

In summary, I would say that both North and South Viet-Nam expect to get quite different, and perhaps contradictory, results from the strict observance of the Agreement. In Laos the earnest desire of the people with whom I spoke was that they should be left alone to settle their own differences. It seemed such a reasonable and modest request that one could not help being attracted to it and to the people who made it.

One of the high points of the trip was the time spent with the Canadian Delegation in South Viet-Nam. I would like once again to say how good it was to see Canadians working in this extremely difficult environment against so many odds and maintaining such a high level of morale and effectiveness. The vast majority of personnel in the Canadian Delegation are of course from the Canadian Forces, ably directed by Major-General Duncan McAlpine. They and their External Affairs colleagues have demonstrated their technical and professional competence many times over. It became abundantly clear that had it not been for these Canadians it is very doubtful if the ICCS, and indeed in some respects other bodies established by the Agreement, would have functioned even to the extent that they do.

Some of you may have seen reports of the reception given by the Head of the Canadian Delegation, Michel Gauvin, on the evening of our arrival which, I believe, was the first time that all the parties to the Agreement and all the members of the ICCS