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LETTER DATED 9 DECEMBER 1963 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ADDRESSED
TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

In my letter of 18 December 1962^{1/} I informed the Security Council of the agreement which was reached with the Governments of Cambodia and Thailand for the appointment of a Special Representative of the Secretary-General in their area for a period of one year, commencing 1 January 1963. In pursuance of that agreement I appointed Mr. Nils Göran Gussing to serve in that capacity.

Though the two Governments agree that Mr. Gussing's presence and availability has been a useful factor, it must nevertheless be stated that the objectives mentioned in the fourth paragraph of my letter have not been fully realized. I have, therefore, recently enquired of the two Governments whether, and if so in which form, they would desire this Mission to continue. Both Governments have now informed me that it is their wish that the Special Representative of the Secretary-General should continue his activities under the same Terms of Reference for the calendar year 1964. They have agreed, however, that a small increase in the existing staff of the Special Representative should be provided, to enable Mr. Gussing to travel more frequently between the respective capitals.

I have felt that, under the circumstances, I should agree to the request of the two Governments who have again signified to me their willingness to share, on an equal basis, all costs involved on account of the Mission of the Special Representative so that no budgetary provision on the part of the United Nations will be required.

In view of the nature of the action envisaged, I thought it appropriate to make this report to the members of the Security Council.

Accept, etc.

(Signed) U Thant

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