

June 30, 1950 - Friday

Subject: ~~Second~~ Teletype conference with MacArthur, 300740Z.

Beverly Smith told me on July 17, 1951, that Frank Pace had just told him that the first U. S. troops to arrive in Korea landed by air about 6 A.M., E.D.T., Friday, June 30. This was less than three hours after the teletype conference. Smith and I assume that these troops -- if it is correct that they arrived that early -- were sent by MacArthur under the authority he had received from JCS telegram 292259Z. ^{not from authority from the teletype conference.} However, in the light of an exchange which occurred in the teletype conference 300740Z, I doubt the accuracy of Pace's report. General Collins asked MacArthur the following question during that teletype conference.



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"What is your estimate as to the time until RCT can be in action in Suwan area? Do you contemplate moving it by air?"

MacArthur replied "Not feasible to make such an estimate until full extent of break-through at Han River is determinable. In any event, movement by air would be impossible in view of lack of security of Suwan Airfield."

Source: White House files; Conversations of S. H. S. & Beverly Smith.

Notes → Note: Pace prob. is right; Collins was asking about Suwon, which was up near Seoul. The troops that did arrive about 6:00 am est (30th were near Pusan, 200 miles South. The two reports are not incompatible.