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LETTER DATED 25 SEPTEMBER 1967 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. 5526 of 19 September 1967, I have the honour to bring the following to your attention for the information of the members of the Security Council:

In the night of 2-3 September 1967, elements of the United States - South Viet-Nameese armed forces, estimated at a detachment, penetrated some 1,000 metres into Cambodian territory. At about 11 p.m., these troops attacked the Sotop post of the Khmer provincial guard, in the Sangkat of Prey Yuthkar, Srok of Preah Bat Chean Chum, province of Takeo.

Despite the superior numbers and equipment of the enemy, the Khmer defenders fought back valiantly.

A group of Khmer soldiers patrolling in the area entered the combat and forced the aggressors to retreat to South Viet-Nam.

This barbarous and deliberate attack on the part of the United States - South Viet-Nameese forces resulted in the following casualties on the Cambodian side:

Two provincial guards - Um-Bo, chief of the post, and Toch-Yim - killed;
Eight persons - provincial guards and members of their families - wounded;
these include:

three provincial guards, one of whom was seriously wounded;
one woman, wife of a provincial guard, who was seriously wounded;
four civilians, members of the guards' families, two of them children.

The roof and sheet-metal walls of the post were pierced and torn by grenades.

The following objects were abandoned by the enemy on the spot:

a knapsack stamped U.S.;
four unexploded grenades;
numerous live bullets and empty cartridges.

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The International Control Commission, the military and press attachés of the diplomatic and consular missions accredited to Phnom-Penh and the national and foreign press correspondents invited by the Royal Government to visit the spot have been able to see with their own eyes that the above facts are true.

The Royal Government of Cambodia has protested most strongly against this latest barbarous attack by the United States - South Viet-Nameese forces and has demanded that the Governments of the United States of America and the Republic of Viet-Nam put an end to them at once.

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
