

46. The Commission's teams in the South also encountered some other restrictions in carrying out their control duties. The Commission has taken up these matters with the French High Command.

47. From time to time the Commission's teams in the North found some obstacles in the way of their day to day movements. The Commission has been taking them up with the P.A.V.N. High Command and has been getting them removed.

48. In spite of restrictions and difficulties the Commission is continuing its task of patrolling the demarcation line and the regions bordering the land and sea frontiers of Vietnam.

49. The French High Command have approached the Commission stating that the implementation of the purely military provisions of the Agreement is now drawing to its end and that the activities of the International Commission now tend more and more to come within the framework of the political provisions of the Agreement. Therefore the French High Command thinks it fit that henceforward the liaison mission of each of the two parties should be composed essentially of civilians. The Commission considered that it was a matter for each High Command to lay down the branch of service (civil or military) from which their Liaison Officers should be deputed. Secondly in view of the composition of the Joint Commission and its special responsibilities in the demilitarized zone laid down in Articles 31, 32 and 33(c), the Commission considered that in this area the representatives of the High Commands were obliged to have military status and should be in uniform if so required by their High Command. At the same time, out of practical considerations, the Commission suggested to both the High Commands certain conditions under which the Liaison Officers of one command may work with the Commission in the territory of the other outside the demilitarized zone. The replies of the two commands about these suggestions are awaited.

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