

8. The Operations Branch plans and assists the Commission in controlling the work of the Fixed and Mobile Teams and executing the decisions of the Commission regarding the conduct of special investigations.

9. The Petitions Branch receives from individuals and organisations by post, through petition boxes and through the Teams, petitions relating to various Articles of the Geneva Agreement. These petitions after examination are forwarded to the appropriate parties for investigation and report.

10. In addition, there is a Public Relations Section under a Public Relations Officer which gives publicity to the activities of the Commission through Press Communiques and maintains contacts with the Press.

11. The Commission held 5 Press Conferences-- 2 in HANOI and 3 in SAIGON. In addition, the Commission has issued a number of Press Releases focussing the attention of the world Press on various decisions taken by the Commission.

12. Soon after the Commission was set up in HANOI, it realised the difficult conditions of travel and communication between various parts of Viet-Nam. It decided to have a system of accreditation of Press correspondents and 78 foreign and local correspondents have so far been accredited to the Commission.

13. While contacts with the Press are not as easy and smooth as they should be due to difficulties of travel and communication, the Commission has, within the limits of the regulations for Press correspondents in both zones, endeavoured to give the Press maximum facilities possible.

COMMITTEES. 14. The Commission has formed the following Committees to assist it in the more detailed phases of its work:

(1) The Operations Committee composed of Military Advisers from the three Delegations to co-ordinate the work of the Operations Branch and to advise the Commission on the military and logistic problems relating to the operation of the teams in the field.

(2) The Freedoms Committee composed of Political Advisers from the three Delegations to co-ordinate the work of the Petitions Branch and to advise the Commission on the implementation by the Parties of the Geneva Agreement relating to democratic freedoms and freedom of movement.

(3) The Administration Committee to co-ordinate the work of the Administration Branch and to assist in the processing of the administrative problems of the Commission. Moreover, each Fixed Team has a Mobile Team. The Commission has, therefore, suggested to the