

CHAPTER I

ESTABLISHMENT AND MACHINERY OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION IN VIET-NAM

During the period under review, the International Commission continued to carry out the task assigned to it under Articles 29, 34 and 36 of the Agreement, namely, the supervision and control of the proper execution by the parties of the provisions of the Agreement. The Commission held 58 meetings during the period under review for the transaction of its day to day business. The Committees of the Commission, namely, the Operations Committee, the Freedoms Committee and the Legal Committee, continued their activities. Twenty-one mobile teams were sent out for investigation, reconnaissance and control thus making a total of 153 since the Commission started its activities. The difficulties experienced by the Commission's fixed and mobile teams are described in subsequent Chapters of this Report.

2. As in the past, the Commission has continued to pay periodical visits to Saigon. The question of transferring the Commission's Headquarters from Hanoi to Saigon still remains unsettled. The matter has been raised with the French authorities in the South as well as with the Government of the Republic of Viet-Nam but so far no satisfactory solution has been found. The Commission will continue to pursue this matter.