

The Team should work in close cooperation with its Chairman. Its Chairman, its members and its secretaries 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 Commission should be sent in English along with an unofficial French translation. Members must not issue any press or radio communique, or hold any press conference.

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FOR SUPERVISION AND CONTROL IN LAOS

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE OF FIXED TEAMS

INTRODUCTION

1. The Fixed Teams are the agents of the International Commission under whose direction they function and to whom they are responsible. They are the means, in their particular areas or on their assignments, by which the International Commission fulfils its responsibilities for control, observation, inspection and investigation connected with the implementation of the provisions of the Geneva Agreement.

GENERAL

2. (a) Each Team will normally consist of two members from each country. The senior member will be the representative of the country and the other will be an alternate member. As in the International Commission, the senior member from India will be the Chairman. An alternate member will not vote unless the other member is not present. He may, however, give his opinion at any meeting. The Team is not legally constituted if any one of the three countries is not represented.

(b) Any disagreement about interpretation of the responsibilities of the Team under the Geneva Agreement or under these Instructions, should be referred to the International Commission for clarification or instruction. However, such referral should not delay the investigation or enquiry if the majority decides that the matter is urgent. The Team should cooperate, and it is desirable that its reports should be unanimous. In case of disagreement within the Team about the findings or report of an investigation or enquiry, the dissenting view should be incorporated in a report to the International Commission.

(c) In so far as is practicable, the Team should ensure that one representative of each country remains at the base when the Team moves to carry out an investigation or enquiry away from the locality.

(d) The Team will have the assistance of such personnel as interpreters including those locally recruited, cipher operators, signallers and others as required.