

APPENDIX "C"INSTRUCTION TO TEAMS IN CONNECTION WITH THE
ELECTIONS DUE TO TAKE PLACE ON 11TH SEPTEMBER, 1955

1. The general elections to be held in Cambodia have been announced for Sunday, 11 September 1955. The object of this Instruction is to define the responsibility of the Inspection Teams with regard to the elections.

2. The Royal Government of Cambodia affirmed at Geneva that -

"all Cambodian citizens may freely participate as electors or candidates in general elections by secret ballot."

This declaration was incorporated in Article 6 of the Geneva Agreement in relation to the rights of the former members of the Khmer Resistance Forces.

3. The International Commission for Supervision and Control in Cambodia has no direct responsibility for the running of the elections, nor is the Commission concerned with their supervision in any executive capacity. Elections will be conducted by the Royal Government according to the Cambodian Constitution. The Commission has, however, a responsibility to see that former members of the KRF are allowed to participate fully as electors or candidates. Questions of their inclusion in the electoral rolls, arrests during the electoral period etc are likely to arise.

4. To enable the Commission to arrive at the fairest possible assessment of the elections and the pre-election campaign in its relation to its tasks as defined in Article 6, it is imperative that reports from Teams are comprehensive and cover as wide an area as possible.

5. Some preliminary instructions on this subject have already been issued to the Teams by the Deputy Secretary General (Records) and a weekly report asked for. Teams must go out more into their areas to collect information. Teams will continue to submit weekly reports to the DSG (Records).

6. Team responsibility for watching the elections in the various Provinces is given below:

- (a) Fixed Team, Phnom Penh : Kandal and Kompong Speu.
- (b) Fixed Team, Svay Rieng : Svay Rieng and Prey Veng.
- (c) Fixed Team, Kompong Cham: Kompong Cham and Kompong Thom.
- (d) Fixed Team, Kampot : Kampot and Tokeo.

These Teams will operate in splinter groups and a minimum of two visits per week must be paid to the outlying provincial headquarters town and as many outlying Sroks in the provinces as possible visited.

- (e) Mobile Team, Battambang : Battambang..
- (f) Mobile Team, Siem Reap : Siem Reap.