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• UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Michael H. B. Adler  
FROM : Leland Barrows  
SUBJECT : Charbonnage du Tonkin

DATE : January 15, 1955

Ackley has sent in a wire reporting that he can find no evidence that Charbonnage equipment is being moved out. I haven't seen the wire yet, although this morning the Ambassador had a copy before him at the staff meeting. Since this report from Ackley directly contradicts the information given me by Coquet, representative of Charbonnage, I would like very much to know what Ackley did to attempt to find evidence as to whether it was being moved out. Specifically, has he visited the mine?

This whole matter is of such importance that the Ambassador suggests that Ackley and Croizat try to visit the mine to see on the ground what is actually taking place. In communicating with Ackley on this matter please coordinate with General O'Daniel's office. They will give parallel instructions to Croizat.

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