

10. To check on the report that five Viet Minh battalions were concentrated in the Siempoy area in Laos, the Teams of the Cambodian Commission flew over that area by helicopter on three different occasions between August 25 and August 31, 1955. The ICSC Team at Pakse in Laos also flew over the area twice. In this aerial reconnaissance, none of the Teams saw anything significant, either by way of troops or barracks. The International Commission in Laos, however, has informed us that any investigation on the ground in Siempoy is not possible as Siempoy cannot be reached either by air or by road."

51. The above findings, together with the relevant documents, were also communicated to the Democratic Republic of Vietnam for its information and comments.

52. The Commission is happy to record that no further incidents have taken place in the Voounai region since 17 August, 1955.

6. The evidence indicates that small bands of different hostile elements with some semblance of uniformity in dress and armed with machine guns, mortars and rifles have been seen in the villages located in the province of Stung-Treng, north of Voounai, near the Laotian border, during the past three months. Part of the activity of these bands consists of spreading propaganda. According to eye-witnesses who fought against the Viet Minh during the hostilities, these bands include some old Viet Minh elements who are said to have remained behind in the inaccessible areas of Stung-Treng Province after the Cease-Fire.

7. There is some evidence that Syda, a Cambodian, who was once a member of the KRF, and who served on the Joint Commission Group and subsequently disappeared without reliving and two of his associates named Ples-Toun, a Cambodian of Laotian origin, and Thuc, allegedly the Viet Minh area organizer, all of whom are hostile to the Cambodian Government, are operating in the villages in Stung-Treng in the area north of Voounai and are spreading propaganda against the Royal Government of Cambodia. These individuals are said to have organized a band of sympathizers with a strength variously estimated between 178 and 400 and are creating disturbances in the area.

8. There was no attack during the night 20/21 August, 1955, and the team did not notice any excitement in Voounai on the two nights of 23/24 and 24/25 August, 1955, which the team spent at Voounai. The Mobile Team at Stung-Treng visited Voounai and Stung Treng again on 28 and 30 August, 1955, and found all quiet.

9. There is no evidence to show that the armed bands in the region, or the attackers of Voounai, were regular units of the Viet Minh forces.