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LETTER DATED 18 APRIL 1967 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES a.i. OF THAILAND
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On the instructions of my Government and further to my letter No. 187/2510 addressed to the President of the Security Council on 24 February 1967, I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the following terroristic acts were furtively committed by the Cambodian armed elements against the innocent Thai inhabitants living in the border areas.

On 18 February 1967,

at about 1900 hours,

Cambodian soldiers fired 6 rounds of mortar and several rounds of rifles at the Village of Noone Sang, Tambon Tha-Kham, Amphur Aranyaprathet, Prachinburi Province.

On 20 February 1967,

at about 0200 hours,

Cambodian soldiers fired 4 grenades at the Village of Koke Thaharn, Amphur Ta-Phya, Prachinburi Province or at about 4 km from the border.

at about 1450 hours,

a Thai fishing-boat named "MAJCHASMUTH" with four men on board was fired upon by a Cambodian patrol boat while fishing near Koh Kut well within Thai territorial waters. As a result of this attack a crew member named Nai Charoen was shot dead while other two members, Nai Pian Keotak and Nai Thit Thaprik, were injured.

On 5 March 1967,

at about 1000 hours,

Nai Phan Duan Singha, a villager of Nong Aian Village, Tambon Tha-Kham, Amphur Aranyaprathet, stepped on a mine laid by Cambodian elements at about 30 metres from the border. Nai Phan's left leg was severed while his right leg was seriously wounded by the explosion.

On 6 March 1967,

at about 0745 hours,

a cart ran over a mine laid by Cambodian elements at the 14 Kms. post on the road between Prasat Village, Amphur Ban Kruad, and Tamiang Village, Amphur Prasat, Surin Province. The cart was damaged by the explosion.

On 7 March 1967,

a buffalo belonging to Nai Id Chupalum, a villager of Koke Thaharn Village, Tambon-Ta-Phya, Amphur Ta-Phya, Prachinburi Province, stepped on a mine laid by Cambodian elements on a path between the border posts Nos. 32 and 33 or about 3 Kms. from the border. The buffalo was killed on the spot by the explosion.

On 24 March 1967,

at about 1400 hours,

a large Thai fishing-vessel named "CHALERM CHAYA NAVEE" with 18 men on board was fired upon by the Cambodian patrol boat while fishing in Thai waters off Klong Yai, Amphur Klong Yai, Trad Province. Only one member of the crew named Nai Pin Yangsub was able to escape but was shot through the left arm. The Cambodians withdrew into Cambodia taking with them the Thai fishing-vessel and the remainder of its crew.

On 27 March 1967,

at about 0630 hours,

a bus, travelling to Trad, hit a mine laid by Cambodian elements on the road near Klong Manao Village, Tambon Mai Rood, Amphur Klong Yai, Trad Province. The explosion killed two passengers, Nang Linchee Se Loa and Nang Sai, and seriously wounded another named Miss Vipabhorn Kesasuthi.

at about 1700 hours,

two villagers of Mai Rood Village, Nai Faad Lewchala and Nai Che Chandarakasem, while helping the 3 victims of the above incident, stepped on another mine laid by Cambodian elements nearby. Both were seriously injured by the explosion.

at about 0815 hours,

a worker of Wat Pak Kat School named Nai Tong Varnarith stepped on a mine laid by Cambodian elements on the way to Wat Pak Kat School, Nun Takaw Village, Tambon Pong Nam Ron, Amphur Pong Nam Ron, Chantaburi Province. Nai Tong's legs were severed by the explosion. Subsequently, seven more mines were discovered in the area by a mine disposal unit.

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The Thai Government, therefore, lodges a strong protest against these barbarous acts of aggression of the Cambodian authorities which clearly constitute an attempt to disrupt the normal peaceful existence of the Thai inhabitants living in the border areas, and reserves the right to take all appropriate measures in self-defence against such inhuman crimes.

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

Accept, etc.

(Signed) Anand PANYARACHUN
Chargé d'Affaires a.i.
