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From: Land Forces of North Vietnam  
Bureau of Civilian Affairs

Date: January 26, 1955

To: Mr. Roger K. Ackley  
Special Delegate  
USOM / Haiphong

Dear Mr. Delegate:

I have received your letter dated January 15th, 1955 and would like to inform you that I cannot now authorize the sending to the South of the automobiles and tools of which you have sent me the list.

After consulting the inventories of the Vietnamese Public Services, the Chief of the French Group of Experts stated that a certain number of the automobiles belong to the Vietnamese National budget.

I have, therefore, asked the Engineer Marconnet, to contact your services to determine what U.S. aid is still in the possession of the Regional Administration of North Vietnam.

As soon as this list is finished the goods in question will be evacuated without difficulty.

Signed: Lt.-Colonel G. Riner  
Chief of the Bureau of  
Civilian Affairs

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