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Letter dated 4 February 1983 from the Permanent Representative of  
Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith a statement by the Viet Nam News Agency, dated 4 February 1983, rejecting a slanderous allegation made by the spokesman for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand to the effect that Vietnamese troops in Kampuchea had attacked a civilian refugee camp in Kampuchean territory.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for this letter and the above-mentioned statement to be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under the item entitled "Question of peace, stability and co-operation in South-East Asia", and of the Security Council.

(Signed) HOANG BICH SON  
Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs  
Permanent Representative of the  
Socialist Republic of Viet Nam  
to the United Nations

ANNEX

STATEMENT BY VIETNAM NEWS AGENCY

On February 1, 1983, the spokesman for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand declared that Vietnamese troops in Kampuchea had attacked a civilian refugee camp in Kampuchean territory.

Vietnam News Agency is authorized to completely reject the above-mentioned slanderous accusation.

It is common knowledge that the remnants of Pol Potist and other Khmer reactionary forces armed and fed by Beijing, using their sanctuaries in Thai territory as staging bases, have frequently intruded into Kampuchean territory and have committed many crimes against the Kampuchean people. In defense of the sovereignty, security and territorial integrity of their country and the revival of their people, the revolutionary armed forces of Kampuchea are fully entitled to take action to duly punish these reactionary forces for their crimes. The slanderous accusation and fabrication levelled by Thailand against Vietnamese forces in Kampuchea can in no way cover up that truth and only benefit the Beijing expansionists and hegemonists who are plotting to reimpose the genocidal Pot Pot regime on the Kampuchean people.

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