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LETTER DATED 24 DECEMBER 1969 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE  
OF CAMBODIA ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government and further to my letter No. 9542 of 18 December 1969 (S/9570), I have the honour to bring the following to your attention for the information of the members of the Securing Council:

- During the night of 17-18 November 1969, elements of the Royal Khmer Navy on sea patrol stopped two Thai motorized junks which were engaged in clandestine fishing operations in Cambodian territorial waters approximately four kilometres north-west of the island known as Koh Yor (Koh Kong).

Seized by panic, the crews jumped into the sea and succeeded in swimming ashore under cover of darkness.

- On 20 November 1969, at about 7 a.m., a group of Thai criminals armed with rifles entered Cambodian territory and made off with twenty oxen which had been grazing at a point approximately 700 metres inside the frontier in the commune of Svay Chek, district of Sisophon, province of Battambang.

Upon being advised of this occurrence by the local inhabitants, elements of the Cambodian defence forces immediately set out in pursuit of the criminals but were able to make them give up only seventeen of the oxen, the other three being taken into Thai territory.

- During the night of 2-3 December 1969, at about 10.15 p.m., two Thai fishing junks violated Cambodian territorial waters near the island known as Koh Pring (Koh Kong).

When the Cambodian guards on the island fired warning shots, the junks fled in the direction of Thailand.

The Royal Government of Cambodia has lodged a vigorous protest against these repeated violations of the territorial waters and territory of Cambodia, which have been followed by clandestine fishing operations by Thai fishing junks and by the theft of cattle by Thai criminals. It has called upon the Thai Government to take appropriate steps to ensure, once and for all, that there is no recurrence of such acts.

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

Accept, Sir, etc.

(Signed) HUOT SAMBATH  
Permanent Representative of Cambodia

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