

Vietnamese (80% of the total strength) and Cambodians, was equipped with powerful arms and was said to be commanded by two unsundered Khmer-Viet Minh chiefs; it was stated to have for its purpose the protection of a Thai citizen by name MOPHIT residing at ARANYA (Thailand) who was practising clandestine forest exploitation in the Cambodian territory. The letter stated that the presence of this band in Cambodian territory was a violation of the Geneva Agreement and constituted a threat against the security of the Kingdom and that the Cambodian army would take immediate measures of repression if the band persisted on attempting to settle down in the region.

The Commission considered the letter and came to conclusion that the presence of the band was not a violation of the Geneva Agreement and that it was for the Royal Government to take whatever action they deemed necessary to deal with the band. Receipt of the letter was acknowledged to the Royal Government.

(ii) Letter No.63/DGP/X dated 6.2.57

It was stated that according to information gathered and cross-checked by the National Police from travellers coming from Thailand, the Thai Army was reported to have laid out a route leading to the village of ANGLONG-VENG situated on the Cambodian-Thai border north of Siem Reap. It was stated that this information appeared to confirm the information received from another source according to which Thai military men were reported to have been given to understand that within two months they would invade the bordering area of Cambodia.

Receipt of the letter was acknowledged. (iii)

(iii) Letter No.66/DGP/X dated 8-2-57 from the Royal Government

It was stated that a large band of Issarak consisting of Cambodians, Thais and Americans was reported to have installed itself at DAN in Thai territory, north of PHNOM DANGREK near Phum ROLEAY; the band was reported to be intending to seize the province of Siem Reap within a short time.

The Commission decided that the letter be formally acknowledged.

(iv) Letter No.104/DGP/X dated 27-2-57 from the Royal Government

The Royal Government informed the Commission that the Thai post of BENG CHHNANG on the border of Khum KAMRIENG had been strengthened with new buildings and new reinforcements.

The Commission decided that the letter be formally acknowledged.

(v) Letter No.125/DGP/X dated 13-3-57 from Royal Government

The Royal Government transmitted information received from the Royal Delegate of Battambang to the effect that on the night of 10th-11th Feb 57 units of Thai armoured corps consisting of 37 heavy tanks, coming