

Reported Military build-up and reinforcements of military installations in areas adjacent to Cambodian borders and reported violations or threats of violation to Cambodian territory

I. Letters reporting Military build-up and reinforcement of Military installations in South Vietnam along the Cambodia-South Vietnam borders.

(i) Letter No. 61-DGP/X dated the 6th February, 1957.

The Royal Government brought to the Commission's notice the creation of military posts by the armed forces of the Republic of Vietnam at about 100 metres from the Cambodia-Vietnam borders, i.e. 1,200 metres from the bridge of Smach Khum Krek (province of Kompong Cham) and construction of straw roofing by 300 men of the Regular Vietnam Army under the command of a Lieutenant. The Royal Government stated that the intentions of these military men were not known, but that it was apprehensive about the occurrence of incidents in view of the fact that these posts had been set up in the proximity of the Cambodian borders.

The Commission agreed to acknowledge the receipt of the letter and to forward copies of the correspondence to the International Commission for Supervision and Control in Vietnam for their information and comments, if any. The Vietnam Commission sent a copy of the letter to the Government of the Republic of Vietnam for their information.

(ii) Letter No. 69/DGP/X dated the 12th February, 1957 from the Royal Government of Cambodia.

The Royal Government stated that according to information received from the Governor of Kampot, Vietnamese reinforcements had been sent to the post of Giang Thanh situated in front of the administrative post of Tonhon. The Royal Government said that the numerical strength of the Vietnamese Army stationed in various border posts would be about a Battalion, each border post being commanded by a 2nd Lieutenant under the direct control of a Captain assisted by a Lieutenant and two second Lieutenants; the Command Post was at Giang-Thanh. The object of these measures was not known to the Royal Government.

The Commission agreed that receipt of the letter should be formally acknowledged and copies of the communications sent to the International Commission for Supervision and Control in Vietnam.

The Vietnam Commission sent a copy of the letter to the Government of the Republic of Vietnam for their information.

(iii) Letter No. 109/DGP/X, dated the 27th February, 1957.

The Royal Government in this letter informed the Commission that Vietnamese military authorities were reported to have recruited coolies for digging trenches and building defensive posts near the post located on the border of Prek-Chak (Kampong-Trach, Province of Kampot) on the 15th January, 1957 and that a patrol consisting of Tonkinese or Central Vietnamese about 100 strong prohibited the inhabitants of Cambodian territory from drawing water at Kas-Chanlos pagoda in South Vietnam.

The Commission decided that the letter be formally acknowledged and that a copy of the communication be sent to the International Commission for Supervision and Control in Vietnam for information and comments, if any.