

stated that on the 5th February 1956 units of the Vietnamese army had opened fire about a dozen times from Vietnam territory on to Cambodian territory in Prey Veng Province, causing serious damage to villagers and killing one inhabitant. On the 31st March 1956 the then Prime Minister Prince Sihanouk discussed with the Chairman of the Commission several cases which included this border incident, but the Chairman pointed out that the incident referred to took place on 5th February 1956 while it was reported to the Commission on 27th March 1956. It was pointed out that as considerable time had elapsed since the incident took place, the Commission could not do anything at that stage. The letter was, therefore, acknowledged by the Commission. A copy of the letter was sent to the International Commission, Vietnam who replied that they had no comments to offer.

4. The Governor of Svay Rieng informed the Fixed Team of the Commission at Svay Rieng that Vietnamese soldiers had entered Cambodia on the morning of 4th January 1956 and that fighting between Vietnamese and Cambodian troops continued for several hours. The Fixed Team conducted a preliminary investigation. Later, on instructions from the Commission further investigations were conducted by it as a result of which it was found that certain South Vietnamese nationals from dissident sects had crossed Cambodian territory in order to get from one part of South Vietnam to another part. The trespassers were members of what appeared to be a group of CAO DAI, armed Catholics, HOAI HAO and BIN XIEN.. The Commission informed the Royal Government of Cambodia accordingly.

5. (i) A letter dated the 15th May 1956 was received from the