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LETTER DATED 26 JANUARY 1971 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE
PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government and further to my letter No. 46 of 7 January 1971 (S/10077), I have the honour to bring the following to your attention for the information of the members of the Security Council:

On 22 January 1971, at about 1.40 a.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese subjected to harassment by mortar and rocket fire the following Khmer military installations on the outskirts of the capital, causing considerable material damage and loss of life:

- (1) At the Khmer National Air Force Base at Pochentong, a number of planes and helicopters were destroyed;
- (2) At the Khmer Naval Base at Chruai Changwar, one man was wounded;
- (3) At the Military Transport Camp at Pochentong, 26 were killed and 150 wounded, including wives and children of soldiers' families. Several buildings were also destroyed.

I wish to reaffirm the firm and vigorous protest of the Government of the Khmer Republic against the illegal and permanent occupation of Cambodian territory, followed by savage attacks perpetrated by the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese against a neutral and peace-loving country to which they have no right and with which they have no ethnic affinity, in flagrant violation of the United Nations Charter, of international law and of the 1954 Geneva Agreements. These criminal attacks reveal for all to see the annexationist aims of the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese communist imperialists and represent a dangerous threat to peace and security not only in the Khmer Republic but throughout the region of South-East Asia.

The Government of the Khmer Republic holds the Government of the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam and the so-called Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Viet-Nam entirely responsible for all the extremely grave consequences resulting from this situation and reserves the right to take any necessary action to defend the independence, neutrality, sovereignty and territorial integrity of the country.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this communication circulated as a Security Council document.

(Signed) KHIM TIT
Permanent Representative of the Khmer Republic
