

I want to acknowledge that there have been other proposals made by a number of governments. One of them was a proposal made by His Holiness Pope Paul VI. I told his spokesman, on behalf of the Government of Canada, that his proposal for entrusting to the non-aligned powers the responsibility of arbitration was one that would receive Canadian support. Unhappily, for practical reasons (and I suppose these included the fact that the offer was not accepted by the other side), the proposal was not realized. But I wish now to acknowledge a note that we have had from the Secretary of the Vatican State, indicating their approval of the Canadian initiative.

I want to acknowledge, as well, the efforts being made by other bodies and other agencies, and I wish to say that Canada is prepared to support any effort that will help to bring about the beginning of negotiations.

That is all I have to say on Vietnam.

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