Kinh Thay Bang post (South Viet-Nam) opened fire with artillery in the direction of Khmer territory. Six shells fell in the commune of Sampeou Poun, Koh Thom district, Kandal province.

On the same day, at about 9 p.m., soldiers of the United States-South Viet-Namese forces from Muong Sralinh post (South Viet-Nam) opened fire with artillery

in the direction of Khmer territory. One shell fell - without exploding - in the commune of Koh Rokar Krom, Peam Chor district, Prey-Véng province.

On 5 May 1968:

at about 7 a.m., United States-South Viet-Namese soldiers invaded Cambodian territory in the commune of Taor, Kirivong district, Takéo province, and directed several bursts of machine-gun fire at this area;

at about 6.30 p.m., United States-South Viet-Namese forces opened fire with artillery in the direction of Cambodian territory. Two shells fell in the commune of Peam Montea, Kompong Travèk district, province of Prey-Véng;

at about 10 p.m., soldiers of the United States-South Viet-Namese forces from the Kinh Thay Bang post (South Viet-Nam) opened fire with artillery in the direction of Cambodian territory. Six shells fell in the commune of Sampeou Poun, Koh Thom district, Kandal province.

On 6 May 1968, at about 10.45 a.m., an F-105 jet aircraft and a reconnaissance aircraft of the United States-South Viet-Namese air forces violated Cambodian air space and overflew the area of Bavet, Svay Teap district, Svay-Rieng province.

On 8 May 1968, at about 1.35 p.m., a United States-South Viet-Namese reconnaissance aircraft violated Cambodian air space and fired three rockets on the Khmer village of Chrak Kranh, Roung commune, Mimot district, Kompong Cham province.

On 21 May 1968, at about 6.30 p.m., soldiers of the United States-South Viet-Namese forces from the Hong Ngu post (Chaudoc, South Viet-Nam) fired several shells onto Cambodian territory. Five shells fell in the Cambodian village of Koh Sko and eight more in the neighbouring Khmer village of Nok-Ra, in the commune of Koh Sampeou, Peam-Chor district, Prey-Véng province.

This deliberate attack resulted in the following losses on the Cambodian side:

- 1 villager killed
- 4 others wounded, two of them seriously
- 4 pigs killed
- 4 houses burnt down.
- On 31 May 1968, at about 8.20 a.m., soldiers of the United States-South Viet-Namese forces from the Long Binh post (Chaudoc, South Viet-Nam), fired several

shells and mortar bombs in the direction of Cambodian territory. Two shells fell more than 100 metres inside the frontier, in the Prek Chrey commune, Koh Thom district, Kandal province.

This deliberate attack resulted in the death of one inhabitant. Two others were seriously wounded.

On the same day, at about 1.30 p.m., two United States-South Viet-Namese aircraft, guided by a reconnaissance aircraft, violated Cambodian air space and machine-gunned and bombed the vicinity of the Khmer village of Moeung-You, which is located about 500 metres inside the frontier (same commune, district and province).

As a result of this machine-gunning attack one Khmer inhabitant was mortally wounded.

The Royal Government of Cambodia has protested strongly against these further violations of Cambodian territory and air space, followed in certain cases by deliberate acts of aggression by 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 prevent any recurrence of these criminal acts, and should compensate the families of the victims.

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

Accept, Sir, etc.

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to the United Nations