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LETTER DATED 22 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/5787 of 30 June 1964, embodying a letter from the Deputy Permanent Representative of Cambodia to the United Nations concerning the incident which occurred at Kas-Kos (Prey Veng) during the night of 24-25 June 1964, I have the honour to inform you of the following:

No unit of the Vietnamese regular or para-military forces was operating in the Hong Ngu area, which adjoins the Srok of Peam-Chor (Prey Veng) and, hence, the Phum of Kas-Kos, on the aforementioned date.

Furthermore, the Khmer hamlet in question is separated from Vietnamese territory by the So Thuong River, whose crossing would call for substantial means of transport and could not go unnoticed by the garrison of the Khmer post at Kas-Kos, which is situated on the Cambodian bank of the river.

It should also be pointed out that the Thuong Lac area of the district of Hong Ngu, which is opposite the hamlet of Kas-Kos, is so infested with Viet Cong that the Vietnamese post at Cau Muong, which is held by militiamen, has been obliged to limit their activities to defending the post and to suspend temporarily all operational sorties.

In view of the foregoing, the Government of the Republic of Viet-Nam is led to conclude that the attack on the hamlet of Kas-Kos was carried out by Viet Cong who had disguised themselves as soldiers of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Viet-Nam with a view to further complicating relations between Cambodia and Viet-Nam to their own advantage, particularly at the time when the Security Council mission had just arrived in Cambodia.

I should be grateful if you would have this information circulated to the other members of the Security Council in the same form as the Cambodian document.

I have the honour to be, etc.

(Signed) PEAN-HUY-QUAT
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of the Republic of Viet-Nam