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We request Your Excellency kindly to find here-  
 with a copy of the Geneva Agreement and the Geneva  
 Commission and the Co-Chairmen of the Geneva Conference as  
 soon as the arrangements for the Geneva Conference are  
 fully finalized.

Very Urgent Letter No. Nil dated 29th December 1956.

From: H.H. Prince Souvanna Phouma  
 Prime Minister of the Royal Government of Laos,  
 H.H. Prince Souphanouvong  
 Representative of the Pathet Lao Forces.

To: H.E. Ambassador Samari Sen,  
 Chairman of the International Commission for  
 Supervision and Control in Laos  
 Vientiane.

"Excellency,

We have the honour and the pleasure to inform  
 Your Excellency and the International Commission for  
 Supervision and Control in Laos that following the  
 exchange of views, we have had since the 7 November 1956,  
 we signed on 28 December 1956, a joint communique stating  
 on the one hand the principles of the formation of a  
 coalition government before the general supplementary  
 elections are held and, on the other, the principles  
 for the settlement of the preceding questions.

The signing of this joint communique constitutes  
 an important step in the working in sincere cooperation  
 between the Royal Laotian Government and the Pathet Lao  
 Forces, with a view to reaching quickly the final settle-  
 ment of the Laotian problem in conformity with the Geneva  
 Agreement.

The signing of this joint communique has been  
 made possible, thanks to the relaxed and reconciliatory  
 atmosphere which went on increasing since the signing of  
 the Joint Declaration of August 1956; thanks to the spirit  
 of concession of both the Parties which only take into  
 consideration the interests of the Fatherland and the  
 people; thanks to the spirit of understanding and the  
 support of the Members of the National Assembly and of  
 all the Laotian people.

Besides, the signature of this communique has  
 been facilitated by the attentive interest the International  
 Commission has taken in the settlement of the Laotian  
 problem, interest which in particular is proved by the  
 opportune and correct report addressed to the Co-Chairmen  
 of the Geneva Conference a copy of which has been forwarded  
 to us by letter No. PS(1) 101/135(449)56 dated 23 November  
 1956. Moreover, the International Commission and specially  
 Your Excellency, did not spare their efforts to help the  
 happy success of our talks. The results thus reached  
 contribute in a good measure to the strengthening of  
 peace in the Laotian Kingdom, in South-East Asia and in  
 the world.

We, therefore, avail ourselves of this opportunity  
 to forward personally to the International Commission and to  
 Your Excellency our most sincere thanks as well as those of  
 the whole Laotian people.