THE PRESIDENT asked the Secretary of State to summarize
the developments in the Korean case which the Secretary did.

THE PRESIDENT stressed the prompt action of the UN
Security Council. He then read the statement which was
subsequently released to the press. He said that he
intended to release this at the end of the meeting and
asked for any expression of views. He added that we could
not let this matter go by default. He referred to the
fact that the Secretary of State had directed the Ambassador
at Moscow to get in touch with the Soviet Government. He
still hoped there would be no Soviet involvement in the
attack but their possible next moves were being studied.

SENATOR WILEY asked what forces General MacArthur
had sent in.

GENERAL VANDENBERG supplied details beginning to
outline the forces we had available.

SECRETARY JOHNSON broke in to say this information was
secret and he did not wish details regarding our forces
in the Far East to be known.

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SECRETARY OF STATE said it was essential for his to know that we were in a position to give adequate support in the event of any further action being taken. He expressed the view that it was desirable to have the United Nations Security Council, under the authority of the General Assembly, take the lead in any action that might be necessary.

SECRETARY OF STATE continued that in his opinion there was no immediate threat to our national interests in the area of concern. However, he felt it was important to keep the situation under constant review and to be prepared to take action if necessary. He agreed with the President's view that the United Nations Security Council should take the lead in any decision regarding further action.

The President said this was true, and that the President had confided to him that the United Nations Security Council should take the lead in any decision regarding further action. The President also said that the United Nations Security Council should be kept fully informed of any developments in the situation.

SECRETARY OF STATE asked what further action he could take. The President said that he would keep him informed of any developments and that he would be instructed to act as the President saw fit.
SECRETARY ACHESON said that we could not expect military help from the French whose hands are already full.

SENATOR CONNALLY said this was a clear-cut case for the UN. This was an opportunity to test its methods.

CONGRESSMAN EATON inquired whether the United States was now committed to defend South Korea from invasion.

THE PRESIDENT replied that his statement made this clear.

SECRETARY ACHESON added that we were doing this in support of the UN.

SECRETARY JOHNSON said that Senators and Congressmen would be kept posted by the Defense Department on developments with regular briefings.

SECRETARY ACHESON pointed out that the USSR has carefully not committed itself as yet. He referred to the approach made by Ambassador Kirk and pointed out this information was not yet public. He added that we are avoiding publicly engaging Soviet prestige at this time.

CONGRESSMAN KEI asked whether any other governments doubted that we were acting in support of the UN.

THE PRESIDENT and SECRETARY ACHESON said that this was perfectly clear.

In answer to questions from Senator Connally, SECRETARY ACHESON said that he doubted whether the Russians would attend the next Security Council meeting. He said Senator Austin would be there to represent the United States.

SENATOR WILLEY asked whether the action in regard to Formosa, the Philippines and Indochina was taken under the UN.

THE PRESIDENT said no that was United States action.

SENATOR WILLEY inquired whether we had adequate forces.

THE PRESIDENT said yes.

SENATOR PAYBURN stated that on leaving the room he would say nothing to the press beyond the statement which the President was issuing.

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SENATOR CONNALLY said that we must be careful in handling the Formosa question not to divert attention from Korea.

THE PRESIDENT agreed.