

Copies of the correspondence were sent to the Vietnam Commission for information.

(xvii) Letter No. 527/DGP/X dated the 6th September, 1957 from the Royal Government.

The Royal Government with the above letter sent to the Commission for information, forwarded a copy of their letter No. 526/DGP/X dated the 5th September, 1957, addressed to the Representative of the Republic of Vietnam in Phnom Penh, informing him that in June 1957 elements of the Vietnamese Regular Army penetrated into Cambodian territory, arrested several inhabitants of Khum Khtum (province of Kompong-Cham) ill-treated them and took six of them away. After detention for four days all of them were released except one, Mr. Hem Thien. The Royal Government's letter stated that it appeared that the Vietnamese military men by means of threats and violence endeavoured to make the life of the inhabitants impossible in order to compel them to quit their villages. The Royal Government requested the Government of the Republic of Vietnam to take steps to secure the immediate release of those detained and to prevent the recurrence of such incidents.

The Commission decided to note the letter and to acknowledge receipt thereof to the Royal Government.

(xviii) Letter No. 724/DGP/X dated the 27th November, 1957

The Royal Government with the above letter sent to the Commission for information, forwarded a copy of a Note of Protest No. 720/DGP/X dated the 26th November, 1957 addressed to the Representative of the Republic of Vietnam bringing to his notice violation of Cambodian territory by elements of FARVN in the province of Kandal. The letter stated that on 17th October, 1957, a group of 100 heavily armed Vietnamese soldiers who might have been pursuing the Hoa Hao sect, penetrated into Cambodian territory, came to Phum Prek Sbauv Province of Kandal and thoroughly searched the pagoda of the village called Veang Keo; not having found what they had searched for, they withdrew into Vietnamese territories where a defence installation was set up. Twelve men were detailed to go back to Prek Sbauv in order to seize three boats suspected of carrying smuggled goods; later the boats were released.

Receipt of the letter was acknowledged. Copies were sent to the Vietnam Commission for information and comments, if any.

The Vietnam Commission acknowledged receipt of this letter.

(xix) Letter No. 739/DGP/X dated the 2nd December, 1957

The Royal Government with the above letter sent to the Commission for information, forwarded a copy of their verbal Note No. 737/DGP/X dated the 30th November, 1957, addressed to the Representative of the Republic of Vietnam in Phnom Penh informing him of the arrest of four Cambodian fishermen by the Vietnamese Navy in the Cambodian territorial waters on the 16th October, 1957.

The letter stated that they were taken to Vietnamese territory and were released only on 1st November and that the boat and equipment of fishing were confiscated by the Vietnamese