

which on many occasions had shown the same desire would not fail to prevent the recurrence of incidents of this kind, which endangered the friendly relations existing between the two countries.

The Commission decided to note the petition and to acknowledge receipt thereof.

- (iv) Letter No. 342/DGP/X dated the 7th June, 1957 from the Royal Government of Cambodia.

The Royal Government with the above letter forwarded a copy of letter No. 341/DGP/X dated the 7th June, 1957, addressed to the Royal Thai Embassy in Phnom Penh informing it that on 15th April 1957, five military trucks carried Thai Damruots to Preah Vihear, where the latter for three days practised rifle and gun firing, some time for as long as 18 to 20 hours. The Royal Government expressed its regret that it should be necessary to record another incident of this kind when the talks with the Royal Government of Thailand for a friendly settlement of the Preah Vihear question had been already started.

The Commission decided to note the letter and to acknowledge receipt thereof.

- (v) (a) Letter No. 722/DGP/X dated the 26th November, 1957 from the Royal Government of Cambodia.

The above letter was sent directly to the Royal Thai Embassy, a copy being forwarded to the Commission. It informed the Thai Embassy of two acts of violation of Cambodian territorial waters committed by Thai authorities on the 19th June 1957 when two groups of Thais, accompanied by some Americans on board a motor launch, carried out a hydrographical survey in Cambodian territorial waters. The Royal Government protested strongly against the violations of its territorial waters and requested the Thai Government to issue necessary instructions with a view to preventing the recurrence of such incidents.

- (v) (b) Letter No. 721/DGP/X dated the 26th November, 1957

The Royal Government forwarded to the Commission for information a copy of note addressed to the United States Embassy at Phnom Penh, drawing attention to the two acts of violation of Cambodian territorial waters which formed the subject of the letter cited above. The letter stated that the facts were being brought to the notice of the U.S. Embassy in the hope that American citizens would be prevented from participating in trips which were viewed with disfavour by the Royal Government and might entail difficulties in case of intervention by Cambodian Security Forces.

The Commission decided to note both the above letters and acknowledge receipt of them to the Royal Government.