

lacks, a continuing political authority to which we and our Commission colleagues would report. I am going to Paris to do all I can to ensure that such a body is created or designated, and that will be my chief aim. Without such a body, I do not believe that our task in Viet-Nam can be carried out effectively; without it, I do not believe that we can effectively serve the cause of peace in Viet-Nam by maintaining our presence in the new Commission there. And without it, I do not believe that I could say to the people of Canada that the job we are asked to do, the burden which Canada is being asked to bear, is worth it.

The Canadians who are now in Viet-Nam are a distinguished and dedicated group of men and women; they are doing an absolutely remarkable job under very trying conditions. What the International Commission has been able to do so far has largely been thanks to them. They have taken a role of leadership, and they have carried it off brilliantly. All Canadians should be proud of them. They have demonstrated once again that Canada and individual Canadians are prepared to do their part, indeed more than their part, in the cause of peace. But we need the means to make our part effective. I am going to Paris to seek those means, and I believe that I owe it to all Canadians. I believe Canada owes it to the cause of a lasting settlement in Viet-Nam and in Indochina.