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*Le secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures
au chef de la délégation à la Conférence sur le Laos à Genève*

*Secretary of State for External Affairs
to Chairman, Delegation to Conference on Laos, Geneva*

TELEGRAM Y-650

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STATE OF NEGOTIATIONS

The texts of the six articles as given in your reference telegram are acceptable to us. I congratulate you on the extent to which you have secured revisions of these articles to safeguard principles which we regard as important.

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VIETNAM

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*Le sous-secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures
au commissaire de la Commission internationale de surveillance
et de contrôle pour le Vietnam*

*Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs
to Commissioner, International Commission for Supervision
and Control for Vietnam*

PERSONAL AND SECRET

Ottawa, February 2, 1961

Dear Mr. Woodsworth,

Because the work of the Vietnam Commission has recently assumed added importance, not only for Vietnam but for Laos too, and because of the many difficulties and frustrations with which you have been beset, I thought it might be useful if I passed on to you in this informal way some of the impressions and questions I have had.

The role of Canadian commissioners has never been an easy one, accused at once of both partiality and impartiality, attempting to offset the consistent manoeuvring of the Polish representatives without straying too far from the judicial path. In this delicate situation much must depend on the attitude of the Indian chairman, and I gather from your reports that Menon is neither as neutral nor as cooperative as his predecessor. This, combined with the blatant tactics of the Polish Commissioner, has made your task difficult.

We note from paragraphs 2 and 3 of your telegram 26 of January 26† that the Indian Chairman is still unwilling to support action to control Gia Lam airport and appears to be