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Letter dated 20 May 1980 from the Permanent Representative of Viet Nam
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you, for your information, the note dated 17 May 1980 sent by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to the Chinese Embassy in Hanoi concerning the Chinese encroachments at the northern border on land and air space of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, and kindly request Your Excellency to have this letter and its enclosure circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 50 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) HA VAN LAU
Permanent Representative of the
Socialist Republic of Viet Nam
to the United Nations

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ANNEX

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SENT BY THE FOREIGN MINISTRY OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC
OF VIET NAM TO THE CHINESE EMBASSY IN HA NOI

"On May 10, a Chinese platoon crossed the border at a border gate in Muong Khuong district, Hoang Lien Son province, almost 1,000 metres inside Vietnamese territory, firing many rounds of submachine guns and artillery on several hamlets causing heavy losses in lives and property.

"On May 11, another Chinese platoon trespassed the border at border-markers 51 and 52 in Thach An district, Cao Bang province, shooting dead a Vietnamese civilian, and wounding many others.

"On May 13, Chinese troops unleashed more than 60 mortar rounds at Sin Ca village, Meo Vac district, Ha Tuyen province, ruining many houses and orchards of the villagers.

"At 20.30 hrs on May 14, many Chinese jet fighters encroached upon the air space of Ha Quang and Bao Lac districts, Cao Bang province, and Meo Vac and Dong Van districts, Ha Tuyen province, almost 20 kms inside Viet Nam's territory.

"Those encroachments by the Chinese side at the northern border, on land and by air, prove that the Chinese authorities continue to brazenly violate the territorial sovereignty of Viet Nam, inflict losses on the civilian population, disturb the Vietnamese people's normal life, and render the situation at the Sino-Vietnamese border more and more tense.

"Worthy of note is that the new and serious armed provocations by the Chinese side took place right after the Chinese leaders had renewed the threat to invade Viet Nam again and were taking other hostile actions against Viet Nam.

"The Foreign Ministry of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam severely condemns these acts of the Chinese side and resolutely demands that the Chinese authorities stop immediately their military provocations in the border area and all other dark schemes against Viet Nam. If the Chinese authorities persist in their criminal acts against the Vietnamese people and in their preparation for another war of aggression against Viet Nam they must bear full responsibility for all the consequences.

Ha Noi, May 17, 1980."
