

Appendix "B"

SOME CASES OF CACHES OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION  
INVESTIGATED BY THE TEAMS

Case Number 1

- (a) The Royal Government of Cambodia reported to the Commission that a cache of arms and ammunition alleged to be hidden by the Viet Minh and Khmer Resistance Forces (KRF) had been discovered at Trapeang Muel-Veal Rinh, 42 Kilometers north-west of Kampot. The cache consisted of the following:-

Tubes for local Guns	-	89 Cartridges	-	23
Local	-	16 Trap Grenades and Mines.	-	3
Local Rifles	-	4		

- (b) The Fixed Team at Kampot investigated the case and visited the location of the cache. Witnesses who originally reported the cache were examined by the team. The team inspected the arms which were supposed to have been discovered in Phum (village) Veal Rinh and which were now stored at Prey Nop. The arms were found rusty or damaged and unfit for further use. The team came to the conclusion that:-

- (i) The weapons in question were cached or buried by the KRF under the orders of local Vietnamese Military Units' commanders.
- (ii) The manner in which the weapons were cached, especially the absence of even normal lubrication or grease preservation made it hard to believe that there was any intention on the part of the KRF or the Viet Minh Forces to use them in the future.

Case Number 2

- (a) This case arose out of the late but voluntary surrender of certain arms by some former members of the KRF consequent upon the announcement made on behalf of the Cambodian Government by one Van Hang, Mekhum (Headman) of Trapeang Reang. The weapons surrendered were not registered. The Governor of Kampot had asked the Fixed Team at Kampot to inspect these arms. The arms involved were as under:-

Country made rifles	-	66	Pistol	-	1
Barrels	-	30			

- (b) The Fixed Team at Kampot investigated the case and inspected the weapons in question which are now held in possession of the Government. They were surrendered by 95 former members of the KRF living in 14 villages of Khum Trapeang Reang. Among them 42 rifles were found to be in fairly good condition and 21 unserviceable. The barrels consisted of ordinary metal tubes and the pistol was scrap iron.

NOTE:- A "Khum" is a group of villages and a Mekhum is a minor official in charge of a Khum.