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WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM



To: White House - Mr. Eben Ayers
From: Department of State (NA) - Mr. Niles W. Bond *NW*
Subject: Message from Korean Minister of Foreign Affairs.

At Lincoln White's suggestion I am sending to you herewith a copy of the text of the message from the Korean Minister of Foreign Affairs which he discussed with you earlier today by phone. It is my understanding that this text is to be released by the Department tomorrow (Saturday) morning.

Enclosure:

Taejon's telegram No. 7,
dated July 14, 1950

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FROM: Taejon
OFFICE OF
NORTHEAST ASIAN AFFAIRS

TO: Secretary of State JUL 14 1950

NO: 7, July 14.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE



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Following letter dated Taejon, Korea, 14 July for Secretary:

"Dear Mr. Acheson: ^x

"In this hour of extreme trial for the Korean nation, I want you to know how deeply grateful we are for the magnificent fight America is waging to save Korea as well as democracy, and for your own great personal service in it. Korea is very proud to be the front-line ally of the United States and the United Nations and most emphatically pledges all in her power to win a lasting victory for cherished common cause.

The Government and people of Korea feel sure, and I know you do, that now is the time and Korea is the place to demonstrate to the world once and for all that democracy is the only way of peaceful life, and that despotic Communism must be decisively defeated. The morale and stamina of our forces are very high. The fighting ability and the material power of the American and Allied Forces are unsurpassed. I know that our over-all victory is only a question of time. We are all very confident here.

Korea will never forget what the government and people of America are doing for her; it will go down in Korean history for many centuries as a great turning point in her national life. I shall highly appreciate it if you will kindly convey this sentiment to President Truman. The Armed Forces and the people of the United States. ^{x#26}

With highest esteem,

Sincerely yours,

Ben C. Limb.

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Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Korea."

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