

Up to the time of the compilation of this report, no new war material had been brought into the country with the exception of 4 Fletcher (training) aircraft. The Commission's teams at Svay Rieng, Kratie and Stung Treng are also watching the entry and exit of war material belonging to, or destined for, the French and Laotian armed forces in Laos.

In the matter of establishment of bases and the conclusion of foreign alliances, the International Commission has nothing to report in the period under review.

FIXED AND MOBILE TEAMS

7. These tripartite teams have been stationed at strategic sites throughout Cambodia. There are five fixed teams with six officers each at Svay Rieng, Kampot, Kompong Cham, Kratie and Phnom Penh. There are four mobile teams, two at Battambang, one at Kompong Chhnang and at Stung Treng. All these teams are visited at regular intervals by a liaison mission from the International Commission's Headquarters and from time to time the members of the teams come to the capital. The Commissioners themselves have visited all the team sites except Kompong Chhnang. In these ways, the Commission has been kept informed of what goes on in the provinces. Until the dissolution of the Joint Commission on 20th October, the teams were also in liaison with the joint groups which represented that Commission in various places throughout the land. They supervised in some places the release of prisoners of war and civilian internees and the withdrawal of Vietnamese Military Units from their areas of concentration to the point of embarkation. They have undertaken and continue to undertake on-the-spot investigations at the request of the Commission. In all these ways, they serve as the eyes and ears of the Commission throughout Cambodia.

CONCLUSIONS

8. The work of the International Commission in Cambodia was facilitated by the system adopted from the beginning of having frequent liaison meetings with the Joint Commission at a place called Banam, half way between Svay Rieng, where the Headquarters of the Joint Commission were located, and Phnom Penh. There were seven such meetings between 27th August and 19th October, at each of which important points were taken up in order to facilitate the work of the Joint Commission, narrow down the differences between the two sides, allot tasks for completion by specified dates and generally help the two parties to reach agreed decisions. The record of the 7th meeting held on 19th October 1954 is attached as Appendix "B" not only to give an idea of the nature of the proceedings, but also to convey the points of view of the two parties and offer a general impression of the work of the Joint Commission.

9. Also attached, as Appendix "C", are extracts from a letter from Colonel Nguyen Thanh Son, President of the Delegation of the Khmer Resistance Forces and