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LETTER DATED 21 JULY 1964 FROM THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE
SECURITY COUNCIL

With reference to document S/5770 of 17 June 1964, embodying a letter from Mr. Voeunsai Sonn, Permanent Representative of Cambodia to the United Nations, concerning the incident which occurred at Krek (Srok of Thbaung Khmum, Province of Kompong-Cham) on 13 June 1964, I have the honour to inform you of the following:

1. Following the Cambodian protest alleging that a Vietnamese jet aircraft had twice flown over the police post at Krek (Srok of Thbaung Khmum, Province of Kompong-Cham) on 13 June 1964, the High Command of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Viet-Nam immediately undertook a thorough investigation with a view to determining whether the accusation was true and, if necessary, taking appropriate action against the persons responsible.

This investigation, which was duly carried out, disclosed that no aircraft of the Vietnamese Air Force had operated in the area adjoining the Cambodian district of Thbaung Khmum on the above-mentioned date.

2. The High Command of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Viet-Nam has always taken precautions with a view to avoiding incidents of this kind, which might be prejudicial to a reconciliation of the two peoples and to the normalization of relations between the two countries. Since this matter was brought before the Security Council, the responsible Vietnamese authorities have, more than ever, attached the utmost importance to compliance with the instructions given to them in this regard.

3. In the same constructive and conciliatory spirit, the Vietnamese Government has avoided violent recriminations in its communications to Cambodia regarding the numerous violations of Vietnamese air space and territory which have occurred in recent weeks.

This attitude of goodwill has also led the Vietnamese authorities to refrain from notifying the Security Council of these new frontier incidents, of which there have been several dozen, although they regard the incidents as ill-timed in view of the efforts which the Council is making to bring about a relaxation of tension between our two countries.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter, or parts thereof, circulated to the other members of the Council in the same form as the aforementioned Cambodian document.

I have the honour to be, etc.

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of the Republic of Viet-Nam
