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LETTER DATED 9 FEBRUARY 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. 339 of 28 January 1971 (S/10099), I have the honour to transmit the following for the information of the members of the Security Council:

On 4 January 1971, the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese harassed a Khmer defence position at Prey Totung in Kompong Cham, wounding 4 persons.

During the night of 4-5 January 1971, at about 11.45 p.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese harassed a Khmer defence position at Kompong Seila, without causing any damage.

On the same night, at about 11.30 p.m., the enemy launched a violent attack against a position held by Khmer forces guarding the bridge at Kompong Seila. With air support, the Khmer forces, which suffered 2 killed and 2 wounded, vigorously counter-attacked and the enemy were forced to withdraw, carrying away several dead and wounded.

On the same night, at about 1.45 a.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese attacked the Khmer forces guarding the bridge at Svay Daun Kéo, situated approximately 33 kilometres north-west of the town of Pursat.

On 5 January 1971, at about 6.30 p.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese, using mortars, harassed a Khmer defence position at Veal Rinh about 36 kilometres north-east of Kompong Som. Vigorous counteraction by the Khmer forces silenced enemy fire.

The same day, a Khmer patrol engaged the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese about 5 kilometres south-west of Bat Doeung, in Kandal. After an engagement lasting about 10 minutes, the enemy withdrew. The Khmer forces suffered 1 killed and 2 wounded in the engagement.

On the night of 5-6 January 1971, at about 11.50 p.m., elements of the Khmer Navy engaged the Viet-Cong- North Viet-Nameese at Prek Dach, approximately 38 kilometres south-east of Phnom-Penh, in Kandal, killing 1 and wounding 3 on the Khmer side. The killed and the wounded on the enemy side were carried away.

On 6 January 1971, at about 6 a.m., another engagement took place between Khmer forces and the Viet-Cong- North Viet-Nameese at Prek Prasap, some 28 kilometres north-east of Phnom-Penh, in Kandal. After about 3.5 hours of fighting the enemy scattered, leaving one dead.

On the same day, at about 10.20 a.m., the Viet-Cong- North Viet-Nameese again harassed a Khmer defence position at Kompong Seila. The vigorous counteraction by the Khmer forces obliged the enemy to withdraw after about 20 minutes, carrying away some dead and wounded. The Khmer side suffered 1 wounded.

On the same day, at about 8.30 a.m., Khmer forces carrying out a search operation clashed with the Viet-Cong- North Viet-Nameese some 3.5 kilometres north-west of Srâng in Kompong Speu for about 15 minutes.

The same day, at about 10.30 a.m., an engagement took place at Sdok Vèng, approximately 5 kilometres south of Bat Doeung, in Kompong Speu, causing dead and wounded who were carried away by the Viet-Cong -North Viet-Nameese.

On the same day, at about 10.30 a.m., the enemy harassed Khmer forces on a reconnaissance operation on National Highway 4, approximately 90 kilometres from Phnom-Penh, in Kompong Speu. No losses were reported.

On 7 January 1971, Khmer forces operating in the Pich Nil area, about 45 kilometres south-west of Kompong Speu, were harassed for about 10 minutes by the Viet-Cong -North Viet-Nameese.

On the same day, at about 7.45 a.m., the Viet-Cong -North Viet-Nameese briefly harassed the Khmer defence position at Kompong Seila.

The same day, a sharp clash took place between the Khmer and Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese forces at Phum Koh Roca, 7 kilometres south-west of the town of Kompong Cham, lasting approximately half an hour. There were 17 wounded on the Khmer side and some dead and wounded on the enemy side who were carried away.

On the same day, at about 8.30 a.m., Khmer operational forces engaged a force of about 100 Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese at Phum Trapeang Pring, 6 kilometres north of Chakrei Ting, in Kampot. After half an hour of fighting, the enemy withdrew, leaving 1 killed, 1 M-1 Garand rifle, 500 cartridges for a Chinese sub-machine gun (PM/AC), clothing and documents, and carrying away several dead and wounded.

On the same day, an engagement took place between Khmer forces and a force of about 100 Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese at Phum Rung, about 30 kilometres north-west of the town of Takeo, continuing for approximately 20 minutes and causing 1 wounded on the Khmer side.

During the night of 7-8 January 1971 the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese twice harassed Khmer forces, guarding the Doeum Treang bridge, approximately 22 kilometres south-west of Phnom-Penh on National Highway 3, in Kandal.

On the same day sharp clashes took place between Khmer operational forces and the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese at Dâs Kanchor, in the area of Srê Khlong, and at Trèng Traying, about 40 kilometres south-west of the town of Kompong Speu, on National Highway 4.

On the same day, from 7.30 to 8.30 a.m., an engagement took place 4 kilometres east of the town of Siemreap, causing 1 wounded on the Khmer side and some dead and wounded on the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese side, who were carried away.

