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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 Admiral Forrest Sherman, Naval Chief of Operations, when they were in Tokyo on August 22. 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 foll 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.

Marine attack this morning linked up the two wings and secured the City of Inchon. The division advance is now approximately three miles east of the city on the Seoul highway. Air support has destroyed hostile tanks and motorized elements attempting to converge on our advance.

All combat and logistical elements maintain planned schedules. The weather continues favorable.

With the liberation of Inchon from Communist rule accomplished, elements of UN forces have been charged with the preservation of its internal law and order and with the restoration of its constituted civil government.

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