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From JCS for MacArthur.

The JCS have noted the following press dispatch:

"With invasion fleet off Korea -- General MacArthur
hopes that the invasion of Korea at Inchon will save 100,000
American lives. The landing first was planned for late July
with the U. S. First Cavalry Division spearheading it.

"The idea was abandoned when that division had to be
thrown into the beachhead defenses.

"MacArthur sold the Joint Chiefs of Staff on the
idea of an Inchon landing despite their unanimous objections
to such an ambitious undertaking. He laid his plan before
General J. Lawton Collins, Army Chief of Staff, and Admiall
Forrest Sherman, Naval Chief of Operations, when they were
in Tokyo on August 26. He promised that such an invasion
would 'end the war by winter and save 100,000 lives'.

"Sources close to General MacArthur said both Collins
and Sherman opposed the landing at Inchon. It would be too
hard to put the troops ashore and supply them against counter-
attacks, they maintained. They suggested landings farther
south.'

"General Collins and Adm Sherman are issuing the folll
statement:

"In reply to queries as to press reports that they
had opposed the planned landing at Inchon and suggested
landings farther south, Gen Collins and Adm Sherman stated
that in accordance with the practice developed during World
War II they, as reps of JCS, were sent by the JCS to consult
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WITH Gen MacArthur and to review plans for the Inchon landing, possible alternate landings, and subsequent operations. The JCS after receiving the recommendations of Gen Collins and Adm Sherman, gave unanimous approval of the projected operations including the landing at Inchon."

No further comment is planned here with respect to this report.

All efforts and logistical elements maintain a planned schedule. The weather continues favorable.

With the liberation of Inchon from enemy rule now accomplished, elements of our forces have been moved with the preservation of its internal law and order and with the co-operation of the established civil government.

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