IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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At a meeting with Congressional leaders at the White House
this morning, the President, together with the Secretary of Defense,
the Secretary of State, and the Joint Chiefs of Staff, reviewed with
them the latest developments of the situation in Korea. The Congressional
leaders were given a full review of the intensified military activities.

In keeping with the United Nations Security Council's request
for support to the Republic of Korea in repelling the North Korean
invaders and restoring peace in Korea, the President announced that
he had authorized the United States Air Force to conduct missions on
specific military targets in Northern Korea whenever militarily neces-
sary, and had ordered a Naval blockade of the entire Korean coast.

General MacArthur has been authorized to use certain supporting ground
units.

(1) authorized by DCI message of Tuesday evening
(2) not authorized by DCI message of Saturday, July
(3) AFRICOM data not authorized on message authorized on message
(4) RED to Naval was authorized in early July telecon;
(5) this is to be authorized by DCI message of 1:24 pm EST.
(6) 7:00 am.