CHAPTER V

REDUCTION IN ACTIVITIES

During 1957 the total strength of the Commission was reduced by 17 persons. The incidence of the reductions is shown in the following table which provides the relevant figures of Commission strength in December, 1956 and December, 1957:

	Strength in Dec '56	Strength on 31st Dec '57.	Remarks
1. International Secretariat	15	15*	*Includes two local Cambodian interpreters and three local clerks
2. Indian Military Component of the International Secretariat and the National Delegation of India	85	75	
3. Indian National Delegation	5	5	
4. Canadian Delegation	13	12	
5. Polish Delegation	14	8	
6. Locally recruited messengers	6	6*	*One each in Indian, Canadian and Polish Delegations and three in Secretariat.

In December, 1957, the Commission decided to reduce the strength of the Signals Component by 7 persons, effective from January, 1958 and reduce the operation of the signal links from 24 hours to 16 hours. The Phnom Penh-Hanoi link was closed.

Besides the reduction in strength of the National Delegations and the Secretariat and the decision to reduce the number of signal personnel, the Commission made a concerted effort during the year to reduce expenditure. As a result a number of vehicles were surrendered to the Royal Government, and the Commission agreed to the reduction of the tri-weekly courier service to a bi-weekly service to and from Phnom Penh.