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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. 2208 of 1 July 1971 (S/10248, 6 July 1971), I have the honour to communicate the following to you for the information of the members of the Security Council:

On 6 December 1970 the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese arrested a monk named Peou Sam Ang of the pagoda of Thbèng Méan Chey in the province of Préah Vihéar and after taking him to the srok of Rovieng summarily executed him on the pretext that he was an intelligence agent of the Khmer Government.

On 3 April 1971 an unidentified monk who was travelling on the road from Kompong-Thom to Rovieng (Préah Vihéar) was stopped by the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese in the vicinity of Phnom Dèk. Accused of espionage, he was executed then and there.

On 8 May 1971 two monks named Im Son Kai and You Pa, from the Kdey Daung pagoda, srok of Kompong-Svay, were arrested at the village of Kauk Nguon by the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese invaders, taken towards the village of Moat O, and systematically searched. After taking the sum of 10,000 reals, a gold necklace and a wristwatch found on the person of the Venerable Im Son Kai (articles which had been given him by his parents), the invaders forced him to dig his own grave and killed him with a burst of machine-gun fire when he attempted to flee. The fate of the Venerable You Pa, held under surveillance at the pagoda of Srâgnê and then at Phnom Santuk, is unknown.

On 30 May 1971 the Venerable Head of the Sangkum Monichaut pagoda, accused by the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese of espionage and co-operation with the National Khmer Armed Forces, took refuge in the pagoda of Kompong-Thom, which is under the protection of the Khmer authorities.

I wish to reiterate before international public opinion the firm and vigorous protest of the Khmer Government against these acts of systematic persecution committed by the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese aggressors against Khmer Buddhist monks who, by virtue of the teachings of the Great Master, are imbued with the spirit of pacifism. These criminal acts constitute a flagrant violation of international laws and customs and clearly reveal the true imperialist aims of the Viet-Cong - North Viet-Nameese invaders.

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 fully responsible for all the extremely grave consequences of this situation and reserves the right to take the necessary action to protect the defenceless civil and religious population and the principles of freedom recognized in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

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

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