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SOUTH-EAST ASIA

Letter dated 21 October 1980 from the Permanent Representative
of Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-
General

I have the honour to forward herewith two notes, dated 11 and 18 October 1980, addressed by the Foreign Ministry of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to the Chinese Embassy in Hanoi and to the Foreign Ministry of the People's Republic of China, respectively, concerning the Chinese armed provocations against Viet Nam in the border areas, particularly in the Xin Man district of Ha Tuyen province.

I request you kindly to have this letter and its enclosures circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under agenda items 50 and 119.

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Republic of Viet Nam to the United Nations

ANNEX I

NOTE SENT BY THE FOREIGN MINISTRY OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM
TO THE EMBASSY OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA IN HA NOI
(OCTOBER 11, 1980).

The Foreign Ministry of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam denounces the armed provocations conducted recently by the Chinese side in the Vietnamese border areas. Of particular seriousness were the incidents on October 3, 1980 in which Chinese artillery and infantry repeatedly attacked Xin Man area in the Vietnamese province of Ha Tuyen in an attempt to grab land, killing and wounding many Vietnamese civilians and border guards.

On Oct. 3, dozens of Chinese troops intruded into Vietnamese territory and opened fire on a group of Vietnamese militiamen on patrol, killing and wounding five of them, and destroying several houses.

The Chinese side on Oct. 4 and 5 fired hundreds of mortar and cannon rounds into Vietnamese territory and sent an infantry company across the border to dig trenches on Vietnamese territory.

On Oct. 7 and 8 a Chinese company repeatedly attacked several peaks inside Viet Nam; on Oct. 9, a Chinese battalion supported by artillery stubbornly continued attacking the same area, but it was resolutely fought back by the local people and armed forces.

Following their criminal acts against the Vietnamese people in the northern border provinces in late September and early October, the new grave actions of the Chinese authorities have revealed their design to continue straining the situation, grossly violate Viet Nam territorial sovereignty and disrupt the normal life of the Vietnamese people in the border areas.

It should be pointed out that these armed activities of the Chinese side have become more and more relentless and serious after it once again refused the third round of negotiations and repeatedly threatened to rekindle its war of aggression against Viet Nam while strengthening its collusion with U.S. imperialism and other reactionary forces to sabotage the Kampuchean revolution and cause tension along the Kampuchean - Thai border.

The Foreign Ministry of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam strongly condemns these actions and firmly demands that the Chinese authorities stop immediately all their armed provocations against Viet Nam.

The Chinese authorities must bear full responsibilities for all the consequences of their criminal actions.

ANNEX II

NOTE SENT BY THE FOREIGN MINISTRY OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM
TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
(October 18, 1980).

In its Note dated October 11 to the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Ha Noi, the Foreign Ministry of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam strongly condemned China and demanded that it immediately cease the attacks it had made for many days on many areas in Xin Man district, Ha Tuyen province, Viet Nam.

The Chinese side far from ending its criminal activities has mobilized more troops to intensify the attacks and nibbling operations in these areas thus creating a very serious situation :

- On October 15, Chinese troops opened fire on the whole section in Xin Man district from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. using both infantry weapons and artillery while an infantry regiment launched many nibbling attacks on a number of places in Xin Man village.

- On October 16 and 17, Chinese troops from bases in China close to the border fired big guns of various kinds and rockets on Xin Man township and the surrounding areas seven kilometres on this side of the border, killing or wounding many civilians, destroying crops, burning or heavily damaging many houses. Chinese troops are now illegally occupying a number of places in Xin Man.

Immediately after these actions, the Chinese side sent a slanderous note to Viet Nam trying to distort facts and whitewash its crimes. The Foreign Ministry of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam completely rejects these brazen allegations.

"Following other repeated armed provocations and nibbling attacks on Vietnamese border territory, the Chinese authorities encroachment on Viet Nam's territory in Xin Man village is a very serious violation of Viet Nam's territory, sovereignty and a threat to its security. It has worsened the relations between Viet Nam and China and aggravated the existing tension in Indochina and South-East Asia, It exposes the Chinese authorities' sinister plot to gradually occupy Vietnamese territory in line with their expansionist ambitions.

"The Foreign Ministry of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam strongly denounces and severely condemns the Chinese authorities for these armed provocations and territorial encroachments. It resolutely demands an immediate end to those acts and the immediate withdrawal of Chinese troops from illegally occupied Vietnamese territory.

The Chinese authorities must bear full responsibility for all consequences arising from their arrogant acts.
