

APPENDIX 'B'

(iv) Letter No. 142/DGP/X, dated the 18th March, 1957 from the Royal Government of Cambodia

The Royal Government informed the Commission of the reported presence of a Detachment of the Vietnamese Army on the Cambodia-South Vietnam border near Khum Kompong-Chamlang, Province of Svay Rieng. The Royal Government stated that the detachment was about 500 men strong of which two-thirds were Cambodians under the command of a Captain, two Lieutenants and four Second Lieutenants armed with 38 automatic rifles, two mortars, 66 carbines, individual rifles and two radio-sets. The Royal Government stated that according to reports from South Vietnam, the concentration of these military men was for the purpose of launching a "sweeping operation" against the Vietnamese rebels.

The Commission decided to acknowledge receipt of the letter and to send a copy thereof to the Vietnam Commission for information and comments, if any.

(v) Letter No. 152/DGP/X dated the 20th March, 1957.

The Royal Government informed the Commission "for any useful purpose whatsoever" that according to information gathered by the police, the Vietnamese Army had placed four or five cannons pointing towards the Cambodian territory near Hatien market in South Vietnam and that near Khum Beng Sala on the Cambodian-South Vietnamese border, the Vietnamese authorities had built a blockhouse large enough to hold 100 persons and numerous smaller blockhouses.

The Commission decided to acknowledge receipt of the Royal Government's letter and to forward a copy thereof to the International Commission for Supervision and Control in Vietnam for information and comments, if any.

(vi) Letter No. 280/DGP/X, dated the 17th May, 1957.

The Royal Government brought to the notice of the Commission "for any useful purpose whatsoever" that it had been informed by a reliable source that armed forces of the Republic of Vietnam had dug trenches at 8 different places in Vietnamese territory to the north of Veal Boeou airport about 300 kilometres away from the Cambodia-Vietnamese frontier bordering the Province of Kampot.

The Commission acknowledged receipt of this letter and forwarded a copy thereof to the International Commission for Supervision and Control in Vietnam, for information and comments, if any.

(vii) Letter No. 553/DGP/X, dated the 16th September, 1957.

The Royal Government forwarded to the Commission "for any useful purpose whatsoever" a "Statement of facts proving that the Government of South Vietnam has been reinforcing its military dispositions since 1956". A summary is given below:-

(a) Border of Svay Rieng:

Establishment of a large-scale Military post at Long Giang in the Province of Tay-Ninh to lodge 60,000 new recruits.

Establishment of five military posts at Ong Tan, Nga Tu, Trar Pang Bot Chauchean, Xom Ba Sen and Xom Cay Queo and creation of a new village.