On the same day, at about 6 p.m., a Khmer defence position at Kompong Seila was harrassed by the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese using mortars and 75-m recoilless guns.

During the night of 8-9 January 1971, at about 9.15 p.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese briefly harrassed a Khmer defence position at Dâs Kanchor, about 2 kilometres north-east of Srê Khlong, in Kompong Speu.

During the same night, at about midnight, the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese simultaneously harrassed both the Khmer troops operating in Trèng Trayung, 40 kilometres south-west of Kompong Speu, and the camp at Srê Khlong. The vigorous counteraction by the Khmer forces obliged the enemy to cease fire at about 5.35 a.m.

On 9 January 1971, a sharp clash took place between Khmer forces and the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese about 4 kilometres east of Kompong Trach, in Kampot.

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The enemy withdrew at the end of half an hour, leaving 3 dead, 1 60-mm mortar and 13 shells, 7 grenades, 1 submachine gun (PM/AC) with 2 clips, and 6 shovels, and carrying away several dead and wounded. The Khmer side suffered 3 dead and 3 wounded.

On the same day, at 6.30 a.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese attacked a Khmer outpost situated 5 kilometres north-west of Veal Rinh, in Kampot. The vigorous counteraction by the Khmer forces obliged the enemy to withdraw at about 7.10 a.m., after several unsuccessful attempts to assault the position, carrying away some killed and wounded. The Khmer side suffered no casualties.

On the same day, at about 6.10 p.m., an engagement took place between Khmer forces and the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese 2.5 kilometres north-west of Veal Rinh, in Kampot.

During the night of 9-10 January 1971, at about 9.35 p.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese, using mortars and 75-mm recoilless guns, briefly harassed a Khmer position at Svay Kravann on the outskirts of the town of Kompong Speu, killing 1 and wounding 7.

On the same night, the Khmer position at Dâs Kanchor was again harassed by the enemy.

On the same night, at about 10.15 p.m., a further engagement took place at Samrong about 5 kilometres north of Tuk Meas in Kampot which lasted some 40 minutes and left several dead and wounded on the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese side who were carried away and 1 killed and 3 wounded on the Khmer side.

On 10 January 1971, a Khmer patrol engaged a force of some 50 Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese about 12 kilometres north-east of Kep, in Kampot, for approximately 10 minutes. During the engagement the Khmer forces suffered 3 wounded.

On the same day, the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese briefly harassed a Khmer defence position in the northern sector of the town of Prey Veng, without causing any damage.

On the same day, there was a brief clash between Khmer elements and Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese 22 kilometres south-east of Phnom-Penh, in Kandal.

On the same day, at about 10 a.m., Khmer elements on a search operation clashed with an estimated 600 Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese, 4 kilometres south of Kirivong and 35 kilometres south of the town of Takeo, wounding 10 of the Khmer soldiers.

During the night of 10-11 January 1971, at about midnight, the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese sporadically harassed a Khmer defence position at Thmat Porng, about 22 kilometres north-east of the town of Kompong Speu. The heavy fire returned by the Khmer defenders obliged the enemy to withdraw at about 2.50 a.m., carrying away dead and wounded.

On 11 January 1971 another clash lasting about 10 minutes occurred at Svay Tani, some 28 kilometres south-east of Phnom-Penh, in Kandal. One Khmer soldier was wounded.

On the same day, at about 9.30 a.m., Khmer operational forces clashed with some 50 Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese at Prey Totung, about 8 kilometres south of the town of Pursat. After about 20 minutes' fighting, the enemy withdrew, leaving behind 1 dead and pieces of equipment and carrying away other dead and wounded.

During the night of 11-12 January 1971, at about 10 p.m., a brief clash occurred at O Sandan, some 17 kilometres south of the town of Kompong Chhnang.

During the same night, at approximately 12.50 a.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese fired about 30 82-mm mortar shells on a Khmer defence position at Srê Khlong, in Kompong Speu, without causing any damage.

During the same night, the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese briefly harassed a Khmer defence position at Phum Au Loeuk, about 19 kilometres west of the capital, in Kandal.

On 12 January 1971, a clash lasting about 25 minutes occurred between Khmer elements and Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese, 5 kilometres east of the town of Siemreap, on National Highway 6. One Khmer soldier was killed and 3 were wounded and the enemy left behind 1 dead and carried away several dead and wounded.

On the same day, a clash occurred between Khmer forces and Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese at Angkor Chey, about 6.5 kilometres south-east of Dey Eth, in Kandal.

On the same day, at about 6 p.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese fired 2 107-mm artillery shells on a Khmer position at Kompong Seila, without causing any damage.

On the same day, at about 7.30 p.m., Khmer operational forces clashed with Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese 8 kilometres north of Veal Rinh, in Kampot. One Khmer was wounded and the enemy carried some wounded away.

