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*Le commissaire de la Commission internationale de surveillance  
et de contrôle pour le Vietnam  
au secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures*

*Commissioner, International Commission for Supervision  
and Control for Vietnam,  
to Secretary of State for External Affairs*

TELEGRAM 127

Saigon, May 30, 1961

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Repeat for Information: Delhi, Vientiane (OpImmediate), Laosdel Geneva, London, Paris, Washington from Ottawa, Moscow from London.

You will be pleased to know that Gopala Menon called on me today to suggest that Candel [ask] for a meeting at latest next week to discuss policy declaration on subversion. He presented us with following draft which he said Gundevia has authorized him to support. Text Begins

(1) The International Commission has been receiving an increasing number of complaints concerning acts alleged to be abetted by one party against the other, which may be detrimental to the peace and security of Vietnam.

(2) The International Commission would remind both parties in Vietnam that it has the competence and duty to deal as appropriate with such complaints, in order to ascertain whether or not repeat not the alleged acts have been fomented by either party against the other in violation of the Geneva Agreement. End Text.

2. With above text and that of draft agreed on by Desai, Ronning, Ansari and myself and approved by you (reference paragraph one our telegram 190 September 1/60)<sup>34</sup> we suggested following redraft. Text Begins

(1) The International Commission has been receiving an increasing number of complaints concerning acts alleged to be abetted by one party against the other which may be detrimental to peace and security of Vietnam.

(2) The International Commission would remind both parties that it has the competence and duty to entertain and investigate such complaints under Articles 10, 19 and 24 read with Article 27 of Geneva Agreement depending on the facts of each case in order to ascertain whether or not repeat not the alleged acts have been fomented by either party against the other in violation of the Geneva Agreement. End Text.

3. Menon is asking Delhi's instructions of both originally agreed text and our suggested redraft. He is most anxious to proceed without delay and has asked that unless there are specific points you wish to insist on you might (empower?) us to negotiate (with?) final draft at this end.

4. We consider reference to Geneva Agreement and specific articles therein should be included. Moreover that our wording "to ascertain and investigate, etc. depending on the facts of each case" is more precise than Indian wording "to deal as appropriate" which could be open to wide interpretation.

5. Menon's plan is that Indel-Candel statement will become a Commission majority decision.

<sup>34</sup> Voir/See Volume 27, document 563.