

768.

DEA/7266-P-1-40

*Le haut-commissaire au Royaume-Uni
au secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures*

*High Commissioner in United Kingdom
to Secretary of State for External Affairs*

TELEGRAM 4463

London, December 12, 1961

SECRET. CANADIAN EYES ONLY. OPIMMEDIATE.

Repeat for Information: Paris, Washington (OpImmediate), Candel New York, Laosdel Geneva, NATO Paris, Delhi (Priority), Saigon (Priority) from Delhi, CCOS Ottawa, CGS, DGPO, DND from Ottawa.

By Bag Moscow, Warsaw, Phnom Penh, Vientiane, Hanoi from London.

SOUTH VIETNAM: USA ASSISTANCE

Foreign Office called us over late this afternoon to say that British Embassy Saigon had informed Foreign Office that South Vietnam government told USA Embassy that on afternoon December 9 South Vietnam government had sent note to ICSC to effect that in view of continued and mounting aggression by North Vietnam, South Vietnam government has asked USA for further assistance⁵² which USA have undertaken to give. Foreign Offices are concerned that this letter following publication of Jordan report and shortly preceding very visible arrival of helicopters in Saigon December 11 might make it difficult for ICSC not to repeat not to consider officially soon USA aid measures especially as DRVN complaints about new equipment would doubtless come flooding in. Press reports indicated that helicopters marked USA army could be seen from Saigon streets as aircraft ferry sailed along Saigon River.

2. Foreign Office is raising with State Department this Foreign Office concern and asking USA views about how they think West should handle the situation and what consultations they have had with Canadians and Indians about ICSC position. Foreign Office would be very grateful to hear your views on ICSC picture now that new USA military equipment and personnel are visibly entering South Vietnam in quantity. Foreign Offices are rather worried about their own position as Co-Chairman in this situation.

769.

CEW/Vol. 3175

*Note du ministre de l'ambassade aux États-Unis
pour l'ambassadeur aux États-Unis*

*Memorandum from Minister, Embassy in United States,
to Ambassador in United States*

SECRET

Washington, December 13, 1961

VIETNAM

The following are current or imminent developments.

(a) Indictment of Northern Vietnam for violating the Cease-Fire Agreement is being massively established (White Paper, Rusk statement, etc.);

⁵² Voir/See United Kingdom, Parliamentary Papers, Cmnd. 1755, *Special Report to the Co-Chairmen of the Geneva Conference on Indo-China* (London: Her Majesty's Stationery Office, 1962), p. 8.