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LETTER DATED 5 JULY 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 bring to your attention, for the information of members of the Security Council, the text of the following statement of the Royal Government of Cambodia dated 2 July 1968:

"On Saturday, 29 June 1968, at about 1.45 p.m., two helicopters of the United States armed forces violated Cambodian air space and made a machine-gun attack on a group of Cambodian inhabitants of the village of Svay A Ngong, Srok of Kompong Trabek, Prey Veng province, who were working in their rice-fields approximately one kilometre from the Viet-Nam frontier.

"For over half an hour the United States pilots relentlessly attacked these peasants, who included women and children. Fourteen persons were killed and four seriously wounded. The thirteen survivors of the massacre have told the investigators of the International Control Commission that the United States aircraft, flying a few metres above the ground, engaged in a real manhunt, chasing and mowing down one by one those who tried to flee.

"The Royal Government of Cambodia denounces this unprecedentedly savage act of aggression against the peaceful civil population of Cambodia and underlines the brutal nature of this act of genocide perpetrated by the United States of America. It solemnly calls upon world public opinion, all the great international organizations and civilized countries to give this further crime the condemnation it deserves.

"The Royal Government hopes that international measures will be taken to force the United States to end immediately the deliberate murder of the peoples of Cambodia and Indo-China in general. The exceptionally barbarous crimes committed by the United States air force in Cambodian territory involve the whole of mankind."

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

Accept, Sir, etc.

(Signed) HUOT SAMBATH  
Permanent Representative of Cambodia