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Letter dated 9 July 1980 from the Permanent Representative of Viet Nam
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to forward herewith, for your information, a note dated 4 July 1980 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam addressed to the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Hanoi, Viet Nam, concerning the recent Chinese armed provocations in the border area, and kindly request you 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

NOTE SENT BY THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF
VIET NAM TO THE EMBASSY OF THE PEOPLE'S
REPUBLIC OF CHINA IN HANOI, VIET NAM
(July 4, 1980)

Since the end of June, the Chinese authorities have repeatedly sent their armed forces into many areas deep inside Vietnamese territory for nibbling attacks and ambushes in particular, over recent days Chinese troops have fired heavy artillery on many regions of Hoang Lien Son, Quang Ninh and Ha Tuyen provinces, causing many losses in lives and property to the local people.

On June 28, Chinese troops from the other side of the border fired hundreds of mortar shells at Nam Chay and Ta Chu Phung villages, Muong Khuong district, Hoang Lien Son province, destroying many houses and crop fields of the local population.

On July 1 and 2, Chinese troops shelled on populated areas in Muong Khuong, from 6 A.M. to 2 P.M. on July 1 they lobbed more than 200 big-sized mortar shells into many populated areas in Sa Ho and Ta Chu Phung, a hospital, a State store house and a population quarter in Muong Khuong township. On the morning of July 2 for more than two hours Chinese troops fired more than 100 big calibre mortar shells on Pha Lang area and Muong Khuong township.

At 4.30 A.M. on July 1, Chinese troops fired more than 50 mortar shells and many rounds of bullets of various calibres at Lung Tao village, Dong Van district, Ha Tuyen province.

From 5.15 to 5.45 A.M. on July 3, Chinese troops uninterruptedly fired almost 200 big-calibre mortar shells into the Vietnamese territory at marker post 19, Binh Lieu district, Quang Ninh province.

During the above criminal acts Chinese troops killed or wounded scores of Vietnamese civilians, damaged a hospital, a school and many houses as well as large areas of food crops, thus further straining the situation at the border.

Along with intensifying their war preparations and threats against Viet Nam, and tightening their collusion with the U.S. imperialists and the other reactionary forces in committing their hostile acts against the Kampuchean revolution, the Chinese authorities' above-mentioned acts are aimed at opposing Viet Nam from many sides, and creating more tension to the relations between the two countries.

The Foreign Ministry of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam energetically condemns the above-mentioned criminal acts of the Chinese authorities and demands that the Chinese side discontinue them without delay.

The Chinese side must bear full responsibility for all consequences of its criminal acts.