On 13 January 1971, the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese briefly harassed a Khmer position at Tonlé Bet, in Kompong Cham.

On the same day, a clash lasting about 20 minutes occurred between Khmer forces and Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese at Phum Phlau Trey, about 3 kilometres north-west of Tuk Khleang, on the east bank of the Mekong, in Kandal. The enemy carried some wounded away.

On the same day, at about 3 p.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese harassed Khmer operational forces on National Highway 4, 90 kilometres south-west of Phnom-Penh, in Kompong Speu, wounding 3 soldiers, and a Khmer defence position 22 kilometres south-west of Kompong Speu.

On the same day, at about 1 p.m., a sharp clash occurred between Khmer forces on a search operation and Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese 4 kilometres north-west of Kompong Châk, in Svay Rieng. After 3 hours' fighting, the enemy withdrew, leaving behind 2 dead and carrying away about 30 dead and wounded. The Khmer casualties were 2 dead and 9 wounded.

During the night of 13-14 January 1971, the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese harassed a Khmer defence position at Kompong Châk, in Svay Rieng, wounding 1 person.

During the same night, the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese harassed an outpost north of the town of Prey Veng. The fire returned by the Khmer soldiers, 1 of whom was killed and 1 wounded, forced the enemy to withdraw after about 10 minutes, carrying some dead and wounded away.

During the same night, at about 8 p.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese, using mortars and automatic weapons, harassed Khmer elements based at Phum Kraing Kroch, about 6.5 kilometres south of the town of Kompong Speu. The Khmer counteraction silenced the enemy after 5 minutes.

On 14 January 1971, the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese harassed a Khmer position at the Prék Thnot dam, wounding 1 person.

On the same day, the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese launched an attack on a Khmer position at Chambâk, in Takeo, about 38 kilometres south of Phnom-Penh. The enemy withdrew after making unsuccessful attempts to storm the position.

On the same day, at about 3 p.m., a clash occurred on National Highway 4, about 20 kilometres south of Kompong Seila.

On 15 January 1971, at approximately 2.20 p.m. Khmer forces on a search operation in the area of Lovear Sâr, about 28 kilometres south-east of Phnom-Penh, in Kandal, had a sharp clash with Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese in entrenched positions. The Khmer Air Force intervened at about 3.30 p.m. The provisional toll is 2 dead and 6 wounded on the Khmer side and several dead and wounded among the enemy.

During the night of 15-16 January 1971, the enemy harassed a Khmer defence position at Tuk Khleang, about 26 kilometres south-west of Phnom-Penh, on the east bank of the Mekong, in Kandal.

During the same night, a clash occurred between Khmer forces and Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese at Phum Boeund Kroum Krom, about 30 kilometres south-east of Phnom-Penh, on the same bank, in Kandal.

On 16 January 1971, at about 9.45 a.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese fired 5 82-mm mortar shells on Khmer forces at the Siemreap airfield, wounding 6 of them.

On the same day, a sharp clash occurred between Khmer operational forces and some 400 Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese in entrenched positions at Phum Thmey, about 8 kilometres south-west of the town of Kompong Cham. The Khmer casualties were 4 wounded and 6 dead, left behind while the enemy carried away several dead and wounded.

On 17 January 1971 at about 6 p.m., an estimated 200 Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese fell into an ambush laid by Khmer forces 13 kilometres north of the town of Takeo. Under heavy fire, the enemy withdrew in disorder, leaving behind 4 dead, 3 rifles and documents.

On the same day, at about 7.40 p.m., a Khmer defence position at Rocar Kong, about 32 kilometres north-east of Phnom-Penh, on the west bank of the Mekong, in Kandal, was harassed by Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese.

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During the night of 17-18 January 1971, at about 8 p.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese harassed for about 10 minutes a Khmer defence position at Lovear Sâr Krom, 33 kilometres south-east of Phnom-Penh, on the east bank of the Mekong. When the Khmer soldiers returned their fire, the enemy withdrew, carrying some wounded away.

During the same night, at about 7.10 p.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese, using mortars and automatic weapons, harassed the defence system of the town of Kompong Speu, wounding 2 persons.

On 18 January 1971, at about 4 p.m., after hand-to-hand fighting during which 4 Khmer soldiers were wounded, the Khmer troops recaptured the Pich Nil pass. Four lorries were seized 500 metres from the pass.

On 19 January 1971, a clash occurred between Khmer forces and Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese about 12 kilometres west of the town of Kompong Thom. The enemy withdrew after about 15 minutes' fighting, carrying some wounded away.

I wish to reiterate the firm and vigorous protest of the Government of the Khmer Republic against the illegal and permanent occupation of Khmer territory, followed by savage attacks perpetrated by 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, international law and the 1954 Geneva Agreements. These criminal attacks reveal clearly 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 the 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
