

2. Officials seemed to be more concerned with extent and types of military equipment involved. Apparently this material will exceed any established credits.

3. All addressees should protect source.

4. In view especially of above would appreciate early reply to my telegram 132 June 1.<sup>40</sup>

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*Le commissaire de la Commission internationale de surveillance  
et de contrôle pour le Vietnam  
au secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures*

*Commissioner, International Commission for Supervision  
and Control for Vietnam,  
to Secretary of State for External Affairs*

TELEGRAM 137

Saigon, June 6, 1961

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Reference: Our Tel 136 Jun 5.

Repeat for Information: Delhi, DM/DND, CCOS, CGS, London, Washington, Laosdel  
Geneva from Ottawa.

USA AID TO SOUTH VIETNAM

One of USA Embassy political officers referred to in our reference telegram during visit to Candel office today confirmed American intentions to introduce approximately one thousand additional personnel at an early date. He indicated majority of newcomers would be military as intention is to train Vietnamese army and civil guard on an individual and regimental basis, not repeat not merely instructional cadre and formations as now.

2. Equipment involved would apparently be used for a major increase in Vietnamese army and civil guard. Source said flatly quantities and types would undoubtedly exceed authorized credits.

3. Source said reason for augmented programme is to counteract expanded Vietcong drive and possibility subversive activities may topple Diem government. Moreover in light of Cuba and Laos, USA must make a stand internationally and South Vietnam is to be it.

4. As in our reference telegram please protect source.

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<sup>40</sup> Note marginale :/Marginal note:

June 5/61. Smith called, U.S. Embassy, to say the 100 extra advisers previously referred to were already in Vietnam. Normal notification procedures had been used. P.A. M[cDougall]