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LETTER DATED 1 OCTOBER 1964 FROM THE PERMANENT OBSERVER OF THE REPUBLIC
OF VIET-NAM ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On the instructions from my Government, I have the honour to submit to the attention of the Security Council evidence of the interference of a most serious nature of the Cambodian Government in the internal affairs of the Republic of Viet-Nam. This interference attempts to no less than the overthrow of the legal Government of the Republic of Viet-Nam through co-operation of the Cambodian Government with the elements in opposition to the Government of Viet-Nam, and the Viet-Cong directed by the regime of Hanoi. This action, in violation of international law and of the United Nations Charter, sheds light on the real nature of Cambodian "neutrality", which the Cambodian Government proclaims so often, and for which it seeks "guarantees" through the convening of another Geneva Conference with the participation of the Peking and Hanoi regimes.

As an irrefutable proof of the Cambodian Government's blatant interference in the internal affairs of Viet-Nam and collusion with the Viet-Cong, I am enclosing photostats^{1/} of a letter dated 27 August, signed by the Cambodian Chief of State, Prince Norodom Sihanouk, to a leader of the Vietnamese opposition residing in Paris. The name of the addressee is deleted from the photostat for security reasons.

In this letter, the Cambodian Chief of State stated specifically that, upon the demand of the addressee, he has approached Nguyen Huu Tho, leader of the Hanoi-directed so-called "Front of National Liberation", and confirmed his accord to arrange a meeting in Phnom-Penh, where all security measures will be assured, between representatives of the Hanoi-directed so-called "Front of National Liberation" and of the Vietnamese politicians dedicated to the overthrow of the Government of the Republic of Viet-Nam now living in France.

It should be pointed out that the so-called "Front of National Liberation" mentioned in this letter, is but an arm of the Hanoi regime which, during the last several years has sought through violence, subversion, infiltration, sabotage, and open warfare to destroy Free Viet-Nam, and to bring the Republic of

^{1/} Copy of the enclosure attached, together with English translation.

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Viet-Nam under Communist sway. This Front is well known to the Vietnamese people and to the outside world under its other name, the Viet-Cong.

From his letter, the Cambodian Chief of State has made it abundantly clear that he does not uphold his policy of neutrality toward the Republic of Viet-Nam which he has repeatedly proclaimed. In 1962, in a message to the President of the seventeenth session of the General Assembly, the Cambodian Government stated that it "pursued a policy of strict neutrality in the ideological conflict which had resulted in the present war in South Viet-Nam" (General Assembly, seventeenth session, First Committee, 1275th meeting, 14 November 1962). More recently, members of the Security Council Mission to the Kingdom of Cambodia and the Republic of Viet-Nam were assured that "the Royal Government of Cambodia intends to refrain from any interference in the domestic affairs of the Republic of Viet-Nam..." (document S/5832, 27 July 1964, paragraph 37). Unfortunately, Cambodia never lived up to those assurances. Indeed, they are hardly worth the paper on which they were written.

While continuing to clamour loudly for a new Geneva Conference to guarantee its neutrality, Cambodia is brazenly engaged in close association with the Viet-Cong and the elements which seek to undermine the integrity and sovereignty of the Republic of Viet-Nam.

This new evidence of the collusion between the Cambodian Government and the Viet-Cong sheds additional light on the motivations which led the Cambodian Government to disavow the pledges it made in July 1964 to the Security Council Mission to accept the dispatch of United Nations civilian observers to Cambodia "as an earnest token of its good faith", and to prove its assertions that no members of the Viet-Cong have crossed into Cambodian territory or been present on that territory.

The Government of the Republic of Viet-Nam takes a very grave view of this gross interference of the Cambodian Government in Vietnamese internal affairs and reserves the right to adopt appropriate measures to meet this situation.

I should be grateful if Your Excellency would circulate this communication together with the enclosure as official documents of the Security Council.

Please accept, etc.

(Signed) Nguyen Phu Duc
Ambassador

Enclosure: Photostat of the aforementioned
letter of the Cambodian Chief
of State, dated 27 August 1964.

ENCLOSURE

**SAMDECH PREAH
NORODOM SIHANOUK JPAYUVAREACH
Head of the State of Cambodia**

PHNOM PENH, 27 August 1964

No. 337/SFU

To His Excellency...

Mr. President,

I have pleasure in informing you that the President of the South Viet-Nam Front of National Liberation, Mr. NGUYEN HUU THO, gave a favourable reply when I approached him, at your request, with a view to establishing contact between a representative of the Front and an envoy appointed by you and the Vietnamese leaders of the opposition to the Saigon regime who have taken refuge in France.

I am also glad to confirm my agreement to holding this meeting in Phnom-Penh, where all security measures will be taken.

I have the honour to be, etc.

(Signed) NORODOM SIHANOUK



SAMDECH PREAH
NORODOM SIHANOUK UPAYUVAREACH
CHEF DE L'ÉTAT DU CAMBODGE

PHNOM PENH, le 27 Août 1964

N° 837/SPU

à l'excellence

Monsieur le

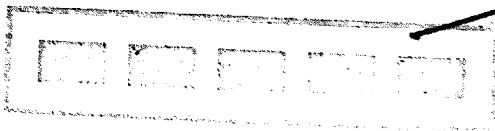
Monsieur le Président,

J'ai le plaisir de vous faire connaître que le Président du Front National de Libération du Sud-Vietnam, Me NGUYEN HUU THO, a répondu positivement à mes démarches entreprises à votre demande en vue de l'établissement d'un contact entre un représentant du Front et un envoyé mandaté par vous-même et les personnalités vietnamiennes de l'opposition au régime de Saigon réfugiées en France.

Il m'est également agréable de vous confirmer mon accord pour que cette rencontre ait lieu à Phnom-Penh où toutes les garanties de sécurité seront assurées.

Je vous prie d'agréer, Monsieur le Président, l'assurance de ma haute et amicale considération ./-

S. Sihanouk



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