

APPENDIX 'C'

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To : H.E. Ambassador M.A. RAHMAN
Chairman of the ICSC in
Vietnam.

The Mission has received the Commission urgent message dated February 1965. It takes note of the Commission appreciation of its concern for the security of the teams. The withdrawal of the I.C. Fixed Teams in North Vietnam has been made necessary for security reasons as expounded in the Mission's message No. 73/QT dated 13 February 1965 and therefore does not attract Article 35 of the Geneva Agreements. The Mission wishes to emphasize that it is the U.S. and Saigon Administration which have brought the serious situation now obtaining in North Vietnam and they must be held responsible for all consequences arising therefrom. The Mission also takes note of the Commission order to withdraw all its Fixed Teams on the territory of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam. It wishes to inform the Commission that necessary arrangements have been made by the local authorities for a prompt withdrawal of the teams in the safest conditions. The Mission takes this opportunity to renew to the Chairman and to the members of the I.C. the assurances of its highest consideration.