

5. Any comments or suggestions you may have on the above problems and our proposals respecting them would be most welcome. In particular, any direction you could give regarding the procedure by which might possibly have Gia Lam designated as an International Port of Entry and subject to daily controls would be appreciated.

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*Note du ministre de l'ambassade aux États-Unis  
pour l'ambassadeur aux États-Unis*

*Memorandum from Minister, Embassy in United States  
to Ambassador in United States*

CONFIDENTIAL

Washington, October 4, 1961

COLONEL NAM

You will have seen my telegram concerning Colonel Nam, the South Vietnam liaison officer with the ICC, who according to news reports, has been arrested by Communist guerrillas in the vicinity of Saigon.

2. You will also have seen the Kenworthy story on page 21 of the *New York Times* of today, under the heading "U.S. Concern Rises on Vietnam Crisis." This story contains a number of comments by "officials" here as to the inefficacy of the ICC in Vietnam and its inability to deal either with subversion or with the armed aggression across borders.

3. In your discussion with Alexis Johnson today, it would be useful to get his frank appraisal of the Commission's current role, and an indication whether the increased U.S. concern forecasts some additional move to relieve the South Vietnamese government of some of its responsibilities under the Geneva agreements on the grounds that these agreements have been continuously violated by the other side.

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*Note du conseiller de l'ambassade aux États-Unis  
pour l'ambassadeur aux États-Unis*

*Memorandum from Counsellor, Embassy in United States,  
to Ambassador in United States*

SECRET

[Ottawa], October 5, 1961

CONVERSATION WITH U.A. JOHNSON, DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY  
FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS, OCTOBER 4, 1961

I think the following are the major points on Vietnam that emerged from this conversation:

(1) Johnson was satisfied that the ICSC was, at least on balance, useful in Vietnam: he had never heard discussed in the State Department any suggestion that it should be abolished;

(2) As to the effectiveness of the Canadian role, he expressed full understanding of the limitations of the ICSC arising out of the participation of the Polish and Indian members, out of the terms of the cease-fire agreement and out of the practical difficulties caused by the non-cooperation of the parties;