General MacArthur's Statement on His Trip to Formosa,
August 1, 1950

My visit to Formosa has been primarily for the purpose of making a
short reconnaissance of the potential of its defense against possible attack.

The policy has been enunciated that this island, including the
Peninsula, is not under present circumstances subject to military invasion.

It is my responsibility and firm purpose to enforce this decision.
My conferences here on all levels have been most cordial and responsive in
every respect.

Among the problems which were discussed was the prompt and generous
offer of the Chinese Government to send troops to join the United Nations
forces in Korea.

The belief of all concerned, however, was that such action at this
time might so seriously jeopardize the defense of Formosa that it would be
inadvisable.

Arrangements have been completed for effective coordination between
the American forces under my command and those of the Chinese Government
the better to meet any attack which a hostile force might be foolish enough
to attempt.

Such an attack would, in my opinion, stand little chance of success.

It has been a great pleasure for me to meet my old comrades-in-arms
of the last war, President Chiang Kai-shek.

His indomitable determination to resist Communist domination
arouses my sincere admiration. His determination parallels the common
interest and purpose of Americans that all peoples in the Pacific area
shall be free -- not slaves.

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