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LETTER DATED 21 AUGUST 1972 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, I have the honour to inform you that North Viet-Nameese and Viet-Cong forces intensified their general offensive against the Khmer Republic beginning in the early hours of 6 August 1972. They brutally attacked the Khmer defence forces at the Kampong Trabek garrison on national route No. 1 in the province of Prey-Veng with a massive assault by some 100 heavy T54 and other tanks. Although some of the tanks have been destroyed by the Khmer troops, which are pursuing operations to liberate the besieged garrison, they have been in the region since the aforementioned date.

In view of the extreme gravity of the situation caused by this overt aggression against the peaceful Khmer Republic, in flagrant violation of the Geneva Agreements of 20 July 1954 and the principles of the Charter of the United Nations, my Government addresses an urgent appeal to all peace-loving Member countries of the United Nations in the hope that, in a spirit of peace and international co-operation, they will exert the necessary pressure on the Hanoi Government to put an end to its expansionist, barbaric and unjustifiable war against the Khmer Republic, which is a faithful Member of the United Nations.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated to all Missions of Member States as an official document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Truong CANH
Permanent Representative of the Khmer Republic
to the United Nations