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On the instructions of my Government and further to my letter No. 6322 of 2 November 1967, I have the honour to communicate to you, for the information of members of the Security Council, the following facts:

On 19 August 1967, at 8 p.m., Thai elements estimated at some twenty heavily armed individuals entered Khmer territory at Romdoul, Sangkat Amphil, Srok Banteay Chhmar, Oddar Meanchey province. These elements engaged in acts of pillage in respect of precious Cambodian antiquities, which they tried to take into Thailand. Speedy intervention by Khmer defenders resulted in the recovery of the stolen objects, which the Thais dropped in their flight.

During the night of 27-28 September 1967, Khmer elements from Koh Kong Subdivision on sea patrol succeeded in boarding a Thai fishing junk engaged in clandestine fishing operations within Khmer territorial waters at the latitude of Beng Krassop (Koh Kong province).

During the night of 29-30 September 1967, Khmer elements boarded two more junks at the latitude of Koh Kong (Koh Kong province) after an engagement in which Private 2nd class Srey Aun was slightly wounded.

On 2 October 1967, at 6.30 p.m., Khmer military elements from Phum Bos, about twenty kilometres east of Samrong Centre, Oddar Meanchey province, and several score kilometres within the frontier, was subjected to mortar-fire by armed elements coming from Thailand. Several shells fell on the village, killing an ox belonging to one of the villagers. The return fire by our troops forced the enemy to pull back towards the Thai frontier.

On 4 October 1967, towards 1 p.m. members of the Khmer National Defence Forces from Phum Kauk-Prich, Sangkat Kauk Romiet, Srok Thmar Puok (Battambang province) on patrol made contact with a group of men coming from Thailand at a point some 800 metres within the frontier and about ten kilometres west of Kauk Romiet centre (Battambang province).

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After a five-minute engagement, the enemy withdrew in the direction of Thailand.

On 5 October 1967, at 12.30 p.m., an ox belonging to an inhabitant of Phum Thnal (Oddar Meanchey) was killed on the spot by the explosion of a Thai booby-trap grenade at a point some ten kilometres north-east of the Kou post and about 4,500 metres within the frontier.

On 10 October 1967, towards 8 p.m., the Cambodian post at Thnal, about ten kilometres from the frontier and about twenty-two kilometres north-west of Samrong Centre (Oddar Meanchey province), was subjected to mortar-fire and shots from automatic weapons by armed elements coming from Thailand.

On 11 October 1967, at 8.45 a.m., and on 12 October, at 7.30 a.m., the Khmer position at Chhné Khsach (Koh Kong) was deliberately subjected to fire from automatic weapons from the Thai post at Hat Lek.

On 23 October 1967, at 5.15 a.m., two girls of Cambodian nationality were seriously injured by the explosion of a Thai booby-trap grenade about fifty metres within the frontier, at Phsar Russey, Srok O-Chreou, Battambang province.

The Khmer National Defence Forces, immediately alerted, rushed to the scene of the explosion and were able to recover another two explosive devices (a grenade and a mine).

The Royal Government has lodged a strong protest against these acts of pillage of Khmer antiquities, violations of Khmer territorial waters and savage acts of armed aggression by armed elements coming from Thailand, and has demanded that the Government of Thailand put a stop without delay to these acts of armed provocation in Khmer territory.

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

Accept, Sir, etc.

(Signed) HUOT SAMBATH
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