

3. Telegram No. 150 from Saigon, which we have just received (copy attached), informs us that the recent increase of one hundred in the number of MAAG in Vietnam does not appear so far to have been reflected in the returns from Fixed Team Saigon.⁴¹

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*Extrait d'une lettre du commissaire de la Commission internationale
de surveillance et de contrôle pour le Vietnam
au sous-secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures*

*Extract of Letter from Commissioner, International Commission
for Supervision and Control for Vietnam,
to Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs*

LETTER NO. 157
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REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION
FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 1 - JUNE 30, 1961

The Commission held three formal meetings during June, the 609th on June 13, the 610th on June 24 and the 611th on June 26, the last one was called primarily to say farewell to Mr. Tadeusz Wisniewski, who left Vietnam for home on June 27. (Until his successor is named, Mr. Julian Tworog, the Alternate Delegate, will head the Polish Delegation.)

2. During this period, three Operations items and one Freedoms item were considered by the Commission. By far the most important item, however, and the one so long awaited, was the consideration of the SVM's allegations of acts of subversion, sabotage and espionage committed in the territory of the Republic of Vietnam in violation of Articles 1, 10 and 24 of the Geneva Agreement.

3. At the first meeting to consider this item (the 609th), we submitted our draft statement on subversion, which was supported by the Indian Delegation. The item was then adjourned on the understanding that the Commission would come back to it within ten days' time, thus giving the Polish Delegation time to seek instructions if needed.

4. On the historic day, June 24, the Commission, by a majority vote, adopted a Statement of Policy which was agreed on in advance by the Canadian and Indian Delegations. The Polish Delegation left no doubt of its dissent and protest. The Commission also approved drafts of letters to be sent to the PAVN High Command and the SVM containing the Statement of Policy and decided that the Legal Committee, on the basis of this policy decision, would deal with all cases referred to it and meet as soon as possible.

5. The Working Group continued its discussion on the Indian draft of the 11th Interim Report and by June 22, after 23 long sessions, went as far as it could go. All chapters except the last (Conclusions) were discussed and agreement was reached on all but 12 Indian draft paragraphs and five new paragraphs put forward by the other Delegations. It took another ten days for the Secretariat to prepare the revised draft and it was not until early July that informal meetings of the Commission began. These are still continuing. On July 13 it was decided to attempt to reach agreement on outstanding paragraphs by negotiation through the Indian chairman, the

⁴¹ Note marginale :/Marginal note:

Thanks. I agree. We might still [complete?] the letter to Mr. Rae. G[eorge] G[lazebrook]