

- (a) that the Vietnamese People's Volunteers/"Pathet Lao" side want 9 months within which the operation of exhumation should be completed, whereas the Franco-Laotian side want it done within 2 months;
- (b) that the Vietnamese People's Volunteers/"Pathet Lao" and the Franco-Laotian sides are not agreed on the regions of responsibility of each Party for the purpose of issue of lists of deceased military personnel and of the places of burial;
- (c) that the Vietnamese People's Volunteers/"Pathet Lao" side consider that it is not within the sphere of responsibility of the Joint Commission in Laos to decide the question of graves of French Union prisoners of war who were captured in Laos but died in prisoners of war camps in Vietnam;
- (d) that the Vietnamese People's Volunteers/"Pathet Lao" side consider that the number of specialists for working on each team should be five, whereas the Franco-Laotian side consider this number too big;
- (e) that the Franco-Laotian side had not agreed to exchanging additional lists from time to time.

182. The parties have now proposed to the International Commission that a Joint meeting be held between the International Commission and the Joint Commission to settle this issue. This proposal is under the consideration of the International Commission and it is hoped to hold such a Joint meeting by the end of January, 1955.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS WORK

183. The Commission's aim in respect of Public Relations Work has been:

- (a) to secure the co-operation of the two Parties in publicising the terms of the Geneva Agreement;
- (b) to impress on the Parties the need to refrain from indulging in adverse propoganda, in public, against each other, which might accentuate differences and hamper the implementation of the Agreement;
- (c) to utilise the limited information and publicity channels available to create among the public in Laos and abroad an outlook of appreciation of the problems and tasks which the Parties and the Commission face and to ensure a climate of confidence, trust and understanding amongst the Parties in the work of the Commission.

Joint Meeting to decide issue

Aim and Method