MEMORANDUM FOR THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: U.S. Position Regarding a Cease-Fire in Korea

REFERENCES: A. NSC 95  
B. NSC Action No. 390

With reference to the statement of policy on the subject approved by the President on December 11 (NSC Action No. 390-2), and the subsequent views of the Joint Chiefs of Staff pursuant thereto (NSC 95), the enclosed memorandum by the Department of State is circulated herewith for the information of the National Security Council and the Secretary of the Treasury.

JAMES S. LAY, Jr.
Executive Secretary

cc: The Secretary of the Treasury
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Washington

December 15, 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. JAMES S. LAY, JR.
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: NSC 95 - "U. S. Position Regarding a Cease-Fire in Korea"

With reference to your memorandum of December 13 circulating a JCS memorandum of December 12 on "United States Position Regarding the Terms of any United Nations General Assembly Cease-Fire Resolution for the Korean War", I should like to bring to your attention, for information and appropriate circulation, a report with respect to action to date.

The Department of State has prepared and cleared with the Department of Defense a statement of the conditions which the United States Government considers essential to any cease-fire arrangement in Korea. This statement is based on the subject memorandum, by the Joint Chiefs of Staff as approved by General Marshall.

The statement of the conditions which the United States Government considers essential for a cease-fire has been transmitted to Ambassador Gross of the U. S. Delegation to the General Assembly, who together with General Crittenden is meeting today with the three-man committee, chairman of the President of the General Assembly, appointed by the General Assembly to seek to bring about a cease-fire in Korea. The statement of the conditions, or its substance, will be communicated to the United Nations Committee as the opinion of the United States in its capacity as the unified command of United Nations forces in Korea.

/s/ PHILIP C. JESSUP

Philip C. Jessup
Ambassador-at-Large