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**Overall Situation in the Country and along the Border
Via Telegrams from 01 to 31 December 1976**

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Maritime Border

01-07 December 1976:

- Twenty-six Thai fishing boats entered our territorial sea to catch fish four kilometres opposite Yâ Island (កោះយ៉ា).

06 December 1976:

- At 15:00 hours, a Youn (យ៉ួន) boat left Trâl Island (កោះត្រាស់) and docked near small islands opposite Seh Island (កោះសែង). After that, three people went ashore that island.

11 December 1976:

- At 23:00 hours, Thai soldiers fired over 50 rounds from their M-30 machine guns into our territory, landing near patrol station.

12 December 1976:

- At 06:00 hours, a Thai naval ship anchored along our territorial sea border, opposite Rohat Market (ផ្សាររវាត់). Then, more than 20 boats of all kinds entered our territorial sea, to the right of Yâ Island, to catch fish. At 14:30 hours, that naval ship entered our territorial sea seven kilometres opposite Yâ Island. It was navigated up and down for quite a long time before returning to Kaut Island (កោះកូត).
- Thai soldiers entered the rubber plantation near our former trench. No activities were observed. They left at 10:00 hours.

13 December 1976:

- At 22:45 hours, Thai soldiers fired 12 rounds of M-79 and machine guns toward our patrol station. The firing stopped at 23:10 hours.

14 December 1976:

- At 18:45 hours, an F-105 plane was flying, in reconnaissance, from east to west over Koh Kong Krăo (កោះកុងក្រៅ) at five kilometre height.

18 December 1976:

- During this entire day and night, the Thais increased its acts of aggression; they entered to catch fish in our territorial sea, five to six

kilometres west of Yâ Island. Two ships were oriented eastings day and night to provide protection for their fishing boats.

- At 08:30 hours, artillery shelling was heard on Trâl Island. At 09:30 hours, 4 artillery rounds were fired onto our small islands located southwest of Seh Island.

19 December 1976:

- Many Thai boats entered our territorial sea to catch fish, 10 kilometres south of Yâ Island. Their naval ships were anchored along our territorial sea border to provide protection.

20 December 1976:

- The Thais increased their fishing activities in our territorial sea, 10-15 kilometres from Yâ Island. They used big and small fishing boats with their naval ships providing protection day and night.
- At 00:45 hours, our maritime patrol unit encountered and seized one Thai fishing boat with a 45 horsepower engine, 8 kilometers opposite Yâ Island. A Caliber-12 rifle and several bullets were seized.

22 December 1976:

- At night, several Thai boats entered our territorial sea west of Yâ Island to catch fish. At 23:45 hours, we captured one 35 horsepower engine boat.
- At 21:00 hours, Thai soldiers fired several rounds from their handguns onto our patrol station. Also, they fired several M-79 rounds which landed in our coastal area.
- In the third week, 185 Thai boats entered our territorial sea to catch fish. In Koh Kong Krăo, two bandits went ashore our island.

24 December 1976:

- Three Thai fishing boats entered our territorial sea, four kilometres from Yâ Island to catch fish. For their protection, they were accompanied by two naval ships. They threatened to fire at our ship.

25 December 1976:

- From 06:00 to 11:00 hours, Thai soldiers left their base and oriented eastings. At 08:00 hours, four naval ships anchored along our maritime border. Several rounds of DK-75 and 37-mm were fired towards Chamyeam (ចាំយ៉ាម) and Chamyeam mountain range. At the same time, a Dakota plane illegally flew over our territorial sea. It fired one smoke round at our eastings defence line of our mainland border.
- At 11:05 hours, three additional naval ships arrived and anchored at the maritime border. The first ship marked No. 3 fired a DCA 137mm gun fiercely at our combatants' location. At 12:00 hours, another plane flew in and fired a smoke round as a signal at the same location. At 12:15 hours, another naval ship arrived to provide support and after firing from the ships was ceased at 12:30 hours, their soldiers at the base began firing several rounds from their 82mm guns at the

same target. The two ships illegally entered our territorial sea; one was eight kilometres opposite Yâ Island and another was approximately thirteen kilometres.

28 December 1976:

- At 11:30 hours, our patrol unit exchanged fires with Thai soldiers who were preparing their defence line along the border north of the rubber plantation. The armed clash with handguns and M-79 guns lasted for five minutes. At 11:45 hours, their naval ship, in support, fired 37 mm gun and 105 mm artillery from their base and constantly several rounds landed in our territory. We lost one cadre, a Party member in this incident.

