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SUBJECT: Korean Situation

WASHINGTON: DA-1

President has directed that instructions be issued as follows:

All restrictions on employment of FEOC Navy and Air Forces are removed. They will offer fullest possible support to South Korean forces so as to permit these forces to reform.

Purpose of above action is to support SK forces in accordance with resolution of United Nations approved 25 June.

In addition 7th Fleet will take station so as to prevent invasion of Formosa and to insure that Formosa not be used as base of operations against Chinese mainland.
Detailed instructions reference Navy and Air Forces follow:

All restrictions which have previously prevented the full utilization of the U.S. Far East Air Forces to support and assist the defense of the South Korean territory are lifted for operations below the 38th Parallel. All North Korean tanks, guns, military columns and other military targets south of the 38th Parallel are cleared for attack by U.S. Air Forces. The purpose is to clear South Korea of North Korean military forces. Similarly Naval forces may be used without restriction in coastal waters and sea approaches of Korea south of 38th Parallel against forces engaged in aggression against South Korea. (End DA-1)

Washington: DA-2

Impartial that you use every method available to you to advise Amb. MacGill, Korean military leaders and Korean civilian officials of these decisions as they relate to Korea. (End DA-2)

Washington: DA-3

What is your latest information summary of military situation in Korea? (End DA-3)

Tokyo: FSC Item 1

Summary situation since 2701451 last report CX 56812
Chief XNAG quotation - Koreans have capability to take Seoul within 24 hr i.e. Tuesday/Wednesday. S-K D/S takes attitude that the fall of Seoul is fall of South Korea. Latest info to 10 A.M. Tokyo time: PFC 36014 entry into action North of Seoul by South Korean Third and Fifth Divisions has not succeeded in stopping the penetration recognized as the enemy main effort for the past 2 days with intent to seize the capital city of Seoul. Tanks entering suburbs of Seoul. Government transferred to south and communication with part of XNAG opened at Taegu. (Jun 50)

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South Korean units unable to resist determined northern offensive. South Korean casualties as an index to fighting have not shown adequate resistance capabilities or the will to fight and our estimate is that a complete collapse is possible. (End Item 1)

Washington: DA-4

What means of communication do you have now with Korea? (End DA-4)

Tokyo: FEC Item 2, re DA-4:

Communications now available as follows:

A. Manual telegraph circuit GHQ-KMAG. KMAG located Taegu.


C. Voice telephone via submarine cable GHQ to Kimpo Airfield.

D. Voice telephone via submarine cable GHQ to Pusan.

E. KMAG has destroyed all cipher material.

F. In addition to above official circuits, amateur manual CW radio circuit Tokyo-Pusan. (End Item 2)

Tokyo: FER Item 12, re FEC Item 2 Para A:

KMAG reports its location as Seoul rather than Taegu as previously reported. (End of Item 12)
1. Chinese nationalist government on Formosa is being called on to cease all sea and air offensives against mainland.

2. Seventh Fleet is hereby assigned to operational control CINCPAC for employment in following task hereby assigned CINCPAC: By Naval and Air action prevent any attack on Formosa, or any sea or air offensives from Formosa against mainland of China. Anchorages in Formosa authorized to be used connection this task.

3. CINCPAC/CINCPACFIR support and reinforce CINCPAC as necessary and practicable in performing tasks herein and those previously assigned. (End DA-5)

Tokyo: FEC Item 11
Request Seventh Fleet be diverted to Buckner Bay. (End Item 11)

Washington: DA-15
Ref FEC 11.

JCS directive contained in DA-5 assigned 7th Fleet to your operational control. You should therefore issue necessary orders. (End DA-15)

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HAS your survey party arrived in Korea and, if so, where are they? (End DA-6)

Tomoko: FEC Item 3, Answer to DA-6

Survey group now designated advance command group will arrive Suwon -30 miles south of Kimpo-approximately 1800 today. (End Item 3)

Washington: DA-7

What is status of evacuation of dependents? (End DA-7)

Tokyo: FEC Item 7

Status of dependents and other noncombatant personnel.

682 dependents departed Inchon 1715 hours 26 June - ETA Pukuoka 28 June.

203 civilian employees' air evacuated from Kimpo to Itazuke morning 27 June.

104 dependents scheduled depart Pusan morning 27 June - departure not yet confirmed.

250 dependents to be air evacuated from Kimpo 13301.

313 non-combatant to be air lifted from Suwon beginning after 1500 27 June.

275 males-moving to Pusan by motor for evacuation.

125 additional personnel not dependents to be evacuated from Pusan later.

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Re our red GX 56802 we are utilizing commercial transportation at govt expense to clear backlog here. (End Item 7)

Washington: DA-8

Have you succeeded in getting any ammunition or supplies to Korean forces? (End DA-8)

Tokyo: FEC Item 5: rer Item DA-8

First ship loading ammunition and additional artillery pieces will be ready to sail from Yokohama late this afternoon. Can arrive Pusan in 3 days. Ten aircraft F-51 have been turned over to Korean pilots at Itazuke Air Base Japan.

Airlift of ammo and supplies critically needed will be provided in view of the existing fluid situation when suitable landing location can be determined. (End Item 5)

Tokyo: FEC Item 4

Desire to interview Vice Adm Struble before he joins 7th Fleet. (End Item 4)

Washington: DA-9

Re FEC 4.

Struble left today for Tokyo and intends report GHQ. (End DA-9)

Tokyo: FEC Item 6

What publicity is being released in Washington regarding missions and directives enunciated above by the President? (End Item 6)

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No publicity from Washington for the present. It is recognized that your action under DA-2 may result in leaks from Korea but no official release to press should be made by you until further instructions. (End DA-10)

Tokyo: FEC Item 8

Revival of fighting spirit of So. Korean Army and people essential in this situation. This can only be accomplished thru general publicity. Consequently we suggest immediate publicity of main features from Washington. Information is certain to leak in next 24 hours and exaggerated speculation thereon can do untold damage. Request reply. (End Item 8)

Washington: DA-13

Re FEC 8.

Our understanding release will be made in Washington within next 12 hours. Will keep you advised. Meanwhile proceed with action as indicated in this telecon. (End DA-13)

Washington: DA-16

Ref FEC 8.

We are checking further with State reference publicity. There will be some delay pending consultation. (End DA-16)

Washington: DA-11

See Def Requests your G2 estimate as to next most likely threat from Sovist. (End DA-11)

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Information completely lacking as to any Soviet intent. In view of military action directed by you, it is believed most probable that retaliatory Soviet action may be taken against Japan or S Korea.

It is speculative that N Korean assault is linked with overall SE Asia Communist operations. (End of Item 9)

Have you seen text or press summary of United Nations resolution adopted Sunday afternoon? (End DA-12)

Tokyo: PB Item 10, rer DA-12

Yes. (End Item 10)

Tokyo: PB Item 13

In view of latest reports suggest cancellation telecon with Irwin proposed for 10 P.M. local time (171200Z).

(End of Item 13)

Re PB Item 13.

Concur. (End DA-14)

Nothing further. Will keep you informed of developments here. Many thanks. (End DA-17)

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