MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION
Meeting at the White House  June 26, 1950

The President received the Korean Ambassador at the
latter's request this afternoon, the Secretary of State
being present. The Korean Ambassador presented to the
President an appeal from the Korean Parliament asking for
expeditious and substantial help. The Korean Ambassador
said that President Rhee had telephoned to say that the
Korean forces were deficient in artillery, tanks and air-
craft and had asked for all possible aid in furnishing
these. The President said that he had already issued
orders to General MacArthur to supply all items ammunition
and equipment which in General MacArthur's opinion the
Korean army was trained to use and that the Koreans must
continue to fight effectively so that help from the United
States could strengthen them. The President pointed out
that the battle had been going on for only 48 hours and
that other men in other countries had defended their
liberties under much more discouraging situations through
to ultimate victory. The Korean Ambassador insisted that
the soldiers were brave but that they did not have adequate
equipment. The President again said that help was on the
way and that the Koreans must develop the steadfast leader-
ship which would carry them through this crisis.