

129. It is obvious that the only authority which can import armaments, munitions and military equipment into Laos is the Royal Government, subject to the provisions of Articles 9 and 10. The right of the French High Command would be limited to rotations of arms and personnel as provided for under Articles 6, 7 and 8.

130. According to Article 9, the "introduction into Laos of armaments, munitions and military equipment of all kinds is prohibited, with the exception of a specified quantity of armaments in categories specified as necessary for defence of Laos."

131. In order to supervise the implementation of this Article, the International Commission has requested the Royal Government to inform the Commission of such specified quantities and categories of armaments to be imported by them. The Royal Government have not, as yet, given these specifications but have promised to do so soon.

132. Immediately after the withdrawals were completed, the French Mission was requested by a letter on the 20th November to supply a detailed break-down of officers and NCOs of the French Military Mission to the Royal Government and the locations where they were to be stationed, as well as the break-down of the 3,500 personnel to be maintained under Article 8 of the Geneva Agreement. The Royal Laotian Government have provided a break-down of officers and NCOs of the French Military Mission. A break-down of the 3,500 personnel at the Seno Base as on 6th November, 1954 was also provided by the Commander of the Seno Base to the International Commission Fixed Team at Savannakhet.

133. The International Commission decided that a satisfactory method should be evolved to enable the International Commission Fixed and Mobile Teams to carry out supervision under Articles 27(c) and (d). For this purpose a meeting of its Military Committee with representatives of the Laotian National Army High Command, the French Liaison Mission and of the Command of the French Base at Seno was held on 20th December, 1954. All the authorities concerned were prepared to give the numbers of the French personnel to be maintained in Laos under Articles 6 and 8 and also to provide facilities for examination of necessary documents, etc. to facilitate check by the International Commission Teams. The French Liaison Mission was also prepared to provide information to facilitate checking of the personnel on the ground, but in this respect they emphasised that this facility would have to take into account the rights of the Royal Government to ensure the security of information regarding its armed forces. Similarly, a procedure for checking the entry of armaments into Laos was discussed.

134. Basing itself on the above, the Military Committee prepared draft instructions laying down the procedure for carrying out the necessary supervision. This is being sent to the Royal Government and the French High Command for their agreement.

Authority to Import Arms and Ammunition

Specified Quantity & Category

Information requested from Royal Government

Break-down of French Military Personnel

Publicising Resolutions

Method of Supervision discussed

Relevant Articles to Geneva Agreement for rotation of personnel to rotation of personnel in Laos as provided for in Article 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 of the Geneva Agreement.