The West Mainland Territory

- 200 enemies from Thailand reportedly entered our territory west of Veal Veng (វាលវែង) village in Pursat (ព្រះវិហារ) region, however no activities were observed.
- At the border near Ang Sei La (អាងសីលា), north of where the previous incidence took place, Thai people came to do rice farming one kilometre inside our territory. They had done this since 1973. They were protected by soldiers and police. They cultivated rice every day. We warned them to withdraw from that location, if not our military would smash them.
- Americans reportedly controlled and trained some Khmer people who fled to live in Aranh (អារង្ស) so that they could be deployed to conduct activities in our country. They were waiting for the arrival of A-In Tam (អា អ៊ិន តាំ) from America before they make their movements.
- We arrested a colonel who had his networks in other zones.

24 December 1976:

- In Châмна (ចំណាវ) commune, east of Stông (ស្ទឹង) district and adjacent to Kampong Svay (កំពង់ស្វាយ) district, people reported that they saw eight enemies; all were armed—three AR-15 guns, two AKs, one M-79, one 60 mm gun and one combat radio. These armed people were on their journey to Preah Vihear (ព្រះវិហារ).

27 December 1976:

- In Thmâ Puok (ថ្មពួក) district, we captured two spies from Thailand.

The East and Northeast Border

03 December 1976:

- Enemies attempted to surround our soldiers behind the defence line at Chrôy (គ្រូយ) mountain, near Mountain 1020. We saw them first and opened fire at them and killed one. They dressed in blue uniform and all were armed with AKs. We retreated because there were too many of them.

05 December 1976:

- Enemies came to build their base on Chrôy mountain. While we were patrolling, they fired at us from the mountain. During the fire exchange, one of us got hit and broke his arm.

Division 920

08 December 1976:

- At Spearhead 92, there was a clash between our force and the Vietnamese. We fired at a timber truck and it caught fire at position 717:751 on a 1:50,000 scale map.

11 December 1976:

- At Spearhead 93, at night the Vietnamese fired a parachute flare at Dak Dang (ដាក់ដាង) stream. On 12th a grenade was exploded in their place. Subsequently they fired several rounds from their M-79 machine guns.
- When we were on patrol, we came across a concrete post planted along the border. There were characters and numbers written on it, but the characters were illegible and the numbers were 195. We found the post at position 594:603.

27 December 1976:

- An enemy plane flew along the border twice. We also found footprints in our territory. There were signs handguns and M-79 machine guns were fired in their territory.

Division 801

- North of Muy (មួយ) village, we secretly observed Vietnamese conducting their military exercise.
- At the Laos border, the Vietnamese bombarded the border with artilleries for four days. Then, on 01 December 1976, they walked behind and passed our patrol station. They did it again on 03 December 1976.

05 December 1976:

- They entered and stayed on Chrey (ច្រើន) mountain. They fired at us first when we were walking. One of the zone combatants was injured, but we managed to fire back and dispersed them all.

18 December 1976:

- The Vietnamese entered our territory around Chrey mountain. They were all armed. We fought them for 15 minutes. On our side, two got injured—one zone combatant and one Division 801 combatant. Three enemies died at the battle and some got injured. We collected one magazine.

23 December 1976:

- We met three Yuons whom we had monitored a long time ago, at position 530:090 east of Korng (កង) village and south of Road 19. They were holding a meeting. We shot two dead, one had a revolver. The other one was a civilian and we lost him in the forest.
- In Sēm (សែម) commune near Khaong (ខោង) school, we found footprints of about 10 people heading toward Tēn (តែន) commune of District 82. Near Tēn commune, we captured a Yuon whom we had monitored a long time ago. It's likely he contacted some bad people in this commune because previously he beat a combatant to death.
- The Yuon drove their car(s) along Road 13, however they returned when they saw the road was blocked with trees.

The East

- In Sector 24 in Peam Chor (ពាមជ័រ) district, Vietnamese army and civilians entered our territory to farm rice, 30 to 50 metres inside our territory. When we protested, they said border demarcation was unclear. We patrolled the area and planted mines and grenades. Since then, there were two grenade explosions. In the first explosion, they arrived by two boats which were destroyed. Seven died and two or three remaining people ran back to their territory. The second explosion killed two.

14-15 December 1976:

- More than 1,000 Vietnamese soldiers, all armed with various guns, were deployed along the border, from Peam Muntear (ពាមមន្ទារ) to Svay Ah-Ngaong (ស្វាយអាណោង). They stayed at people's houses. Where there were no houses they camped. They drove away the local people.

24 December 1976:

- In Sector 23, at night, a platoon of Vietnamese soldiers entered and waited to launch an attack against our army near Daung Chas

(ដូងចាស់) pagoda in Daung commune. Sary, one of our combatants was shot dead. He was the platoon chief of Romeas Hèk (រមាសហែក) district.

25 December 1976:

- At 22:00 hours, in Praek Pôk (ប្រែកពក) village located in Thna Thnong (ថ្នាធុង) commune of Samraong (សំរោង) district, many groups of Vietnamese soldiers entered our territory and exchanged fires with our district border protection unit for fifteen minutes. One of us was seriously injured. We lost one AK rifle. Two of them were seriously injured and the rest retreated to their territory.