

to ascertain directly the facts of the situation and to indicate our views of the implications of any such action for the current Geneva Conference on Laos and the action currently being taken in the Vietnam Commission on the subversion question. While these current press reports may exaggerate the scale of assistance under consideration, it would be helpful to have your views.

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*Le secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures
à l'ambassadeur aux États-Unis*

*Secretary of State for External Affairs
to Ambassador in United States*

TELEGRAM 939

Geneva, June 18, 1961

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VIETNAM – MAAG INCREASE

In spite of the difficulties which the American action in respect of the number of their MAAG personnel in Vietnam will undoubtedly create for the International Commission, I continue to believe that any Canadian attempt to deflect the Americans from their stated intentions by under-scoring the possible repercussions on the Geneva Conference on Laos or on supervision issue in the Vietnam Commission, would be untimely and probably misunderstood. For the time being I think we should refrain from expressing our views to the Americans, although there is of course no repeat no objection to continuing to try to ascertain through normal contacts both in Washington and in Saigon the exact facts of the situation.

[H.C.] GREEN

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

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

TELEGRAM 146

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USA AID TO VIETNAM

1. In friendly and useful discussion with Nolting today we were assured that Washington has yet to inform him of any final decision as to how aid program is to be implemented. Nolting made it clear however that USA is determined to carry out announced program. But he