

CHAPTER III

REPORTED MILITARY INSTALLATIONS AND REINFORCEMENTS IN AREAS
ADJACENT TO CAMBODIAN BORDERS AND REPORTED VIOLATIONS OR
THREATS OF VIOLATIONS OF CAMBODIAN TERRITORY.

During the period under review, the Commission did not receive any report from the Royal Government regarding military installations, reinforcements of troops, violations or threats of violations of Cambodian territory by forces of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam.

2. However, the Commission received several letters from the Royal Government containing reports about the build-up of military forces and reinforcements of military installations in South Vietnam and in Thailand along the Cambodian borders as well as of violations or threats of violations of Cambodian territory. The letters are summarised in Appendix 'B'.

Reported military build-up and reinforcements of military
installations in South Vietnam near the Cambodian border

3. The Commission received six letters from the Royal Government reporting to the Commission about the installation of military bases, construction of air-fields, reinforcements of troops, etc., in South Vietnam near the borders of Cambodia. In all cases the Commission decided to send copies of these letters to the Vietnam Commission either for information or for such action as might be considered necessary by them.

Reported violations or threat of violations of
Cambodian territory by South Vietnamese elements

4. The Commission received 22 letters from the Royal Government reporting violations or threats of violations of Cambodian territory by elements of the armed forces of the Republic of Vietnam. Except in four cases, on which the Royal Government addressed the Commission direct, in all other cases the Royal Government forwarded copies of the communications addressed by them to the Representative of the Republic of Vietnam in Phnom Penh. These letters and the Commission's decisions in each case are summarised at Appendix 'B'.

5. One of the incidents reported by the Royal Government which related to the violation of Cambodian territory and the displacement of a frontier stone from its original place into Cambodian territory by armed forces of the Republic of Vietnam in the province of STUNG TRENG in June, 1958 was the subject of prolonged discussion by the Commission. Full details of this case can be seen at Part II of Appendix 'B'. This case also involved the escape into Cambodia of 90 refugees claiming to be Vietminhs. On the question of sending a team to investigate the incident of violation of Cambodian territory, the Canadian Delegation felt that it was beyond the competence of the Commission to investigate border disputes between Cambodia and the Republic of Vietnam as well as any violations of Cambodian frontiers by the armed forces of the Republic of Vietnam. The Commission, however, decided by a majority vote to send an ad hoc team for investigation. The Canadian Delegation desired time to consult their Government before implementing the majority decision. As, however, instructions were reportedly not received