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LETTER DATED 14 MARCH 1968 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
CAMBODIA ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government and further to my letter No. 1140 of 28 February 1968, I have the honour to communicate to you, for the information of the members of the Security Council, the following:

On 23 January 1968, a Khmer patrol intercepted five Thai bandits who had come to raid the cattle of the inhabitants of Phum Chbaés, Srok of Choam Ksan, Province of Preah Vihear.

On 10 February 1968, at about 8.20 a.m., a group of armed men from Thailand seized four Khmer villagers north of Phum Thnal, Sangkat of Kou, Srok of Samrong, Province of Oddor Meanchey.

After they had been closely interrogated, the victims were released at Phum Khbal Khla, which is situated approximately four kilometres from the place where they were seized.

On 13 February 1968, at about noon, a Thai booby-trap grenade exploded 200 metres inside the frontier and approximately 6 kilometres to the south-east of the Centre of Poipet, Srok of O Chreou, Province of Battambang.

The explosion resulted in two civilian casualties.

On 15 February 1968, at about 7.45 p.m., the Khmer post situated 200 metres inside the frontier and approximately 6 kilometres to the south-east of the Centre of Poipet was subjected to a steady shower of grenades launched by Thai soldiers from the Nang-Saing post.

Four grenades fell inside the post but did not cause any damage.

During the night of 15/16 February 1968, at about 1 a.m., the Khmer post of Svay-Chek came under a barrage of rifle fire from armed units from Thailand.

On 16 February 1968, at about 3.45 p.m., a Khmer inhabitant named Ry Yoeun, twenty-five, stepped on a concealed Thai mine in the vicinity of Phum Khvao and was killed instantly, at approximately 9 kilometres inside the Cambodian frontier.

On 24 February 1968, at about 6.30 a.m., a Khmer unit on patrol from the Kaup command post, Province of Battambang, clashed for a quarter of an hour with some twenty armed men from Thailand at a spot 9 kilometres inside the frontier and approximately 13 kilometres to the south-west of Kaup. One Cambodian was wounded in the incident.

The Royal Government of Cambodia has filed a strong protest against these new acts of criminal aggression and violations of Cambodian territory committed by the Thai armed forces and has called upon the Royal Government of Thailand to put an end to them forthwith.

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

Accept, Sir, etc.

(Signed) HUOT SAMBATH
Permanent Representative of Cambodia
