The Vietnamese People's Volunteers/"Pathet Lao" no clashes between the two Parties on the routes of withdrawal, nor were there any major incidents in the Provisional Assembly Areas at the time of evacuation by the forces of either Party. Finally, it is stressed that believe the Commission has had to rely to some extent on the amobient assurances given by the two Parties that they have Jasagimmi completely withdrawn their forces in accordance with the terms of the Geneva Agreement. od bluow jedj rennem jnerellib two Governmenta concerned - the Government of the Democratic

Republic of Vietnam and the Royal Government of Laos. As the matter was a political one, the Vietnante: RE RI B A D

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70. Article 4, para (b) of the Geneva Agreement reads: "The withdrawals of the Vietnamese People's Volunteers from Laos to Vietnam shall be effected by soup and provinces. The position of those volunteers who were provinces. The position of the hostilities shall form the date of the hostilities shall be dated by the date of the hostilities shall be dated by the hostilities shall be date settled in Laos bold convention."

Letter to the Parties

The Chief of the Vietnamese People's Volunteers of "Pathet Lao" Delegation made the following declaration:

The Chief of the Vietnamese People's Volunteers of "Pathet Lao" Delegation and the following declaration: 71. The International Commission in its letter of 30th August to the Heads of the Franco-Laotian and Vietnamese People's Volunteers/"Pathet Lao" Delegations total requested that the subject of the special convention be and ov given a high priority and that the convention be drawn a vond up as early as possible in view of the fact that the jes eved Withdrawal and transfer of the Peoples Volunteers of Josephs Vietnam were to be completed within 120 days from the research day on which the Cease Fire Agreement entered into force. It requested further that the special convention take 1910 to into account, not only the Vietnamese who were settled starled in Laos and now belonged to the Vietnamese People's wyd Jaem Volunteers but also similar Vietnamese who might be resimple V serving in the "Pathet Lao" and French Union Forces. The Vietnamese who were not defined by the convention as having the right to settle in Laos should then be transferred to the Assembly Areas set apart for foreign forces. AS a ret

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72. The points of view of both sides were Presented at the session of the International Commission with the Joint Commission on 29th and 30th September, 1954.

73. The Franco-Laotian Party represented that it had presented the other Party with a rough draft for such a convention and was anxious for its conclusion because it was essential to the realisation not only of the disengagement of the forces of the Vietnamese People's Volunteers from those of "Pathet Lao" (Article 12) but also to the withdrawal and transfer of the Vietnamese People's Volunteers. The Franco-Lactian side promised to submit another draft after consulting the Royal Government, both to the International Commission and to the other party who France Lactian Polarities however declared ment, both to the International Commission and to the Calculary. The Franco-Laotian Delegation, however, declared that should the convention not be signed by the date by which the forces of the Vietnamese People's Volunteers were to leave Laos, the Royal Government had decided that no exception would be made with respect to those individuals who were settled in Laos before the hostilities and were who were settled in Laos before the hostilities and were who joined the "Pathet Lao" forces, of Vietnamese nationality. those to be withdrawn from Laos before 19th November,