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LETTER DATED 5 MAY 1971 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO
THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On the instruction of my Government and further to my letter No. 1399 of 27 April 1971 (S/10183), I have the honour to bring the following to your attention for the information of the members of the Security Council:

During the night of 16-17 February 1971, at about 8.40 p.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors harassed for several minutes an advance position of Khmer forces at a point five kilometres south-east of Prey Totung, in Kompong Cham.

During the same night, Khmer forces based some five kilometres north-west of the town of Kompong Cham were subjected to several rounds of automatic weapon fire, without suffering any casualties.

On 17 February 1971, at 1.15 p.m., Khmer forces on operations in the south-west area of Kompong Cham, eleven kilometres from the town, were harassed by the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors. Enemy fire was quickly silenced by the counteraction of the Khmer forces, which sustained one wounded.

On the same day, at 11.20 a.m., Khmer forces at the Srê Khlong camp twenty-seven kilometres south-west of the town of Kompong Speu vigorously countered the harassing fire of 75-mm recoilles ordnance from the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors, compelling the enemy to stop firing within ten minutes. The Khmer side suffered two persons wounded.

On the same day, at 11.10 a.m., two adjoining positions of Khmer forces situated seven and eight kilometres west of the chalet at Pich Nil, in Kompong Seila, were harassed by the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors, leaving four wounded on the Khmer side.

During the night of 17-18 February 1971, at about 12.35 a.m., Khmer forces based at Phum Mien, some four kilometres east of Prey Totung on National Highway 7 in Kompong Cham vigorously countered the harassing fire from the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors. The enemy, forced to withdraw, carried away several wounded.

During the same night, at 8.40 p.m., Khmer forces based at Trâpeang Chhouk, situated some twenty kilometres north-west of Phnom Penh, in Kandal, were harassed by the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors. Vigorous counteraction by the Khmer forces compelled the enemy to withdraw at about 9 p.m.

During the same night, at about 12.40 a.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors fired about twenty 82-mm mortar shells on a Khmer position outside the town of Svay Rieng.

During the same night, between 8.00 and 8.30 p.m., four Khmer positions in the Pursat area - at Svay Ath six kilometres north-east of the town, at Sala Srok de Pursat three kilometres north of the town, at the railway station near the western edge of the town, and at Phum Siar fourteen kilometres north-east of the town - were harassed by the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors.

On 18 February 1971, at 12.20 p.m., Khmer forces on a search operation twenty-seven kilometres north-west of Phnom Penh, in Kandal, clashed with an undetermined number of Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors.

On the same day, Khmer forces on operations clashed with Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese forces at Trapeang Chhouk, twenty kilometres north-east of Phnom Penh, in Kandal. The ensuing engagement left one enemy killed. One Chinese rifle was recovered by the Khmer forces.

On the same day, another clash occurred between Khmer forces on patrol at Phum Thlork Trâbek, 8.5 kilometres north-east of Bat Deng, in Kandal. The Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors disengaged after half an hour of fighting and carried away with them a number of dead and wounded. There were three persons wounded on the Khmer side.

During the night of 18-19 February 1971, a Khmer position situated approximately sixteen kilometres north of the town of Kompong Speu was harassed by the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors. When the Khmer forces returned the fire, the aggressors stopped firing.

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During the same night, at 7.00 p.m., a Khmer position at Stung Chral was harassed by the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors.

During the same night, at 8.30 p.m., a Khmer position at O Bak Rotès situated at kilometre 96 on National Highway 4, in Kompong Speu, was harassed by the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors, whose fire was quickly silenced by the counteraction of Khmer forces.

On 19 February 1971, at 6.20 p.m., Khmer forces based twenty kilometres west of the town of Kompong Chhnang vigorously countered an enemy attack. The Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors were forced to withdraw after several unsuccessful attempts at assault.

During the night of 19-20 February 1971, at about 8.30 p.m., a Khmer advance position defending the town of Siemreap was harassed by the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors. The Khmer forces returned heavy fire for thirty minutes, forcing the aggressors to withdraw. The enemy carried away a number of dead and wounded.

During the same night, at about 8.00 p.m., the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors harassed the Khmer position at Néak Ta Samrong two kilometres north of Saang, in Kandal. The Khmer forces vigorously countered, compelling the aggressors to withdraw shortly after Khmer air intervention.

On 20 February 1971, at 12 noon, Khmer forces on a search operation at Lovéa Sâr approximately thirty-two kilometres south-east of Phnom Penh, in Kandal, on the east bank of the Mekong, engaged the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors. With support from heavy weapons, the Khmer forces took vigorous action and forced the aggressors to withdraw. The enemy carried away a number of dead and wounded. The Khmer side suffered one dead and one wounded.

On the same day, Khmer forces on a search operation at Khum Bun Saing ten kilometres south-west of Prék Phneou, in Kandal, clashed with Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors.

On the same day, at 3.00 a.m., Khmer forces on patrol twenty-eight kilometres south of the town of Kompong Chhnang engaged Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors at Phum Snay on National Highway 5, as a result of which there were several wounded on the Khmer side.

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I wish to reiterate the firm and vigorous protest of the Government of the Khmer Republic at the illegal and continuing occupation of Khmer territory, followed by savage attacks perpetrated by the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese forces 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
