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LETTER DATED 16 OCTOBER 1965 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 following communiqué from the Royal Government of Cambodia, dated 16 October 1965:

"A further unspeakable act of provocation of particular gravity was carried out on the morning of 14 October 1965 by the United States-South Viet-Namense air forces, two of whose helicopters deliberately violated our air space by penetrating some thirty kilometres over our territory in the province of Prey-Veng. During this low-altitude incursion the occupants of the two aircraft spoke to the Viet-Namense inhabitants of the province over loud-speakers, inciting them to leave urgently for South Viet-Nam in anticipation of an imminent attack on Cambodia by South Viet-Nam in the course of this month.

"The Royal Government of Cambodia registers a solemn protest against this unprecedented attempt to stir up panic among the peace-loving inhabitants of one of our provinces that borders on South Viet-Nam. At the same time it denounces this flagrant violation of Khmer air space and the criminally provocative nature of the appeals launched by the occupants of the two aircraft in question. It would emphasize, moreover, that this premeditated incident confirms that the Saigon authorities continue to harbour aggressive intentions against neutral and peaceful Cambodia.

"These authorities, like the United States authorities which tolerate or encourage such actions, will, if the need should arise, have to bear the full responsibility for any consequences which may ensue from this new form of aggression against our territory and frontier peoples.

"Once again, the Royal Government considers it its duty to alert international opinion, especially in the countries which are really peace-loving, of the extreme gravity of the renewed acts of provocation carried out both in the air and on the ground against Cambodia by the armed forces of the 'Government' of South Viet-Nam. To all appearances the purpose of

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these acts of provocation is to provide a pretext for a regular attack against our country in spite of its neutrality and desire for peace. Whatever the upshot of the new South Viet-Nameese provocation, international opinion will at least know who the aggressors are and how their aggression was deliberate and prepared by incidents such as the one we are denouncing today."

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

Accept, Sir, etc.

(Signed) HUOT SANRATH
Permanent Representative of Cambodia

