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Director of Mission

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Chief, TCPIAM Division

Cement Plant at Haiphong; Charbonnage du Tonkin

1. Phone Call from Colonel Dwan, Thursday afternoon, 2 December. Stated that he had talked with Lt. Colonel Blanchet and also with the latter's superior, Colonel X (did not recall the name). These officers told him that they were operators rather than planners, and consequently they did not know what plans there might be for permanently removing the equipment of the cement plant and the coal mines. They said that the mines are now operating, indicating the equipment is not being moved at present. They said further that Mr. Bordas would be the one who knows what plans may exist for moving the equipment.

2. I suggested that, Mr. Bordas being with the French High Commissioner, the proper American contact would be the Embassy. Colonel Dwan pointed out that Mr. Bordas is regarded as the counterpart of Mr. Barrows, and that these two gentlemen should therefore be the ones to confer on the matter in hand.

3. It appears from the foregoing that if there had been any plans by the owners to remove equipment to Free Vietnam, France, or anywhere else, such plans have now been abandoned, at least for the moment.

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