

(e) Whether any attackers were captured or killed when the Provincial Guards delivered a counter-attack?

44. The Special Team arrived at Stung Treng on 22nd August, 1955, and proceeded to Voeunsai the next day arriving there late at night after a gruelling road journey of over twelve hours. The Royal Government of Cambodia and the local authorities at Stung Treng were most cooperative in making all necessary arrangements for the team's visit to Voeunsai. A special aircraft and a helicopter were placed at the team's disposal and these were of great use in carrying out reconnaissance of the border area and the Siempoy region.

45. In the meantime, a request was made to the ICSC in Laos and they were asked to investigate the alleged presence of five battalions of regular Viet Minh troops said to be concentrated at Siempoy in Southern Laos.

46. Our Mobile Team at Stung Treng was also ordered to work with the Special Team and also liaise with the Team from Pakse which was to reconnoiter the Siempoy area in Laos, so that the investigation would be as thorough as possible.

47. The Special Team stayed two days at Voeunsai during which it examined nine witnesses and twice flew over the Cambodian-Laotian border. A summary of the case and the Team's observations are attached as Appendix "F".

48. The Pakse Team twice flew in a helicopter over the Siempoy area but they were unable to land owing to trees and lack of suitable landing space near the village of Siempoy. They confirmed, however, that from their air reconnaissance over Siempoy, they could not see any troops in the area.

49. The Stung-Treng Team visited Voeunsai on 28 and 30 August, 1955, and examined four more witnesses. A summary of their investigation and the Team's observations are attached as Appendix "G".

50. When the teams had reported back, the Commission held an extraordinary meeting and after a long and careful deliberation communicated the following findings to the Royal Government of Cambodia on 8th September, 1955, in reply to their letter of 20th August, 1955:-

1. During the night of 5/6 August, 1955, hostile activity in the form of rifle fire, of an undetermined volume, took place against the Salasrok at Voeunsai in the province of Stung-Treng. Again, during the nights of 14/15 and 16/17 August, 1955, hostile activity in the form of rifle fire of an undetermined volume took place against the military post and the Salasrok at Voeunsai in the province of Stung-Treng. The guards of the Salasrok and the military post returned the fire but did not follow up the hostile elements.

2. There were no casualties suffered by the Royal Government forces or the civilian population of Voeunsai in the attacks on the