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*Le haut-commissaire en Inde
au secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures*
*High Commissioner in India
to Secretary of State for External Affairs*

TELEGRAM 452

New Delhi, June 8, 1961

SECRET. CANADIAN EYES ONLY. OPIMMEDIATE.

Reference: Saigon Tel 137 June 6.

Repeat for Information: London, Washington, Laosdel Geneva, DM/DND, CCOS, CGS
from Ottawa, Saigon from Delhi.

USA AID TO SOUTH VIETNAM

Scott, First Secretary in UK High Commission, called this morning to ask whether we could confirm information received in Washington that USA was planning to send 100 additional MAAG personnel to South Vietnam and in this connection proposed to declare that USA no repeat no longer felt bound to observe certain articles of CFA Vietnam. He mentioned Articles 6, 17 and 27. Scott said that London was disturbed because it seemed USA was making great fuss about introducing a relatively small number of people and suspicion had been aroused that USA was in fact planning a much larger operation. He added that UK had suggested to USA that timing of any such declaration as they appeared to contemplate was singularly inopportune. It was his understanding that Americans had agreed to delay action for time being.

2. Because of classification of reference telegram we were not repeat not completely frank with Scott. We told him that we had heard something about American intentions with respect to MAAG in Vietnam but emphasized that such information as we had was not repeat not given at level or place from which such information would be expected. If therefore you are giving information contained in reference telegram through Earncliffe or Canada House, perhaps you would authorize us to do same to UK office here for sake of our relations with them.

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*La Direction de l'Extrême-Orient
au directeur général des Plans et des Opérations,
Ministère de la Défense nationale*
*Far Eastern Division
to Director General of Plans and Operations,
Department of National Defence*

SECRET

Ottawa, June 9, 1961

Dear Ross [Bishop],

SOUTH VIETNAM – INCREASE IN MAAG

I enclose for your information a copy of the memorandum to the Minister on this subject, dated May 31, to which I referred yesterday. Mr. Green approved the recommendation in paragraph 4. We then called in Rufus Smith of the United States Embassy and spoke to him in accordance with the other attached paper dated June 2.†