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Reference present report of supposed announcement by Eighth Army that ROK Divisions would halt on 38th parallel for regrouping. We want you to feel unhindered tactically and strategically to proceed north of 38th parallel. Announcement above referred to may precipitate embarrassment in UN where evident desire is not to be confronted with necessity of a vote on passage of 38th parallel, rather to find you have found it militarily necessary to do so.

Signed G C Marshall

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