

APPENDIX 'A'CASES REPORTED TO THE COMMISSION REGARDING
FORMER MEMBERS OF THE KHMER RESISTANCE FORCEI. Cases Reported to the Commission During
the Period covered by the Fifth ReportA. Cases Closed During 1957.

(i) In May 1956 the Commission received a petition (dated 10-5-56) concerning the alleged murder in the village of Phum Sre Trapeang in the Province of Kompong Speu of two men MEN SON and PROUM LAO, former members of the KRF. The petition also alleged that repressive measures had been taken by the local Mekhum against former members of the KRF. The Mobile Team investigating the petition established that the murders took place in October 1955 and that it was suspected they had been directed by the local Mekhum, CHEAP HOUT, and committed by six other persons. The Team also ascertained that the Mekhum had carried out repressive measures against former members of the KRF. This information was communicated to the Royal Government which in January 1957 informed the Commission that the persons concerned including the Mekhum had been arrested and that the case would be tried in March 1957. In September 1957 the Commission was informed by the Royal Government that KHAT HANG, one of the original six suspected of committing the murders had been sentenced to life imprisonment with hard labour. The Commission considered that the Royal Government had taken suitable action against those responsible for the harassment and murder of the two men and the case was closed.

(ii) In July 1956 the Commission received a petition which stated that two former members of the KRF, KHIM KHUON and NGET BIN had been arrested in June 1954 by the Provincial Police of Kampot. Following enquiries, the Royal Government informed the Commission that the persons had each been sentenced to twenty years imprisonment for wilful homicide. Late in 1956 the Commission was informed that the two men had been granted an amnesty and the petitioners were so informed in 1957.

(iii) A petition dated September 27, 1956 presented by Mrs. SEM, wife of OUNG DAM and 42 residents of PHUN, srok THOM, KHUM NHENG srok TRAM KOH, KHET TAKEO, stated that OUNG DAM had been arrested in August 1956, and sentenced to twenty years imprisonment on a charge of piracy alleged to have been committed during 1952. The petitioners stated that the accusation was baseless and that the accused had been a member of the KRF. On enquiry the Commission was informed by the Royal Government that the accused had been sentenced under common law for theft, wilful homicide and arson. When the Commission enquired whether OUNG DAM had, in fact, been a member of the KRF and if the crime had been committed as an act of resistance, it was informed by the Royal Government that the accused had not claimed to be an ex-member of the KRF and that the crime for which he was sentenced was in no way connected with the resistance movement. In view of this information the Commission decided that the case should be closed.

(iv) A petition dated September 6, 1956 by Mrs. OUK SANG stated that her husband Mr. OUK MIECH, an ex-member of the KRF had been arrested in August 1956, along with four others on a charge of piracy and murder. The Commission was informed by the Royal Government that the accused had been liberated on December 28, 1956 under the amnesty instituted under the Geneva Agreement.