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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 120

Saigon, May 20, 1961

SECRET. CANADIAN EYES ONLY. OPIMMEDIATE.

Reference: Washington Tel 1560 May 15.†

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

PROPOSED MAAG INCREASE

Stewart of UK Embassy advised us on May 18 that UK had been notified of probable increase to MAAG. In response to his exploratory queries we took stand we could not repeat not support any further MAAG increase (unless of course we were so instructed by you) that Indians in our view would simply refuse to support such a proposal. We suggested that USA explore every possible avenue of accomplishing objective without increasing MAAG's military strength beyond its present ceiling. Our latest figures indicate MAAG cannot take in an additional one hundred military without exceeding authorized ceiling. We suggested that any contemplated increase be civilian and allocated to any USA agency other than MAAG. Alternatively MAAG might be stripped of required number of nonessential personnel to allow for proposed intake.

2. Re Paragraph 7 your reference telegram we disagree strongly with State Department's attempt to justify non adherence to Cease Fire Agreement. Alleged Communist contraventions cannot be proven by Commission under present procedures and operating methods. If USA proceeds on this basis we and West are in for a stormy future here.