

received by the Commission. Copies of these notifications are also being sent at the request of the Commission directly to the Fixed Teams which exercise control on these movements under Article 16 and report to the Commission.

107. The Commission has been receiving reports from its fixed teams regarding difficulties which are being experienced in the implementation of Article 17 as no notifications under Article 17(e) have so far been received from either High Command. The teams have been told in specific cases that the movements are internal or that no notifications are being sent under Article 17(e) as discussions as to an agreed list of war material, entry and exit of which should be notified under Article 17(e) are still going on between the two High Commands in the Joint Commission.

108. The Commission has, therefore, undertaken a detailed study of various articles of the Agreement dealing with the tasks of the teams, and the matter is under consideration of the Commission for decision and issue of comprehensive instructions to all teams, to make the work of the teams more effective.

109. Articles 18 and 19 prohibit the establishment of new military bases in Viet-Nam and also prohibit the establishment of military bases under the control of a foreign State. To-date except for the general complaint referred to in paragraph 101, the Commission has not received any specific complaint from either of the parties regarding violations of Articles 18 and 19. In order that further instructions to its fixed teams may be given, the Operations Committee of the Commission has undertaken the study of the following questions:

- (i) What is a "military base"? The definition of "military base" to be worked out in the light of various circumstances prevailing at various phases. For instance, the connotation of the word "military base" would be different before and after the completion of the process of regroupment.
- (ii) What constitutes a "new base" and what constitutes an "extension" of an old base?
- (iii) What methods of control will be effective to carry out the Commission's obligations under Article 18?

113. In accordance with the above, Mobile Team of the International Commission proceeded to conduct on-the-spot investigations of these incidents. Evidence of witnesses on both sides was recorded and their reports to the International Commission.

**CHAPTER VII
INCIDENTS IN CENTRAL AND SOUTH VIET-NAM**

114. The Commission considered the incidents mentioned in the previous Chapter, incidents which are reported to have occurred in the areas of South and Central Viet-Nam have been brought to the notice of the Commission by both parties during the last two months. The places where these

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