

Extracts from a letter from Colonel NGUYEN THANH SON, President of the Delegation of the Commander-in-Chief of Khmer Resistance Forces and the Commander-in-Chief of the Vietnamese Military Units No. 177/HBK dated Svay Rieng, the 18th October, 1954.

To His Excellency PARTHASARATHI, President of the International Commission of Cambodia.

The work of the Joint Commission will finish on the 20th October 1954. The official mission of our delegation within the Joint Commission will also, therefore, terminate.

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On this occasion, we would like first of all on behalf of the Delegation and ourselves to offer our sincere and respectful thanks to the International Commission and in particular to His Excellency the Ambassador for India, Chairman of the Commission, as well as to the members of all the organs of the Commission for the aid which we have always received, and for the far sighted recommendations that we have always obtained on delicate questions. According to reports from our representatives on the various Joint Groups established in the provinces of Cambodia, the high consciousness of the mission of peace control and impartiality of all the members of the International Organisations have facilitated the implementation of the agreement on the cessation of hostilities and helped in consolidating the atmosphere of good understanding and cordiality between the two parties.

All the combatants of the Vietnamese Military Units have been able to realise for themselves in the course of their withdrawal the great attention and assistance that the members and officers of the International Commission and the International Teams have given them.

The Vietnamese Military Units in Cambodia belonging to the popular army of Viet-Nam will never forget the gesture of the International officers who looked after their injured comrades at the centre of Takhmau, they particularly noticed as a moving sign of noble sentiments of peace and cordiality the gesture of the officer of the Indian Army who one night offered to carry the baggages of wounded Vietnamese soldier.

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We offer to His Excellency PARTHASARATHI, Chairman of the International Commission, and to their Excellencies the Ambassadors of Canada and Poland, as well as to all the officers and personnel of all the