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*L'ambassadeur aux États-Unis
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*Ambassador in United States
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YOUR TALKS WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE AFTER WHITE SULPHUR
SPRINGS: INDOCHINA; US T.E.R.M. MISSION, FUTURE OF I.S.C.'S

Last evening when we dined with the Secretary of State, this topic was discussed briefly, particularly in relation to the proposed T.E.R.M. mission.⁹

2. Dulles reported that when he was in New Delhi, Mr. Nehru had seen no objection to the exercise which would have the effect of reducing the military potential in the South.

3. You assured Dulles that we had no desire to be more Indian than the Indians and that, provided the effect were as he stated it, we would not be difficult in the Commission.

4. In answer to our questions Dulles was unable to give us any reliable estimate concerning the nature and extent of the equipment in South Vietnam; nor did he know of what proportion it was intended to pull out of the country.

5. On the questions of the Diem Government's assumption of responsibility for the cease fire, Dulles was optimistic that something satisfactory would be worked out along the lines of the UK Ambassador's representations.

6. You took the opportunity of explaining the Canadian position concerning the continuation of the Commissions. We were willing to continue to carry the burden so long as the Commissions were making a contribution to the security of the area. It looked as if the Cambodian Commission could be wound up soon.

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