

Reference: Chapter III, Paragraph 19.

LETTER DATED THE 11TH APRIL, 1957, FROM
THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION TO THE CO-CHAIRMEN

No. IC/ADM/VI-D-I/57

HANOI,

11th April, 1957.

The International Commission for Supervision and Control in Viet-Nam presents its compliments to the Co-Chairmen of the Geneva Conference on Indo-China and has the honour to refer to their message dated 8th May, 1956, to the International Commission for Supervision and Control in Viet-Nam, and in particular to paragraph 2 of that message in which the Commission was asked by the Co-Chairmen to inform them in case the Commission encountered any difficulties in their activities which could not be resolved on the spot.

2. In the Sixth Interim Report, the Commission had informed the Co-Chairmen of its difficulties in the supervision of the implementation by the parties of the provisions of Article 14(c). Those difficulties have persisted and increased as the Commission has not received the necessary assistance and co-operation from the Government of the Republic of Viet Nam and has, therefore, not been able to supervise the implementation of Article 14(c) in accordance with the Geneva Agreement. In spite of the efforts of the Commission, replies were not received from the Government of the Republic of Viet-Nam in the majority of pending cases referred to it alleging reprisal or discrimination under Article 14(c) and involving a large number of persons. The Government of the Republic of Viet-Nam not only declined to give concurrence to the deployment of eight Mobile Teams decided upon by the Commission but also refused to permit the deployment of two Mobile Teams for which concurrence had already been given by them.

3. On the 17th November, 1956, the Commission received a communication from the Government of the Republic of Viet-Nam stating their views regarding the applicability of Article 14(c). The attached correspondence mentioned in the Appendices below describes the stand taken by the Government of the Republic of Viet-Nam and the views of the Commission on this question.

APPENDICES

GROUP A:

1. French Liaison Mission letter No. 38/MFLCI/AV/112 dated January 4, 1956.
2. South Vietnamese Mission letter No. 4646/PDVN/CT/TD/I, dated November 17, 1956.
3. IC/FB/3/2/8387 dated December 3, 1956.
4. South Vietnamese Mission letter No. 5396/PDVN/CT/TD/I, dated December 19, 1956.