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(x) Letter No.253/DGP/X dated the 2nd May, 1957

The Royal Government forwarded a copy of their letter No.252/DGP/X dated the 2nd May, 1957, addressed to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of the Government of Republic of Vietnam, whose attention was drawn to the following:--

On the 20th November, 1956, two fighters of the Khmer Royal Army were attacked without any warning by a patrol consisting of four men from the Vietnamese Army, while the former were taking their meals at a house in the Vietnamese territory. One of the Cambodian fighters, Keo Nhar was killed and buried in the Vietnamese territory, the other one, Mam Khoun who was seriously hurt was carried to Tanchau whence he succeeded in escaping to rejoin his post at Koh Rokar on the 18th December, 1956.

Attention was also directed to another incident on the 8th December 1956, where three Vietnamese security agents fired several shots from a distance of 50 meters from the Cambodian National Police Station of Bavet (Svey Rieng). The letter stated that the Vietnamese military agents, asked about the reasons for the behaviour, pretended that they were pursuing one Tam Lien, an evil-doer. The Chief of the National Police of Bavet released the authors of the trouble. The letter drew attention to the contrast in treatment meted out to the Cambodians by the Vietnamese military men and that accorded to the Vietnamese by the Cambodian police, and observed that the incident of the 20th November 1956, defied the principles of humanity. The Royal Government expressed apprehension that the good relations existing between the two countries would in the long run be affected by the recurrence of such incidents.

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(xi) On the 4th May, 1957, at about 1900 hrs, an Officer of the Royal Government of Cambodia, brought a message from the President of the Council of Ministers of Cambodia to the Chairman of the International Commission for Supervision and Control in Cambodia to the effect that the Royal Government had received information from their Governor at Svay Rieng that on the 2nd May, 1957, Vietnamese Armed personnel numbering about 60 had crossed into the Cambodian territory and had pillaged the village of SAM Rong near Bathu approximately 4 km from the Cambodian territory looting property and injuring people by the use of fire arms and other lethal weapons. As a result of resistance put up by the villagers and with the help of Cambodian military personnel of the Bathu border post, one of the raiders was killed and seven including one Officer, taken as prisoner. One Cambodian was injured. The Prime Minister desired the Commission to send its representatives to verify the facts on the spot and to interrogate the prisoners.