Men and material in large forces are pouring across all bridges over the Yangtze from Manchuria. This must not only jeopardize but threatens the ultimate destruction of the forces under my command. The actual move across the river can be accomplished under cover of darkness and the distance between the river and our lines is so short that the forces can be deployed against our trips without being seriously subjected to air interception. The only way to stop this refit of the enemy is the destruction of these bridges and the destruction of all installations in the North area supporting the enemy adv to the max of our air destruction. Every hour that this is postponed will be paid for dearly in American and other United Nation's blood. The main crossing at Shenjia was to be hit within the next few hours and the mission is actually already being sorted. Under the greatest protection that I can give, I am suspending this strike and carrying out your instructions. What I had ordered is entirely within the scope of the rules of war and the resolutions and directions which I have read from the United Nations and constitute no slightest act of belligerency against Chinese territory, in spite of the outrageous international humbug emanating therefrom. I cannot overemphasize the disastrous effect, both physical and psychological, that will result from the restrictions which you are imposing. I trust that the matter be immediately brought to the attention of the President as I believe your instructions may well result in a calamity of major proportion for which I cannot accept the responsibility without his personal and direct understanding of the sit. There is so essential that I request immediate reconsideration of your decision pending which complete compliance will of course given to your order.

ACTION: JCS

INFO: GEN VANDERBERG, GEN COLLINS, ADM SHIRER, DG SULLIVAN, SEC MAURHALL

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