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Following message just received from General Hodges in Korea:

"First authenticated reports of Soviet political activity in northern Korea substantiate rumors that the Soviet Army is doing everything possible to spread communism despite the objections of the people.

In one town a successful "self-rule council," created after the Japanese surrender, was forcibly replaced by the Soviet commander with a "people's political committee" in which Korean communists were given the dominant position although they are only a very small minority of the people.

A Korean communist group was permitted to organize while an opposition "democratic party" was forcibly disbanded. Radio, press and dropped leaflets are used to spread communist propaganda.

Informant giving above eyewitness report says similar political activity taking place in other areas in northern Korea, and he believes Soviets are determined to communize their zone of occupation.

In view of such conditions, it is not believed that..."
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Efforts "at the military level" to bring about collaboration
to the American and Soviet commanders can achieve lasting
success in questions of broad principle. Small problems
susceptible of solution on their merit may perhaps be satis-
factorily handled, but it seems unlikely that more funda-
mentally matters involving national economic or political
policies will even reach the stage of discussion here except
at the result of high level negotiations between Washington
and Moscow.

A Soviet liaison group has arrived in Seoul, and
CUGEN USAPIR has taken opportunity of its presence to in-
vite Soviet General Chistinskoy to a conference to discuss
problems of mutual interest.

A similar invitation issued orally by American group
which visited Paju two weeks ago has never been accepted or
answered. Mr. Benninghoff State Department concurs."

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ACTION: JCS

INFO: Adm Leahy; Gen Arnold; OFD (State); Gen Bissell;
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