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September 27, 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Suggested Broadcast of Surrender Terms to North Koreans.

It is urgently recommended that you authorize General MacArthur to broadcast, at his discretion, a message to the North Korean Commander in Chief along the following lines:

"The early and total defeat of your forces is now inevitable. In order that the decision of the United Nations may be carried out with a minimum further loss of life and destruction to Korea, the United Nations Commander in Chief calls upon you and the forces under your command, wherever situated, to lay down your arms and cease hostilities forthwith. United Nations forces will supervise compliance with this requirement.

"All United Nations prisoners of war and civilian internees under North Korean control must be immediately liberated and provision made for their protection, care, maintenance and immediate transportation to places directed by the Commanding General of the United Nations Unified Command.

"North Korean forces, including prisoners of war in the hands of United Nations forces, will be treated correctly and will be permitted by United Nations authorities to return to their homes as soon as practicable.

"The Republic of Korea will be immediately reestablished with its capital in Seoul. The question of the future of Korea is now before the United Nations. The action of United Nations forces in Korea will conform to the wishes of the United Nations."

This recommendation has been approved by the Secretary of Defense.

Acting Secretary

"Approved
Sept. 27, '50
HARRY S. TRUMAN"

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