

APPENDIX 'E'INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SUPERVISION  
AND CONTROL IN CAMBODIA

Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting held on  
Thursday, the 9th May, 1957 at 12.00 hours.

**PRESENT:**

Major General Chand N. Das, Chairman, India  
Mr. L.H. LaVigne, Acting Commissioner, Canada  
Mr. Gustaw Alaf Bolkowiak, Commissioner, Poland.

The Chairman stated that this meeting was convened in accordance with the decision taken at the meeting held on 8th May, 1957 to consider the report of the ad hoc team regarding preliminary investigation into the border incident at BATHU, reported by the Royal Government on Saturday the 4th May, 1957. Since the report has been received by the Commissioners, he would like this to be considered and suitable action taken.

The Canadian Commissioner stated as follows:-

"Mr. Chairman: You and my Polish colleague will recall that at the informal meeting held on the evening of the 4th May to deal with a message received from the Royal Government concerning the report of an incident in the Svay Rieng area, I expressed my concern regarding Canadian Delegation participating in any enquiry. I agreed to send a Canadian representative for the following reasons:-

- (a) There was uncertainty regarding the identity of the invaders.
- (b) It was possible that they were Viet Minh directed or inspired, or members of sects or bandits.
- (c) In the absence of more details, the incident could not be prejudged.

Accordingly I agreed that my Military Adviser could proceed to the scene of the incident as a member of an ad hoc team together with the Indian and Polish Military Advisers, to participate in a preliminary investigation only, without prejudice to the Canadian Delegation's views on Commission's competence regarding Border Incidents.

"The report which has now been submitted by the ad hoc team makes it clear that the incursion was carried out by regular troops of South Vietnamese Army. In the view of the Canadian Delegation the Commission is not competent, in accordance with the terms of the Cease-Fire Agreement for Cambodia, to take any further action regarding this incident as it is not within the terms of reference of the Agreement."

The Polish Commissioner stated: