CHAPTER IV

PRISONERS OF WAR AND CIVILIAN INTERNEES

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21. In paragraph 36 of the Seventh Interim Report, reference was made to the cases of alleged civilian internees which the Commission was not able to decide as the recommendation for furnishing copies of dossiers had not been implemented by the Government of the Republic of Viet-Nam. During the period under review, the Government of the Republic of Viet-Nam furnished extracts of 108 judgments with respect to these pending cases involving 125 persons. The Commission held, Canadian Delegation dissenting, that one person was a civilian internee and recommended his release. The Commission further held in the 27 cases of other persons that their release in South Viet-Nam was inconsistent with Article 21(c). The remaining cases are under consideration of Mobile Team 47.

Of the civilian internees recommended for release (vide paragraph 36 of the Seventh Interim Report), the Government of the Republic of Viet-Nam released three persons and handed them over to the High Command of the F.A.V.N.

22. The Parties continued to exchange through the Commission information regarding requests for search of prisoners-of-war received from each side. The Commission requested the Secretary-General to explore the possibility of having the requests for search of missing prisoners-of-war/civilian internees dealt with by the Red Cross Societies of the two zones without prejudice to the duty of the Commission in this regard.

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