

whenever there is an important road or river convoy bringing stores to Phnom Penh, the team obtains prior notice of the arrival of the convoys. The team then proceeds to the place specified and supervises the unloading of the convoy. The procedure is working satisfactorily. During the quarter under review, only small quantities of arms, vehicles, ammunition of various categories, some signal stores and a small quantity of barbed wire has been received. Most of the equipment and stores received were of French origin and only a few were of U.S.A. manufacture.

37. The other teams which are concerned with the entry of war material into Cambodia are the teams at Svay Rieng, Kratie and Stung Treng. The team at Svay Rieng checks the border between South Vietnam and Cambodia and also watches the traffic by road and river from Saigon to Phnom Penh. The team at Kratie supervises the French Up and Down convoys from Saigon to Laos during their transit through Cambodian territory. It has not been possible for the French authorities who operate these convoys to give any prior notice of their entry into Cambodian territory owing to the administrative difficulties involved. As soon as a convoy reaches the staging post at Kratie, the Convoy Commander informs the team which then checks the convoy against the manifests held by the Convoy Commander. The team at Stung Treng carries out very much the same procedure at Stung Treng in North Cambodia as the team at Kratie. The checking at Stung Treng is a sort of cross check to ensure that no war material is left surreptitiously in Cambodian territory by the French convoys during their transit through Cambodia. This procedure is working well so far.

38. In order to tighten up further the check on the war material in transit through Cambodia on its way to Laos, the team at Stung Treng has been instructed to establish close liaison with the Laos Commission team stationed at Pakse in South Laos. The two teams will receive information from each other on the convoys passing their posts and will thus be able to cross-check the manifests.

39. Occasionally, the Fixed Team at Tan Chau belonging to the Viet-Nam Commission sends us prior information regarding the river convoys destined for Cambodia. This information has been found to be of great value in the cross-checking of information supplied to this Commission by the Royal Government of Cambodia.

40. There is only one large-sized aerodrome in Cambodia, i.e. at Phnom-Penh. The Fixed Team at Phnom-Penh regularly visits the aerodrome to see if any war material comes into Cambodia by air. Reports so far have always been nil.

41. In the matter of the establishment of bases and the conclusion of foreign military alliances, the International Commission has again nothing to report in the period under review.