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NOTE OF 4 SEPTEMBER 1959 TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL  
FROM THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE KINGDOM OF LAOS  
TO THE UNITED NATIONS

The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Laos to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General and has the honour to transmit to him a cable addressed to him by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Royal Government of Laos, the complete text of which is as follows:

"Sir,

"Since 16 July 1959, foreign troops have been crossing the frontier and engaging in military action against garrison units of the Royal Army stationed along the northeastern frontier of Laos. These garrison units have been obliged to evacuate several posts and to engage in numerous defensive actions. It is obvious that these attacks would not have taken place if the attackers had not come from outside the country and would not have continued if the attackers had not been receiving reinforcements and supplies of food and munitions from outside. As a result of these attacks, losses have been suffered by the Royal Army. On 30 August a new attack, more violent than the previous ones, was launched against the posts of Muong and Xieng Kho. Elements from the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam took part in the attack, which was supported by artillery fire from the other side of the frontier. In the face of this flagrant aggression, full responsibility for which rests with the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam, Laos requests the assistance of the United Nations, of which it is a Member; it is doing so under Article 1, paragraph 1, and Article 11, paragraph 2, of the Charter. In particular, the Royal Government requests that an emergency force should be dispatched at a very early date in order to halt the aggression and prevent it from spreading.

"I have the honour, Mr. Secretary-General, to ask you to take the appropriate procedural action on this request.

"I have the honour to be, etc.

(Signed) KHAMPHAN PANYA"

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