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Letter dated 26 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 18 September 1984 (A/39/502-S/16747) regarding the Thai-Lao border incident, I have the honour to bring further developments to your attention:

- 1. On 24 September 1984, at 0930 hours, Lao troops fired artillery, mortars and 122-mm rockets at the temple in Ban Mai village, Uttaradit Province. As a result, a Thai soldier was killed and three others as well as a Thai villager were seriously injured. Moreover, a Thai villager's house was burnt and the village temple was seriously damaged.
- 2. At 1600 hours on the same day, the Lao troops clashed with the Thai paramilitary unit assigned to provide protection to a construction crew about eight kilometres from Ban Mai village, Uttaradit Province, killing one Thai paramilitary and seriously injuring four others.
- 3. The Royal Thai Government strongly deplores such acts of aggression committed by the Lao authorities, particularly while the Thai side has been trying to seek a just and speedy solution to the dispute over the three villages. These latest acts of provocation once again illustrate Laos' insincerity and unwillingness to settle the dispute peacefully.
- 4. While reaffirming its policy of always respecting the sovereignty and territorial integrity of other countries, particularly those with common borders with Thailand, the Royal Thai Government reserves its right to take all necessary measures in order to preserve Thailand's sovereignty and territorial integrity as well as to protect the lives and property of Thai nationals.

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I have the honour to request that the text of this letter be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 37 and 123, and of the Security Council.

(<u>Signed</u>) M. L. Birabhongse KASEMSRI Permanent Representative
