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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The Permanent Representative of Cambodia to the United Nations recently requested the circulation of three statements from his Government dated 25, 26 and 28 December, concerning the situation along the frontier between Cambodia and the Republic of Viet-Nam.

I should like to recall to the members of the Security Council that on 29 May 1964, during the Council's consideration of the Cambodian Government's complaint, Ambassador Adlai Stevenson summarized my Government's policy toward Cambodia in these words:

"If the people of Cambodia wish to live in peace and security and independence - and free from external alignment if they so choose - then we want for them precisely what they want for themselves. We have no quarrel whatsoever with the desire of Cambodia to go its own way in peace and security."

Ambassador Stevenson added that Cambodia cannot be secure so long as the North Viet-Nameese Government continues to direct massive violence within the frontiers of Cambodia's neighbour, South Viet-Nam. The United States, he said, was prepared to discuss any practical and constructive steps to meet the problem of maintaining peace and order along the frontier between Cambodia and South Viet-Nam.

My Government's policy toward Cambodia and its people remains today as set forth by Mr. Stevenson in 1964. My Government remains ready to consider any constructive proposals to enable Cambodia to pursue its chosen path in peace.

In this connexion, the United States Government has noted with interest the proposal made by the Cambodian Chief of State that the International Control Commission assume an increased supervisory role in Cambodia. My Government sincerely hopes that this initiative on the part of Prince Norodom Sihanouk will be given close and careful attention by all countries concerned with peace and

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security in South-East Asia and will lead to the development of effective measures to prevent any possible abuse of Cambodian territory.

I respectfully request that this letter be circulated to all members as a Security Council document.

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