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LETTER DATED 6 JUNE 1967 FROM THE PERMANENT REFRESENTATIVE OF THAILAND ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to refer to the letter dated 2 May 1967, from the Permanent Representative of Cambodia addressed to the President of the Security Council and circulated to the Permanent Missions of all States Members of the United Nations. The above letter contained false allegation that the Thai authorities have given active support to the Khmer Serei Movement in the so-called confessions of the three past members of the aforesaid Movement at a "press conference" on 14 February 1967.

On the instructions of my Government, I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the Thai Government categorically rejects the entire contents of the Cambodian representative's letter as false and malicious accusations against Thailand. In yet another desperate but futile attempt to mislead uninformed world opinion, the Cambodian Government had to resort to its master's tactic of fabrications to smear at its peaceful neighbour, even to the extent of involving members of the diplomatic corps and the Press as well as the delegate of the Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General who has been charged with the task of easing the tension between Cambodia and Thailand. In so doing, Cambodia was primarily motivated by the desire to camouflage the eruptions of discontent inside Cambodia against the present policies of the Cambodian leader which are clearly recognized to be subservient to the will of the Asian communists and therefore contrary to the true aims and interests of the Cambodian people.

The Thai Government is confident that the States Members will not be easily deceived by such wild and destructive charges, supported only by fabricated evidences from Prince Sihanouk's own agents. To prove Cambodia's unreliability and malicious intent, the Thai Government has only to cite Cambodia's proven complicity with the instigators of war and authors of aggression in Viet-Nam in providing place of refuge and sources of supply to the Communist Viet Cong. If Cambodia is

truly dedicated to peace and neutrality, then it should cease to allow its territory to serve as an instrument of communist expansionism and co-operate with peace-loving nations throughout the world. But Cambodia has persistently rebuffed all efforts for peace. Cambodia's present attitude and actions are therefore detrimental to peace as well as to the security of neighbouring countries of South-East Asia. Needless to say, the Cambodian Government cannot expect to escape the consequences of its own misdeeds.

I should be obliged if you would have the text of this communication circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

Accept, etc.

(Signed) Anand PANYARACHUN

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to the United Nations