

MEMORANDUM CONCERNING THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH OF FRIDAY, DEC. 15, 1950

The President received word of the massive intervention of the Chinese communists in Korea about 6:15 A.M., Tuesday, November 28. At the Staff Meeting at 10 o'clock that morning, the President told the members of the Staff of the changed military complexion of the situation in Korea, and he informed the Staff that he had in mind going up to the Hill to address the Congress in person on Thursday, November 30. As the day wore on, however, it became apparent that there was no particular reason for going to Congress at that point as there were no major recommendations that could be made. The President decided that he would make a speech instead to the country as a whole, when the situation clarified a bit, but no date was set.