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LETTER DATED 9 SEPTEMBER 1964 FROM THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE
SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to inform you that, for some time, the Armed Forces of the Republic of Viet-Nam, during their operations against the Viet-Cong in the frontier zone, have frequently encountered obstacles originating in Cambodian territory.

During an engagement which took place between regular Government troops and some 200 Viet-Cong, south of Rach So Ha, Hong-ngu district, province of Kien-phong, at 9.45 a.m. on 30 August 1964, in which the Armed Forces of the Republic of Viet-Nam held the initiative, the Khmer post of Banteaichakrey opened heavy fire with automatic weapons on the combat zone in order to cover the retreat of the Viet-Cong who were falling back to Cambodian territory. The Viet-Cong left behind twelve dead and the Government troops lost three men.

The above-mentioned case is not the first. Quite recently, soldiers of the Royal Khmer Armed Forces fired on several occasions from their own territory on Vietnamese troops in Vietnamese territory, either in order to provoke frontier incidents (29 June 1964 at Cau-muong, Hong-ngu district) or to support the Viet-Cong (19 July 1964 at Cau-muong, Hong-ngu and 10 August 1964 at Thuong-lac, Hong-ngu). In every case, the Vietnamese troops refrained from returning fire in accordance with their instructions.

I should be grateful if you would kindly have this letter circulated to the other members of the Council as an official document, in order to draw the attention of the world Organization to the serious consequences of the deliberate and repeated provocative acts of the Royal Khmer Armed Forces.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Dr. Phan Huy-Quát
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Republic of Viet-Nam

