

ORGANIZATION OF WORK

A P P E N D I X 'D'

3. The Team should work in close cooperation with its Chairman. The Chairman may request secretarial assistance from the members of the Team. The official languages will be French and English. All unanimous reports and communications to be International Commission will be sent in English, but in case of disagreement, reports may be sent in English or French. Communications to the Commanders of the French or Laotian Forces or the Vietnamese People's Volunteers and "Pathet Lao" or to civilian officials should be sent in English along with an unofficial French translation. Members may communicate to their national representatives on the International Commission, if necessary, in their own language and in their own ciphers. The Indian member will be responsible for providing the channel of communication of messages to the International Commission. Normal means of communication will be signals provided by the Indian Delegation. In dealing with the Parties, the principal spokesman for the Team will be the senior Indian member. All work of the Team will be strictly confidential. The Team must not issue any press or radio communique, or hold any press conference.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- (a) Each Fixed Team will be allotted the area within which it will operate. It will be given a map indicating its area of responsibility. Within this area of operation the responsibilities and functions of each Team will include:-
- (a) investigating any reported incidents or complaints, whether civil or military, which may appear to be in violation of the terms of the Geneva Agreement.
  - (b) supervising and investigating movements and transfers of the military forces, installations, supplies and equipment of the two parties in accordance with the transfer plans, as well as the provisional assembly areas of both the Franco-Laotian and Vietnamese People's Volunteers/Pathet Lao Forces, keeping in view the safe disposition of the forces;
  - (c) supervising at ports, airfields and all places of entry on the river and land routes along the frontiers of Laos the implementation of the provisions regulating the introduction into Laos of military personnel and war materials assembled or in parts;
  - (d) supervising the implementation of the clauses of the Agreement on the cessation of hostilities relating to the rotation of personnel and to supplies for French Union Security Forces maintained in its area;
  - (e) controlling the release of prisoners of war and civilian internees;

Note: - PWV/PL claim to have released 1079 Prisoners of War before cease-fire from April to July 1953 and 61 Political Internees from November 1953 to July 1954.