

APPENDIX NO. VII.

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INSTRUCTION FOR MOBILE TEAM NO. 27
APPOINTED TO ASCERTAIN THE SITUATION
REGARDING FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT IN THE
BUI CHU AND THAI BINH AREAS.

Ref. Maps: HANOI Map Sheet No. 7 | Scale
SON-TAY Map Sheet No. 6 | 1:400,000

INFORMATION

Article 14 (d) of the Geneva Agreement relating to freedom of movement reads as follows:

"From the date of entry into force of the present Agreement until the movement of troops is completed, any civilians residing in a district controlled by one party who wish to go and live in the zone assigned to the other party shall be permitted and helped to do so by the authorities in that district."

2. This means that the people may decide of their own free will, whether they wish to stay where they are, or to go and permanently live in the zone controlled by the other party, and that the latter should be given the requisite facilities to do so by the party controlling the areas where they reside at present. This decision should be exercised freely and in an orderly manner.

3. The International Commission has received, from time to time, complaints and petitions from the Liaison Missions of the French High Command as well as from the people in the NAM DINH, BUI CHU, PHAT DIEM, NINH BINH, THANH HOA, THAI BINH and VINH areas regarding alleged obstacles to freedom of movement of persons who wished to go and live in South Viet-Nam. These complaints and petitions have alleged not only the lack of adequate administrative arrangements, but also other obstacles to the freedom of movement of intending evacuees. The situation in PHAT DIEM and NAM DINH was recently investigated by the Commission's mobile teams. The Commission has now decided that mobile teams should be sent to BUI CHU, NINH BINH, THAI BINH, THANH HOA and VINH to investigate the situation in these areas.

TASK

4. The task of these teams would be (a) to assess by a rapid survey within a period of about four days, the situation regarding freedom of movement existing in the BUI CHU and THAI BINH areas and to ascertain whether the people in the area are aware of the provisions of Article 14 (d) regarding freedom of movement and what facilities and assistance are provided by the local authorities to enable the exercise of this freedom by the population; (b) to ascertain and report the