



New-York, le 18 août 1969

*Letter from Sambath to
Mrs Kennedy which she
forwarded to us.
Translation attached*

Chère Madame,

J'ai l'honneur de vous informer qu'immédiatement après la réception de la lettre de Monsieur Robert A. Reardon et la vôtre, j'ai demandé aux services compétents cambodgiens de me fournir toute information concernant les équipages des deux hélicoptères des forces aériennes américaines abattus le 28 avril 1969 par les éléments des forces de défense nationale cambodgiennes.

Selon le Ministère de la Défense Nationale du Gouvernement Royal, parmi les débris des appareils abattus le 28 avril 1969 par les forces cambodgiennes dans la région de Kong Mao, commune de Chantrea, province de Svay-Rieng, il a été trouvé trois corps complètement calcinés, probablement américains.

Après le constat, ces corps ont été enterrés sur place.

En vous renouvelant ma profonde reconnaissance pour votre compréhension à l'égard de Samdech Norodom Sihanouk et pour vos sentiments amicaux à mon égard, je vous prie d'agréer, Chère Madame, mes hommages respectueux.

HUOT SAMBATH
Représentant Permanent du Cambodge

e Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis

MADAME



translation:

Dear Madame:

I have the honour to inform you that immediately upon the reception of the letter of Mr. Robert A. Reardon, and your letter, I requested competent Cambodian agencies to furnish me with complete information concerning the crews of the two helicopters of the American Air Forces which were brought down the 28th of April 1969, by elements of the Cambodian National Defense Forces.

According to the Ministry of National Defense of the Royal Government, among the debris of the machines brought down the 28, April, 1969 by Cambodian forces in the region of Kong-Mao, commune of Chantrea, Province of Svay Rieng, were found three bodies completely burned, probably American. After this constatation, the bodies were buried in that place.

In renewing to you my profound gratitude for your comprehension with regard to Chief-of-State Norodom Sihanouk, and for your amicable expressions on my behalf, I beg you to accept my respectful homages.

Dear Sir

Following my letter 3788 dated 5/15/69
I have the honor to communicate to you the
following information given by the Ministry
of the National Defense of the Royal government
concerning the 2 helicopters of the American
airforce grounded on 4/28/69 by the Cambodian
National defense forces in the area of Kong Mao,
cummune, province de Svay Rieng.

According to the ministry of the National
Defense among the wreckage of the grounded
aircraft it was found 3 boddies completely burned
to death, probably Americans.

After this was established these bodies
were buried on the spot.

(usual ending)

Sincerely yours

I am terrible sorry as an interpreter to have
to tell you this news.

*added per Telephone
Conversation*