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LETTER DATED 22 OCTOBER 1984 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE  
OF THE LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC TO THE UNITED NATIONS  
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Further to my letters of 15 and 18 October 1984 concerning recent developments in the situation created in the Lao-Thai border region following the attack against and occupation of three Lao villages by ultra-rightist Thai reactionary forces on 6 June 1984, I have the honour, on instructions from my Government, to bring to your attention the following:

1. The Thai forces have not yet withdrawn from the region of the three Lao villages. There has simply been a redeployment of these forces away from their former position. The Thai side has by no means abandoned its evil intent to occupy the region of the three villages. General Arthit Kamlang Ek, Commander-in-Chief of the Thai Army, and Mr. Savanit Khongsiri, Director of the Press Service of the Thai Ministry of Foreign Affairs, recently stated publicly that Thailand had not renounced its claims to the three Lao villages or recognized the sovereignty of Laos over them.

2. What is more, the ultra-rightist Thai reactionaries continue blindly to pound with artillery fire the region of the three Lao villages, whose entire population has been deported to Thailand and whose property has been plundered.

3. Thus it is plain that the problem of the three Lao villages has not been fundamentally settled. The Lao People's Democratic Republic resolutely demands that Thailand should immediately and unconditionally withdraw all its forces from the region of the three Lao villages and redeploy them in Thai territory, in order to restore the situation that existed prior to 6 June 1984. The Thai side must cease all threats and acts of provocation against Laos. It must ensure the immediate return to their homes of all Lao inhabitants who were deported to Thailand and must pay them just compensation for the loss of life and property that they have suffered.

4. Thailand must recognize the territorial sovereignty of Laos over the region of the three villages and resume the negotiations with the Lao side which it

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unilaterally broke off in August 1984, in order to find a peaceful solution to the problem.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for this letter to be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Permanent Representative