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Advance, Tokyo, Japan

To: War Department

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Following message just received from General Hodge in Korea:

"First authenticated reports of Soviet political activity in north 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 north 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 between American and Soviet commanders can achieve lasting success in questions of broad principle. Small problems susceptible of solution on their merit may perhaps be satisfactorily handled, but it seems unlikely that more fundamental 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 COMGEN USAFIK has taken opportunity of its presence to invite Soviet General Chistiakov to a conference to discuss problems of mutual interest.

A similar invitation issued orally by American group which visited Heijo 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; OPD (State); Gen Bissell;
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