

[PIÈCE JOINTE 2/ENCLOSURE 2]

*Le secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures
au chef de la délégation à la Conférence sur le Laos à Genève*

*Secretary of State for External Affairs
to Chairman, Delegation to Conference on Laos, Geneva*

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Voting. I am disturbed by possibility that "conclusions and recommendations" might be taken to apply to team and committee decisions under wording proposed by Western delegations. You should press for wording that would exclude this possibility. This might be done (a) by insertion of "conclusions and recommendations" at beginning of paragraph 2, which would then read "decisions, conclusions and recommendations of the International Commission on questions ..."; (b) insertion of words "of the Commission" after "conclusions and recommendations" leaving placing of these words unchanged; (c) by insertion of an additional sentence stating positively that conclusions and recommendations of subsidiary bodies will be taken by majority vote. Of alternative references to cease-fire arrangements I prefer that proposed in your paragraph 3 since it is more restrictive.²⁹ I welcome insertion in last sentence of reference to decisions on investigations.

2. *Co-Chairmen.* While I agree that revision proposed for second sentence (your paragraph 6) would ensure Commission's right to report on violations of neutrality declaration. I want you to make clear again the importance I attach to inclusion of these words or others of equivalent effect. I would have no objection to change indicated in your paragraph 7 if other Western governments agree.

3. *Teams.* Alternative wording proposed by Pushkin for last sentence does not seem to me to change meaning of phrase and I am prepared to accept it.

[H.C.] GREEN

²⁹ Green a supprimé l'énoncé stipulant que le paragraphe 2 de Laosdel 1924 serait acceptable. Green deleted the statement that Paragraph 2 of Laosdel 1924 would be acceptable.