

"The possibility of the Cambodian Government in case of repeated frontiers incidents resorting to dispensation from the obligation under Article 7 with a view to entering into a military alliance with any foreign power for security of its territory cannot be precluded.

"In these circumstances the Commission, due to absence of exact evidence may not be able to verify these incidents and to affirm if really the degree of threatening Cambodia security was such that Cambodia had to ask for military aid from foreign countries in order to assure its security. I think that beside article 7 of the agreement article 13a clearly indicates that among the Commission activities as far of course as the Commission is acting is to see that the frontiers are respected.

"Here is the content of article 13(a) "Control the withdrawal of foreign forces in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement on the cessation of hostilities and see that frontiers are respected."

"Article 21 even fixes the proceedings how to take decisions in case of violation of the country's integrity by foreign forces. It seems to me that the Canadian Delegation understands by the term "foreign armed forces" only the armed forces of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam.

"I think that article 4, chapter 2 of the Agreement clearly defines who should be considered as foreign armed forces. And so Article 4, para (b) unequivocally states that foreign armed forces are: "the combatant formations of all types which have entered the territory of Cambodia from other countries or regions of the peninsula."

"That is to say, that it involves not only the armed forces of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam but also the armed forces of countries neighbouring with Cambodia and situated on the Indo-Chinese peninsula.

"In addition to that, I would like to draw the attention on a characteristic and certainly not a fortuitous facts, that contrarily to agreements on the cessation of hostilities in Laos and in Vietnam, which were signed by TA-QUANG-BUU for the Commander-in-Chief of the Peoples' Army of Vietnam, the agreement on the Cease-Fire in Cambodia was signed by Mr. TA-QUANG-BUU for the Commander-in-Chief of the Vietnamese Military Units.

"This fact seems to refute the arguments of our Canadian colleagues about the question: "in whose name the agreement on the cessation of hostilities has been signed."

"As I have remarked on the beginning, any interpretation of agreement may not be done separately from other documents connected with the Geneva Conference. And so Article 12 of the final declaration signed by the representatives of Cambodia, Democratic Republic of Vietnam, the State of Vietnam, France, Laos, the Peoples' Republic of China, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republic, the United Kingdom and the United States of America, says: "In these relations with Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam each member of the Geneva Conference undertakes to respect the sovereignty, the independence, the unity and the territorial integrity of the above-mentioned States and to refrain from any interference in their internal affairs."