

The Commission agreed to acknowledge receipt of the letter and to send a copy thereof to the Vietnam Commission for information.

(vi) Letter No.154/DGP/X dated the 22nd March, 1957 from the Royal Government of Cambodia.

With the above letter the Royal Government forwarded a copy of their letter No.155/DGP/X dated the 22nd March, 1957, to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs in Vietnam drawing attention to the following:-

(a) on 30th December, 1956, Vietnamese military men garrisoned at Giang-Thanh opened fire towards the village of Preak Kroeus (Kampot).

(b) on 13th January, 1957, military men of the Bau Goc post fired several shots at a Vietnamese fisherman who was in Cambodian waters and who saved his life by throwing himself into the water.

(c) on the 16th January, 1957, the above-mentioned military men repeatedly fired shots towards the Cambodian territory.

(d) on the 30th January, 1957, elements of Vietnamese Army fired shots towards the Khum of Preak Chrey (Province of Kandal).

In the above letter the Royal Government protested against the deliberate commission of these acts and requested intervention with the competent authority so as to put an end to such deeds which had become very frequent.

The Commission forwarded copies of the correspondence to the Vietnam Commission for that Commission's information. The Royal Government was informed accordingly.

(vii) Letter No.196/DGP/X dated the 8th April, 1957

The Royal Government with the above letter forwarded a copy of their letter No.195/DGP/X dated the 8th April, 1957, addressed to the Secretary of State of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Vietnam, which stated that on the 20th January 1957 about a thousand Vietnamese military personnel stationed near the Cambodia-South Vietnam border to the south of Kompong-Ro (Province of Svay Rieng) opened fire on Cambodian cultivators who were reaping paddy in their rice fields; when they became afraid and ran away they left behind the produce of their crops, one bullock cart, one spade and one jug of water which along with a straw-built shelter were destroyed by the Vietnamese military men. It was also stated in the letter that four Military men from the same unit penetrated into Cambodian territory and cut bamboo.

The Royal Government stated that it was clear that these incidents and violations of frontiers were acts of regular elements of Vietnamese Army and that they hoped that the Government of Republic of Vietnam would not fail to take steps to avoid the recurrence of such incidents.

The Commission forwarded copies of the correspondence to the Vietnam Commission for its information. The Royal Government was informed accordingly.