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 wherever militarily necessary, and had ordered a Naval blockade of the entire Korean coast.

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

1. Authorize by DCI command of Thursday evening.
2. Not actually authorized by DCI command (Saturday, July 16th).
3. Arm A and B units (cannot be authorized Thursday evening).
4. 1st REI to command and maintain in early Friday afternoon.
5. 2nd REI to deploy authorized by DCI command at 12:00 pm ECT, 30 June.