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LETTER DATED 4 OCTOBER 1966 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF CAMBODIA ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On the instructions of my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you, for the information of the members of the Security Council, the Royal Government's statement of 28 September 1966.

"On 20 September 1966, at about 3.45 p.m., two helicopters of the United States-South Viet-Namese air forces flew for some twenty minutes at low altitude above the Khmer post of the Provincial Guard at Kbal Chrieu, situated about 1,300 metres inside the demarcation line, in the Khum of Khsim, Srok of Smol (Kratie), systematically machine-gunned the said post and launched eight rockets against it, one of which struck one of the houses in the post.

"This despicable act of aggression caused the following casualties and material damage, which the International Control Commission, military and press attachés and local and foreign press correspondents were able to confirm with their own eyes:

"One Provincial Guard killed;

"Four persons wounded, including a woman and a three-year-old child; two of them are in a very serious condition;

"A number of houses damaged.

"Several rocket craters were also observed on the spot.

"The Royal Government wishes to inform international opinion that there is no possibility of any mistake in this act of aggression, which was clearly premeditated.

"The Khmer post in question is easily recognizable by the Khmer flag, which at the time of the attack was flying from the top of the flagstaff in the middle of the post, and by the Khmer national colours painted on the two sides of the roof of the house that was hit by a rocket.

"The Royal Government immediately protested most vigorously to the Governments of the United States of America and the Republic of Viet-Nam about these clear acts of aggression, for which they bear full responsibility.

"The Royal Government also calls the international observers who have visited the scene of the incident to witness, and at the same time it appeals to all countries that are concerned for peace and justice to take the necessary steps to prevent any recurrence of such acts of barbarous aggression against Cambodia, an independent, neutral and peace-loving country."

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

Accept, Sir, etc.

(Signed) **HUOT SAMBATH**
Permanent Representative of Cambodia
