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It is possible that the South Koreans may themselves contain and repel the attack and, if so, this is the best way. If, however, it appears that they cannot do so, then we believe that United States forces should be used. To sit by while Korea is overrun by unprovoked armed attack would start a disastrous chain of events leading most probably to world war. We suggest that the Security Council might call for action on behalf of the organization under Article 106 by the five powers or such of them as are willing to respond.