

view to complying with this wish, immediately got into touch with them on the subject. Until a final decision - which we hope will achieve a positive result - has been reached, the International Committee cannot hand over its documentary material for the purposes of another enquiry bearing partly on the same facts.

Moreover, even apart from the negotiations now in progress in connection with our enquiry, the neutrality which the International Red Cross Committee is bound to observe, makes it necessary for the Committee to exercise very great discretion. In particular, the International Committee does not feel that it can communicate information received from its own delegates, or information confided to it as being an international organ of the Red Cross, for any enquiry other than that for which the Geneva Convention itself makes a provision in the matter of establishing the facts regarding alleged violations.

As regards other information that may be supplied to the International Red Cross Committee by Governments or by National Red Cross Societies, it is for these Governments or Societies to make such use of this material as they may think fit.

I have the honour, etc.,

(Signed) GUILLAUME FAVRE,

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Vice-President.

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