

Hien Luong bridge has been accepted by both the parties as a common point of crossing. The Commission has received numerous petitions from the Demilitarized Zone in which objections to the new procedure have been stated.

8. The Commission considered the situation and made certain suggestions in a letter dated February 24, 1956 to the French High Command. The High Command was informed that the Commission did not see any reason for changing the present system under which the permits for crossing the Demarcation Line were issued by the Joint Sub-Commission. The Commission further suggested that the check posts

should have complete nominal rolls of all permit-holders and the post at Hien Luong bridge should have master lists of all persons holding permits authorizing them to cross the Demarcation Line.

The High Command was also informed that it should not collect permits at the Demarcation Line, but that the Commission had no objection to the issue of additional authorization slips to the permit-holders. The P.A.V.N. High Command has complained to the Commission that hindrances to the freedom of movement of the permit-holders continue and that in many cases the French High Command has refused to renew the permits already issued and has been progressively reducing the number of permits. The Commission has again asked the French High Command in July 1956, to accept the suggestions made by the Commission in its letter of February 24, 1956.

The High Command was further informed that if no