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Letter dated 5 September 1984 from the Permanent Representative of Thailand to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon the instructions of my Government and further to my letter dated 27 August 1984 (A/39/431-S/16719) regarding the Thai-Lao border incident, I have the honour to bring to your attention further developments on this problem:

On 1 September 1984, at 1430 hours, 4 to 6 Lao soldiers fired 1. rocket-propelled grenades (RPGs) at the Thai cavalry's observation post, about one kilometre north of Ban Sawang village, Ban Khoke sub-district, Uttaradit Province. The Thai side returned fire for about 20 minutes before the Lao side stopped. There were no Thai casualties.

At 1845 hours on the same day, Lao troops fired RPGs, recoilless guns, 2. mortars, machine guns and rifles at the Thai border patrol police base near Ban Mai village, Uttaradit Province. The Thai side returned fire but the Lao side did not stop until 2130 hours. As a result, two Thai border patrol policemen were killed and three others seriously injured.

The Royal Thai Government deplores such acts of provocation, particularly 3. while the Thai technical team was undertaking the survey task in the area with the clearly announced intention of verifying the facts on the ground so that a just and speedy solution can be reached over the disputed area. These latest acts of provocation, once again, illustrate Laos' insincerity and unwillingness to settle the dispute peacefully and urgently.

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4. While reaffirming its policy of always respecting the territorial integrity and sovereignty of other countries and of maintaining good relationships with all countries, particularly those with common borders with Thailand, the Royal Thai Government reserves its right to take any appropriate measures in order to preserve Thailand's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

I have the honour to request that the text of this note be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under items 37 and 124 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) M. L. Birabhongse KASEMSRI Permanent Representative