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—ICCS: PROGRESS REPORT FOR SSEA VISIT: PART I

As part of our preparation for SSEA visit last week, we brought up to date progress reports originally prepared on eve of Innatl Conference in Paris. We understand you agree it would be useful to send these reports again as revised effective Mar13. Standard distr list is being used with slight modification to take account of those posts where such msgs may place a burden on existing communications facilities.

2. Implementation of the ceasefire (Articles 2, 3A, 3B, 3C, 18). It is incontestable that the ceasefire has not/not, as of Mar13, been effective throughout Vietnam. Total of six thousand sixty incidents have been reported between Jan28 and Mar14. While we have had no/no indication that American forces are involved in the continuing hostilities, it seems clear from the info we have received that the three Vietnamese Parties are still engaged in hostile activities designed to enlarge their areas of control. There appear to be three principal areas where hostilities are continuing: the Mekong Delta area, the Quang Ngai/Binh Dinh areas in central Vietnam, and the northern province of Quang Tri. These hostilities have continued despite an appeal by the FPJMC, issued on Feb17 to all forces to respect the ceasefire and a similar appeal issued on Feb16 by the ICCS to the CJMC.

3. By mid Feb, the Commission had received only 18 complaints from the Parties alleging in all 178 incidents involving violations of the ceasefire. In the month since then, however, the volume of complaints alleging ceasefire violations has risen. Most of them originate with the RVN and PRG dels, with the USA and

* NOTE: A few short passages have been deleted from the text of the appended progress reports submitted to the Department of External Affairs by the Canadian Delegation to the ICCS. Such deletions, which have been kept to a minimum, were made essentially to remove from the text speculative interpretations of the positions of other members of the ICCS.