

APPENDIX "A"

MESSAGE FROM THE CO-CHAIRMEN OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE ON INDO-CHINA TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SUPERVISION AND CONTROL IN LAOS

The co-chairmen of the Geneva conference on Indo-China represented by the governments of the Soviet union and Great Britain note with satisfaction that in accordance with their instructions the international commission for supervision and control in Laos convened in Delhi on the 28th April 1961 and thereby renewed its activity. The co-chairmen have received the commission's report of the 1st May 1961 and express their appreciation for the recommendations contained in this report.

The co-chairmen consider that the basic task of the commission at the present moment consists in fixing the cease fire in Laos in accordance with the understanding reached by the belligerent parties and in exercising supervision and control over the cease fire. After the conclusion of an agreement between the belligerent parties in Laos on questions connected with the cease fire, the commission should exercise control over the execution of this agreement. They have in view that with the agreement of the parties in Laos the commission in the course of its work of controlling this agreement will receive from the parties the information necessary for carrying out this task.

The commission should arrive in Laos immediately after the belligerent parties have ceased fire, having of course arranged its arrival with them, and should proceed to carry out its task.

The co-chairmen express the hope that the commission will carry out the functions entrusted to it acting in close contact with the parties in Laos. In this regard they are taking account of the positive replies which the belligerents have made to their call for a cease fire in Laos.

As regards the functions which the international commission for supervision and control in Laos will carry out on the completion of the first stage of its work the determination of these functions falls within the competence of the international conference on Laos which is being held in Geneva on the 12th May.

On the administrative questions raised by the commission in its report of the 1st May:

(i) the co-chairmen agree with the recommendation that the commission should request the government of India to advance 200,000 U.S. dollars to the commission to meet its immediate minimum requirements on the understanding that suitable arrangement will subsequently be made to reimburse the government of India.

(ii) the co-chairmen endorse the need for the greatest measure of economy by the commission in administrative matters.

The co-chairmen request the commission to furnish them with regular reports on its activities particularly with regard to the manner in which the cease fire agreement is being observed by the parties.

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