

While the United States would probably find most of our points acceptable, I believe it would register objection to an approach to de-escalation which begins with mutual disengagement in the Demilitarized Zone coupled with a cessation of the bombing. I think that would be unacceptable to them.... The point I make is that, not only should there be a mutual disengagement in the Demilitarized Zone but that, in all equity, if both sides accept that arrangement, there ought to be a cessation of bombing. Mr. Rusk has not explicitly accepted that.

The Canadian Government is prepared to make its own contribution to the eventual settlement in Vietnam. We envisage that any agreed settlement of the present conflict will make provision for some sort of international presence. That, indeed, will be a very difficult assignment and, if and when it comes, as the former Prime Minister of Britain has put it, it may need to be buttressed by the guarantees of the great powers....

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