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LETTER DATED 7 JANUARY 1965 FROM THE ACTING
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THAILAND ADDRESSED
TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour, upon instructions from my Government, to bring to your notice the following, for the information of the members of the Security Council:

On 27 December 1964 at about 02.00 hours, a party of about 15 well armed Cambodian soldiers under the command of a regular officer, using a previously captured Thai fishing boat, entered Thai territorial waters off Ban Haad Lek, Amphur Klong Yai, Trad Province, and seized a Thai fishing boat named P. Charocnsab 3, with a crew of five, belonging to Mr. Tak, a Thai citizen of Samud Prakarn Province. After seizure the Cambodian intruders shot and killed four members of the Thai crew while the fifth fell overboard and was drowned. The actual incident was witnessed by several other Thai fishing boats which were in the vicinity but were in no position to assist the unfortunate victims. The Cambodian soldiers were then seen taking the Thai boat with the bodies of the Thai crew back into Cambodia, to a place which was later known to be the Cambodian village of Ban Sao Thong.

The Government of Thailand hereby lodges the strongest possible protest against this flagrant violation of their territorial waters by Cambodian authorities for the purpose of committing an atrocious crime, and against the outrageous manner in which piratorial acts of aggression and depredation were perpetrated. The Government of Thailand demands the immediate return of the vessel to its rightful owner, and the redress of the wrong done, the trial and punishment of the culprits.

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

Accept, etc.

(Signed) Upadit PACHARIYANGKUN
Acting Permanent Representative
of Thailand