

stations shall be used only for peaceful purposes, and the agreement includes appropriate provisions to this end.

The two agreements reflect the long-standing co-operation between Canada and India in the peaceful uses of atomic energy and will further strengthen the close and friendly relations between the two countries.

Recent Incidents in Berlin

On November 12, in response to several questions concerning recent incidents on the Berlin access highway, Mr. Martin said:

. . . Throughout the recent incidents, United States policy and resultant actions have been closely co-ordinated with the United Kingdom and France, who share primary responsibility concerning Berlin. We have been, of course, in close contact with the United States and our NATO allies, who have acted in this matter, I believe, with care and restraint.

Although focused on what may seem to be minor points of procedure, incidents of this kind represent a continuing pressure by the Soviet Union on the essential Western right of free access to Berlin. They serve both as a reminder that this divided city remains a serious friction point in the improved East-West atmosphere and as a warning that the basic issues between East and West remain unsolved. Moreover, they reflect the ambivalent policy of the Soviet Government, which, on the one hand, proclaims a policy of peaceful co-existence, and, on the other, has recourse to military pressures in situations like those surrounding Western rights of access to Berlin.

It is, of course, our view that all countries should seek to avoid provocative action, particularly in delicate situations such as Berlin. We therefore hope that the Soviet Union will ensure that their forces on the Berlin *Autobahn* will cease to mar the improved atmosphere in East-West relations by such pressures, and will approach relations with the West in a manner which will be conducive to the conclusion of further and, we would hope, important agreements.

Recognition of South Vietnam Government

Asked on November 4 for assurance that the recognition of the revolutionary government of South Vietnam "when considered will not be done hastily but only after a full investigation of the surrounding circumstances leading up to the revolution", Mr. Martin replied:

. . . The Government will give the fullest consideration to the recognition of the new Government when it is firmly established in South Vietnam. The Government does not have before it all the facts which it considers necessary to make such decision, which will neither be with undue haste nor lightly.