

authorities. The Royal Government requested that orders be issued to return the confiscated property and to prevent recurrence of such acts which impaired the good relations existing between the two countries.

The Commission acknowledged receipt of the letter and forwarded copies to the Vietnam Commission for information and comments, if any.

The Vietnam Commission acknowledged receipt of this letter.

(xx) Letter No. 749/DGP/X dated the 9th December, 1957

The Royal Government with the above letter sent to the Commission for information, forwarded a copy of their Verbal Note No. 741/DGP/X dated the 7th December, 1957, addressed to the Office of the Representative of the Republic of Vietnam drawing attention to violations of Cambodian territory committed in Bavet area (province of Svay Rieng) by agents of the Vietnamese Public Force. It was stated in the letter that on the 21st November 1957, a patrol consisting of FARVN military men armed with rifles and grenades after having chased some Vietnamese smugglers into Cambodian territory over a distance of over 600 meters arrested them and brought them to Vietnam. On the night of 23rd November 1957, Vietnamese Police Agents were stated to have chased the smugglers up to the same spot and to have been driven back by a patrol of Cambodian Provincial Guards.

The Commission acknowledged receipt of the letter and forwarded copies of the correspondence to the Vietnam Commission for information and comments, if any.

(xxi) Letter No. 759/DGP/X dated the 12th December, 1957 from the Royal Government of Cambodia.

The Royal Government with the above letter sent to the Commission for its information, forwarded a copy of their Note of Protest No. 752/DGP/X dated the 11th December 1957, addressed to the Office of the Representative of the Republic of Vietnam in Phnom Penh informing it of two cases of violation of Cambodian territory by Vietnam military and policemen near Svay Rieng. It was stated in the letter that on the 26th November 1957, armed Vietnamese soldiers crossed the demarcation line into Cambodian territory and returned to Vietnam without causing other incidents. It was also stated that on 27th November 1957 Vietnamese policemen violated Cambodian territory and spread panic among peaceful Cambodian fishermen, who were attending to their work and that eight inhabitants of Khum Bavet who were fishing at about 100 meters from the demarcation line were chased by 30 Vietnamese policemen and soldiers; it was pointed out that this incident actually occurred soon after a Cambodian patrol had passed through that place and that nobody could anticipate what would have happened had this patrol unexpectedly encountered the Vietnamese policemen and soldiers who were busy chasing the Cambodian fishermen. The letter expressed the hope that the Government of the Republic of Vietnam would take strict measures so as to prevent the recurrence of such incidents which could have serious and unexpected consequences prejudicial to the existing good relations between the two countries.

The Commission acknowledged receipt of the letter and sent copies of the correspondence to the Vietnam Commission for information and comments, if any.