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Evacuation U. S. Equipment, Hon Gay Coal Mines

The following information was received in Navy Situation Report 121 dated 17 January 1955 from Commander, Task Group 90.8 to Commander-in-Chief, Pacific Fleet:

"CHARBONNAGES DU TONKIN COMPANY SUBMITTED LETTER TO ADM QUERVILLE, COMMANDER FRENCH NAVAL FORCES TONKIN, 28 DEC REQUESTING SHIPMENT DURING PERIODS INDICATED OF FOL US EQUIP HON GAY COAL MINES. MARCH OR APRIL. 79 VEHICLES AND OTHER PIECES VERY HEAVY EQUIP PRINCIPALLY 15 AND 20 TON TRUCKS AND BULLDOZERS. EARLY MAY 26 VEH AND OTHER PIECES HEAVY EQUIP INCLUDING 20 TRUCKS 6 TON AND 4 POWER SHOVELS EACH 35 TON. QUERVILLE STATES COMPANY DIRECTOR ESTIMATES TOTAL VALUE ALL LISTED EQUIP AT 200 MILLION PIASTERS AND COAL ALREADY MINED AND AWAITING SHIPMENT 500 MILLION PIASTERS. DIRECTOR ALSO STATES HANOI NEGOTIATIONS BEING CARRIED ON BETWEEN COMPANY OWNERS AND VIETMINH INCLUDE STIPULATION THAT US FUNDED EQUIP BE EVACUATED WITHOUT INCIDENT. EQUIP LISTED IN LETTER DOES NOT INCLUDE ALL US FUNDED EQUIP AT MINES. AMBASSADOR COLLINS AND CHIEF USOM INFORMED OF ALL ABOVE BY MAAG DET HAIPHONG."

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