

125. Apart from informal recommendations and suggestions made already from time to time in the past, the Commission is keeping both these questions under constant review to assist the parties in the effective implementation of the Agreement.

126. Both sides have been generous in their assistance as regards logistic support to the Commission and its fixed and mobile teams, concerning matters dealt with under Chapter VI. However, both sides have preferred narrow legalistic interpretation of the Articles of the Agreement regarding the tasks and the spheres of movement of the Commission's teams. The Commission is taking up the matter with both sides on the basis of experience of the last few months, but it must be stated that our fixed and mobile teams have displayed considerable patience and perservance in the face of restrictions and obstacles they have met in the form of inefficiency of local administration, the narrowness of local officials or general misunderstanding regarding their tasks.

127. In the control of import of war materials and rotation of personnel, the Commission has, as stated in Chapter VI, placed its inspection teams at fixed points laid down in the Agreement. Difficulties encountered have been discussed with the parties concerned and spot checks of the entry of equipment and material are from time to time carried out at these points even though no notifications have so far been received under Article 17(e). The frequency of control at these fixed points and the adequacy of these for purposes of carrying out the Commission's responsibility for supervision under Article 36 are being kept under review in the light of experience.

128. The Commission is satisfied that, on the whole, the specific points noted in the Final Declaration of the Geneva Powers dated the 21st July, 1954, have been borne in mind by both sides and that they have made and continue to make efforts to implement the Agreement on the Cessation of Hostilities in Viet-Nam signed on the 20th July, 1954.

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