

The Canadian Government fully endorses these conclusions of the International Commission. It considers that the report establishes beyond any reasonable doubt that North Vietnam has engaged, for a number of years and with rising intensity in 1960 and 1961, in subversive activities of an aggressive nature directed against South Vietnam. The Commission's report also makes clear that the increased military aid which South Vietnam has received since December 1961 was requested for the purpose of dealing more effectively with these subversive activities. The report brings out the fact that the South Vietnamese Government has undertaken to end these extraordinary measures "as soon as the North Vietnamese authorities have ceased their acts of aggression and have begun to respect the Geneva Agreement".

The recommendations of the Commission, directed to preserving peace in Vietnam by ensuring compliance with the provisions of the Geneva Agreement, have the full support of the Canadian Government.

I earnestly hope that these recommendations of the International Supervisory Commission for Vietnam will be heeded, and that the "threat of resumption of open hostilities", which the Commission reports to be growing in that country, will thereby be averted. Canada remains prepared to co-operate effectively to that end with its partners in the Commission.