

existed before January 28. Prisoners of War on both sides are being released. Very soon the last American forces in Viet-Nam will have departed. The ICCS had its role to play in these developments and if it did nothing else but help to provide the framework within which these accomplishments were made possible that is ample justification.

You will have noted that the Canadian approach is cautious, but is also responsible -- responsible to Canadians who would not wish us to make reckless and unrealistic commitments and responsible to society at large which earnestly wishes an end to the bloodshed.

In conclusion I would emphasize that it has never been part of our mission in Viet-Nam to make peace. That can be done only by Vietnamese themselves. Others have tried without conspicuous success. We have no such ambitions. We had felt that our readiness to respond to the unanimous request that we participate in the ICCS at the beginning could help to give a start to the cease-fire -- imperfect as it might be. That it has done. What now must be decided is how much further we should go. It has been my object during the past few weeks to ensure that the Canadian public, the Parliament and the Government have the fullest possible information on which to base their judgement.