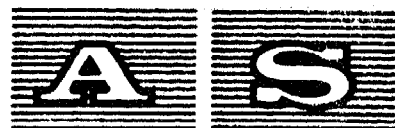


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Letter dated 15 January 1981 from the Permanent Representative
of Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-
General

I have the honour to forward herewith the statement issued on 11 January 1981 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam concerning the situation on the Kampuchea-Thailand border and kindly request Your Excellency to have this letter and its enclosure circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under the items entitled "The situation in Kampuchea" and "Question of peace, stability and co-operation in South-East Asia", and of the Security Council.

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

ANNEX

S T A T E M E N T

BY THE FOREIGN MINISTRY OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM
ON THE KAMPUCHEA - THAILAND BORDER SITUATION.

"On January 10, 1981, a Spokesman for the Foreign Ministry of the People's Republic of Kampuchea issued a statement severely condemning the Thai armed forces for systematically violating the sovereignty and territorial land, waters and air space of the People's Republic of Kampuchea, and firmly rejecting the Thai authorities' allegation that the Kampuchean and Vietnamese armies had violated the Thai border.

"As is well-known, over the past two years, the Thai authorities have colluded with the Beijing warmongers to foster the Pol Pot remnants and other Khmer reactionaries and to use sanctuaries on Thai territory as bases for sabotage activities against the peaceful life of the Kampuchean people. Moreover, the Thai army has encouraged armed action against the People's Republic of Kampuchea.

"The present tension along the Kampuchean - Thai border obviously stems from Beijing's big-nation expansionist and hegemonist policy which aims to restore the genocidal Pol Pot - Ieng Sary regime in Kampuchea, sabotage the trend towards dialogue, create conflict between the ASEAN countries the Indochinese countries and undermine peace and stability in Southeast Asia. The Thai authorities are pursuing a policy of collaborating with China to intervene in Kampuchea and encroach upon its territorial integrity. Their false charges against Kampuchea and Viet Nam neither obscure the crimes of the warmongers in Beijing nor whitewash the Thai authorities' responsibility for the present tension along the Kampuchean - Thai border.

"The Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam reaffirms its constant respect for Thailand's independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity. At the same time it demands that Thailand likewise respect the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of the countries on the

Indochinese peninsula . It fully supports the just stand of the People's Republic of Kampuchea expounded in the above-mentioned statement, and demands that the Thai authorities immediately abandon their hostile policies and encroachments upon Kampuchea's territorial integrity in order to stabilize the situation along the Kampuchean - Thai border and contribute to maintaining peace and stability in Southeast Asia .

HANOI, January 11, 1981.
