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OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF
THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to refer to the letter to you from the Deputy United States Representative of 3 August 1964 (S/5847), which contained the United States Government's categorical rejection of the charges listed by the Foreign Minister of the Royal Government of Cambodia in his telegram of 28 July 1964 (S/5839). As you know, the United States has been charged by the Royal Government of Cambodia with spreading poisonous chemicals by aircraft on the Cambodian province of Katanakiri, reportedly resulting in a loss of life.

My Government wishes to point out that the Royal Government of Cambodia, in its broadcasts and official press statements, continues to air these charges in spite of the letters sent to the President of the Security Council by my Government and by the Government of the Republic of Viet-Nam. These letters clearly stated that no Republic of Viet-Nam or American aircraft had conducted chemical operations of any character whatever, whether adjacent to the Cambodian territory indicated, or over Cambodian territory, on any of the dates or at any time in the period cited by the Royal Government of Cambodia. My Government has also instructed me to state that similar charges recently made by representatives of the Royal Cambodian Government concerning the spreading of poisonous chemicals in the Cambodian province of Svay Rieng are equally unsubstantiated and untrue.

In view of the serious nature of these allegations and their repetition following categorical denials from my Government and from the Government of the Republic of Viet-Nam, my Government has instructed me to reaffirm the statement made in its letter of 3 August that the United States Government would welcome an impartial international investigation of the Cambodian charges. We believe the Royal Cambodian Government is also obliged in the interests of fairness and

justice to permit an impartial inquiry by a qualified international body. An international organization such as the World Health Organization or the International Committee of the Red Cross would seem well-qualified to carry out this kind of investigation and to report the facts to the Security Council. My Government is fully prepared to co-operate in any impartial international inquiry that the Royal Cambodian Government will allow to take place.

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

Accept, Excellency, etc.

(Signed) Adlai E. STEVENSON

