

PRESENT POSITION WITH REGARD TO CIVILIAN INTERNEES

Serial No.	Subject	By the Government of the Republic of Viet-Nam	Remarks
1	Number of persons recommended during the period under report for release under Article 21(c)	26	17 persons were released by the French Union Forces in South Viet-Nam in 1954 after the cease-fire on grounds that they were common law prisoners although included in the prisoners-of-war lists. In July, 1956, the Commission asked the French Union Forces to produce dossiers or other documentary evidence proving that they were common law prisoners, to enable the Commission to determine their status. The Commission informed the French Liaison Mission that if no dossiers were made available within three weeks, the Commission would hold that they were prisoners of-war/civilian internees and that their release after the cease-fire was inconsistent with Article 21.
2	Number of persons in whose cases the releases were held to be effected inconsistently with Article 21	Nil	As no dossiers were supplied, the Commission in January, 1957, held that these persons were prisoners-of-war/civilian internees and that their release was inconsistent with Article 21. The Commission took exception to the procedure adopted by the Government of the Republic of Viet-Nam in not releasing these persons in accordance with the provisions of Article 21.