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LETTER DATED 3 AUGUST 1964 FROM THE DEPUTY UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE  
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

In the absence of Ambassador Stevenson, I have the honour to refer to a cable to the President of the United Nations Security Council dated 28 July 1964 from the Cambodian Foreign Minister (S/5839) which accuses the United States Government and the Government of Viet-Nam of responsibility for spreading poisonous chemicals by aircraft on the Cambodian province of Ratanakiri, reportedly resulting in the loss of life.

A careful investigation has been conducted, and it has been determined that no Republic of Viet-Nam nor American aircraft have conducted chemical operations of any character whatever either adjacent to the Cambodian territory indicated, much less over Cambodian territory, on any of the dates or at any time in the period cited by the Royal Government of Cambodia.

Furthermore, the sole chemical operations conducted within South Viet-Nam by the Government of Viet-Nam employ weed-killing chemicals of types used throughout the world, and extensively within the United States itself. These are spread in liquid form, leave no powder residue, and are harmless to human beings.

The United States Government, for its part, would welcome an impartial investigation of the Cambodian charge. The United States Government regrets that the Royal Cambodian Government has chosen to make these unfounded charges at a time when the Security Council is seeking practical solutions to problems created for Cambodia and the Republic of Viet-Nam by the presence of Communist Viet Cong military forces in the border area.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a Security Council document.

Accept, etc.

(Signed) Charles W. YOST

