

CHAPTER II

PROVISIONAL MILITARY DEMARCATION LINE AND DEMILITARIZED ZONE

8. During the period under review, the position with regard to the implementation of the recommendations and final suggestions for the administration of the Demilitarized Zone remained the same as reported in paragraph 11 of the last Report.

The situation regarding the freedom of movement of permit holders across the Demarcation Line, mentioned in paragraph 12 of the Seventh Interim Report, did not show any improvement. The Commission pointed out to the Government of the Republic of Viet-Nam that issue of temporary permits by their administrative authorities in the absence of a decision of the Joint Commission to that effect is not appropriate and invited their attention to Article 7 of the Agreement.

9. During the period under review the Commission received 62 complaints from the P.A.V.N. High Command alleging in a number of instances violation of the Demilitarized Zone by the Government of the Republic of Viet-Nam and 15 complaints from the Government of the Republic of Viet-Nam alleging in a number of instances violation of the Demilitarized Zone by the P.A.V.N. High Command. The allegations in some of the complaints referred to in paragraph 13 of the Seventh Interim Report and in some of the complaints of violation of the Demilitarized Zone and of acts of provocation, forwarded during the period under review, have been denied by each Party concerned. The Commission forwarded these denials to the complaining Party. In other cases inquiry is in progress.

While seeking comments of the Government of the Republic of Viet-Nam the Commission expressed its deep concern over the incident about the entry of 200 civilians into the Southern part of the Demilitarized Zone referred to in paragraph