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LETTER DATED 4 OCTOBER 1965 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF CAMBODIA ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to refer to the letter from the Acting Permanent Representative of Thailand dated 18 September 1965 (S/6693) containing groundless allegations and fabrications against Cambodia.

To plain facts, the Acting Permanent Representative of Thailand replied only with affirmations as gratuitous as they are false. I would recall that the communiqué from the Royal Government of Cambodia (S/6670) was simply replying to fantastic accusations by the Thai leaders against Cambodia. In the above-mentioned letter, the Acting Permanent Representative of Thailand did not deny the existence of these false and slanderous accusations or try to lend them any verisimilitude - and for a very good reason - but, on the contrary, to lies he merely added more lies.

The Thai Government has always tried to attribute to Cambodia, in the eyes of international opinion, the intrigues, provocations and acts of subversion which Thailand has continually aimed against my country. The attempt of the Acting Permanent Representative of Thailand once again to repeat the same propaganda topics therefore causes us little surprise.

Thailand, which for years has been the lackey of a foreign Power, always imagines that other countries are made in the same image and, like it, are able to tolerate threats to their national sovereignty in order to behave as mere satellites of a foreign imperialism. Unlike Thailand, Cambodia can justly boast that it is not in the tow of any Power, however strong. It engages in no collusion or complicity against Thailand or any other country. If Thailand is at present experiencing difficulties in some of its provinces, it is because, by collaborating with United States imperialism against the security of the Indo-Chinese peoples, the Thai leaders are falling increasingly into discredit in the eyes of their own people. One still remembers the statement of two United States pilots, reported

by the entire Press of the United States last month, that they took off from the Thai air bases of Cubon and Korat for their bombing mission against the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam.

In his desire to reverse the picture and distort the true situation, the Acting Permanent Representative of Thailand carefully refrained from mentioning the campaign of subversion organized by his Government with the help of Cambodian criminals, the "Khmers Serei" traitors, against Cambodian provinces in the north and north-west. Indeed, the Thai authorities are holding a constant threat over our provinces of Koh Kong, Battambang, Preah Vihear and Siemreap, which in defiance of law and history they persist in claiming as Siamese territories. The letter from the Acting Permanent Representative of Thailand testifies to the persistence of this threat and proves, if proof is still needed, the continued existence of Thailand's expansionist designs towards Cambodia.

As for the alleged presence of North-Vietnamese and Viet-Cong elements, to which the Acting Permanent Representative of Thailand refers, the international observers, the members of the International Control Commission and the military attachés, including the attaches of the Western countries allied with Thailand, have already disposed of this groundless accusation.

Cambodia pursues a policy of peace and neutrality. In accordance with this policy, it gives no operational or logistic aid to the popular forces legitimately fighting United States imperialism, of which Thailand has become an accomplice.

By engaging in perpetual violations of our frontiers, in a campaign of systematic slander against Cambodia and in numerous provocative acts in the border regions - using for this purpose not only its armed forces, but also "Khmers Serei" traitors, against defenceless Cambodian farmers - Thailand confirms its territorial ambitions towards Cambodia and stops at no lie which can be used as a pretext for unleashing large-scale aggression against Cambodian territory.

In earlier letters addressed to the Security Council, Cambodia has already had occasion to bring to the attention of the Council the principal acts of aggression, provocation and banditry committed by Thailand against its territory and its peaceful inhabitants in the border zone. Document S/6689 shows that as recently as 11 September 1965 armed Thai elements violated our territory to attack

the villagers of Phum Kanteap, killing a man and a girl and seriously wounding two women and one boy. When they withdrew to Thailand, they took two Cambodian families with them as hostages.

These aggressive activities against Cambodia, which are combined with an obvious policy of complicity with United States imperialism against the peaceful peoples of South-East Asia, are seriously endangering peace and security in this part of the world.

The odious imposture of the Thais is thus becoming more and more flagrant, and the Thai Government alone will be fully responsible before history for its criminal manoeuvres against peace.

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

Accept, Sir, etc.

(Signed) Huot SAMBATH
Permanent Representative of Cambodia

