

from SRABURY were reported to have arrived at Phnom Tor in PRACHIMBURY and that the elements of Thai army stationed at ARANYA were reported to have been sent on the 11th and 13th Feb 57 by road and by train to the place referred to. The letter stated that it was reported that the Thai Armed Forces were concentrated at Phnom Tor with a view to starting a general manoeuvre during the forthcoming dry season. It was also stated that the Thai authorities were reported to have ordered such gathering in expectation of troubles that might arise on the occasion of the next legislative elections which were to take place in Thailand on 26th February 1957. It was further reported that from 16th to 21st February 1957, 400 Thai "Damruots" had carried out a reconnaissance patrol along the Cambodia-Thai border in front of POIPET and that according to secret sources this patrol was reported to have hidden arms along the frontier.

The Commission decided to acknowledge receipt of the letter.

(vi) Letter No. 126/DGP/X dated 13-3-57 from Royal Government

The Royal Government forwarded for the information of the Commission information received from Siem Reap regarding the presence of 40 Cambodian Issaraks in the village of KAP-CHOEUNG, 60 Cambodian Issaraks in the province of BORIRAM and 50 others in SOREN. It was stated that the Cambodian Ambassador in Bangkok had been requested to verify this information and that the result of such verification would be communicated to the Commission.

The Commission decided to acknowledge receipt of this letter.

(vii) Letter No. 227/DGP/X dated 23-4-57 from Royal Government

The Royal Government, stated that after verification, the presence of 150 Cambodian Issaraks on the places enumerated in the letter at (vi) above was confirmed. The letter also stated that 300 men were driven away from Cambodia as a result of military operations launched recently by the Royal Armed Forces. These Cambodian Issaraks openly criticised the neutral policy of Cambodia and uttered threats against her security.

The Commission decided to acknowledge receipt of this letter.

(viii) Letter No. 193/DGP/X dated 8th April, 1957

The Royal Government informed the Commission that a military camp consisting of 8 straw huts and many others which were under construction was set up in Thai territory, 1500 metres to the South of the Cambodian post of Poipet and that this post at first occupied by Thai military men was now occupied by some five hundred guards who were patrolling along the Khmero-Thai border.

The Commission decided to acknowledge receipt of the letter.