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Subject: Instructions to General MacArthur.

It is interesting to note in the telecon 270217Z that the question was asked MacArthur at Louis Johnson's request as to his estimate of the next most likely threat from the Soviet Union. MacArthur replied that information was completely lacking as to Soviet intent and that "in view of military action directed by you, it is believed most probable that retaliatory Soviet action may be taken against Japan or South Korea. *It is speculative that North Korean assault is linked with overall South East Asian Communist operations.*"

Source: White House files.

* The question was phrased "Sec. Def. requests your best estimate as to the next most likely threat from Soviet," although, as noted above, Sec. Def. was not listed as one of those present at the telecon.