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LETTER DATED 11 SEPTEMBER 1967 FROM THE DEPUTY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF CAMBODIA ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government, and further to my letter No. 5102 of 21 August 1967, I have the honour to bring to your attention for the information of the members of the Security Council the following:

On 3 July 1967, at 6.15 a.m., Thai elements of the Hat Lek post fired on the Khmer post at Chhné-Khsach.

On 15 July 1967, a Thai motorized junk violated Khmer territorial waters and directed automatic weapons fire at the Khmer post at Cham Yeam.

On 28 July 1967, at about 8 p.m., a Khmer military detachment on patrol came upon about fifteen armed Thai elements, approximately ten kilometres from the frontier, at Phum Khvao, Khum of Svay Chek, Srok of Thmar Puok, in the province of Battambang. After an exchange of shots, the intruders withdrew towards Thai territory, leaving behind:

1 MAS-36 rifle

1 Colt automatic pistol

2 MK2 grenades.

On the same date, at about 4.45 a.m., Thai elements harassed the Khmer Provincial Guard post 100 metres from the frontier in the Khum of Kaup, Srok of Sisophon, province of Battambang.

On 29 July 1967, members of the Khmer Provincial Guard from the Vaing Khen post, while on patrol, clashed with armed elements coming from Thailand about one kilometre from the frontier at Poipet in the province of Battambang.

On 7 August 1967, at about 11 a.m., members of the Khmer Provincial Guard from the same Vaing Khen post, while on patrol, were blown up by a Thai mine planted approximately two kilometres from the frontier in the Khum of Kaup, Srok of Sisophon, province of Battambang.

The explosion wounded four members of the Provincial Guard, two of them seriously.

On 14 August 1967, at 9.10 p.m., the Cambodian post at Kalar, Khum of Kauk Romiet, Srok of Thmar Puok, province of Battambang, was harassed with mortar fire by armed elements coming from Thailand. The vigorous response by the Khmer defenders forced the enemy to withdraw into Thai territory.

On the next day, at about 7 a.m., other Thai elements again harassed the same post with mortar fire. The attackers ceased fire after a vigorous return of fire by the Khmer defenders.

During the night of 15-16 August 1967, at about 12.50 a.m., the Khmer post at Yeang Dang Kum, Khum of Soeung, Srok of O Chreou, province of Battambang, was harassed with mortar fire and automatic weapons fire by a band of armed elements coming from Thailand. The vigorous response by the Khmer defenders forced the enemy to retire into Thai territory fifteen minutes later.

The clash resulted in the following damage and losses on the Cambodian side:

Human casualties: 2 villagers wounded.

Animal casualties: 2 buffaloes killed and 4 oxen seriously wounded.

Material damage: the roofing of one house partly damaged.

During the night of 21-22 August, at about 11.45 p.m., the Khmer post at Kauk Prich, eight kilometres from the frontier, in the Khum of Kauk Romiet, Srok of Thmar Puok, province of Battambang, was harassed with mortar fire and automatic weapons fire by Thai elements. The response by the Khmer defenders forced the attackers to withdraw.

The Khmer national defence forces took up the pursuit and a clash ensued four kilometres west of the aforementioned post, lasting about fifteen minutes, after which the enemy completely withdrew towards Thai territory.

On 23 August 1967, at about 6.30 a.m., a Khmer Provincial Guard post three kilometres south-east of Poipet, in the province of Battambang, was intensively harassed by elements of the Thai armed forces, estimated at about sixty men, using automatic weapons and grenade-throwers.

During the attack, the Thai elements appeared to have been reinforced by troops estimated at one company.

During this deliberate and violent attack by the Thais, one member of the Khmer Provincial Guard was seriously wounded.

The Royal Government of Cambodia has lodged a strong protest against these further criminal acts of aggression by Thai elements and has demanded that the

Royal Government of Thailand should put an immediate end to these acts of armed provocation in Khmer territory.

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

Accept, Sir, etc.

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of Cambodia
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