While we appreciate the difficulties the Canadians might ultimately have in resisting the finding that introduction of the Australian battalion is inconsistent with Geneva Agreement, we would nevertheless expect them to make every effort on our behalf in the Commission, to put in proper perspective the circumstances of the introduction of the Australian battalion, and as necessary spin out the proceedings as far as possible.

2. The background to the present situation as outlined by Mr Martin in his speech at Toronto on 26th March and Mr Pearson in his Temple University speech on 2nd April is of basic importance.

3. In discussing with External Affairs tactical aspects of handling the North Vietnamese complaint in the I.C.C. you should also let them know about Indian views as reported in Delhi's 269 repeated to you separately. It may be possible to obtain some helpful support from the Indians in handling the problem in the Commission.

For New Delhi.

4. You might make the point to the Indians at a suitable time that it would be unfortunate if, through an early and unbalanced report of the commission, Australian opinion was given the impression that India was opposed to the Government's decision to commit forces. Decision has been notified to the President of the Security Council.
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