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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 5 September 1965:

"According to a French Press Agency dispatch from Bangkok, the radio broadcasting system of the Thai Navy announced on 4 September that United States forces 'are preparing to bomb the headquarters - established on Cambodian territory - of the 325th Division of the Regular Army of North Viet-Nam'.

"Moreover, according to the same dispatch, Thanat Khoman, the Thai Minister for Foreign Affairs, in an interview granted to the magazine Bangkok World, pretended to be 'deeply concerned' at reports that Chinese from Cambodia were undergoing guerrilla training for the purpose of helping the Viet-Cong in South Viet-Nam, an action which would also endanger the security of Thailand. The Minister went so far as to claim that 27,000 Chinese Cambodians were at present receiving guerrilla training.

"The Royal Government registers the most solemn protest against the intensification of this persistent campaign of threats and intimidation which is being pursued by the Bangkok Government in close co-operation with the United States - South Viet-Nameese authorities with a view to paving the way for an armed attack against Cambodia.

"The rumours which the radio broadcasting system of the Thai Navy has just spread, as well as the unfounded fabrications of Thanat Khoman concerning the Chinese community living in Cambodia, show that the attack which is being actively prepared may be imminent at any time, and that all imaginable pretexts are being used to carry it out.

"In this connexion, the Royal Government points out that the Thai accusations concerning the alleged presence of North Viet-Nameese forces in Khmer territory were found to be false by such highly qualified international bodies as the International Commission for Supervision and Control in Cambodia and the Office of the Personal Representative of the Secretary-General in Thailand and Cambodia. The accusations have also been disproved by such reliable observers as the military attachés of France, the United Kingdom, Australia and the Philippines, the press attachés of several embassies, and the correspondents of several press agencies.

"With regard to the alleged formation of guerrilla brigades of Chinese Cambodians to fight on the side of the Viet-Cong, this fabrication by Thanat Khuman is so clearly absurd as to make any comment unnecessary.

"In view of the gravity of the situation thus created by the policy of concerted aggression against Cambodia organized by Washington, Bangkok and Saigon, the Royal Government once again draws the attention of the international community and more particularly of peace-loving people everywhere to the extremely serious consequences that open aggression against or bombardment of Cambodia would have for the peace of the world. For their part, the Khmer people will fiercely oppose any aggression, from whatever quarter and in whatever form, and the Royal Government will not hesitate to call upon all friendly Powers in order to deal with any possible aggressors."

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