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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: The Korean Situation

I. Military Situation

Summary

All sectors of the front have remained relatively quiet during the past 24 hours. The enemy made minor attacks in the south and center sectors. UN forces continued to advance in the east sector. Naval units of the UN forces engaged in patrolling and provided close support. UN air forces flew 665 sorties, a record number, of which 463 were combat attacks.

Ground Forces

South Sector. The US 35th Regiment repulsed four enemy attacks. The US 24th Regiment repulsed a minor attack, suffering no damage. Along the Nakdong River in the Changnyong-Hyongung area, the US 23rd and 38th Regiments also repulsed minor attacks.

Center Sector. An exchange of fighting in the Waegwan-Kasan area resulted in slight gains for the US 7th Cavalry Regiment, and a slight withdrawal by the US 8th Cavalry Regiment. The enemy continued heavy pressure against the ROK 1st Division's left flank, but ROK forces maintained their positions in this area.

East Sector. The advance of the ROK 8th Division against the North Korean 15th Division continued, with the ROK division advancing approximately 6,000 yards in the Yongchon area. Other UN forces in the Kyongju-Pohang area made slight gains against the enemy penetration near Yonil airfield.

Rear Areas. Elements of North Korean security troops which have been reported in Yonidok, Ulchin, Yonghae, and Samchok, on the east coast, are apparently engaged in establishing coastal defenses. A convoy of an undetermined number of vehicles was reported moving along the Pyongyang-Seoul road, and another convoy of 100 to 150 vehicles was reported moving south on the road from Hamchang to Sangju.

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Navy

The UN east coast patrol fired support missions in the Pohang area, while other units provided close support fire in the south sector. West coast patrol units reported additional mines in the west coast waters.

Air Forces

A record number of sorties, totalling 665, was flown by UN aircraft. Of the 463 combat sorties, 386 were close support missions. Other air activity included a B-29 mission which bombed an ammunition storage dump near Pyongyang with excellent results.

II. General Situation

The Republic of Korea is sending a six-man delegation to attend the fall session of the United Nations General Assembly. Initially, the National Assembly had voted to send a three-man delegation independently of the executive, but the delegation finally selected represents a compromise between the choices of President Rhee and the Assembly. ROK Foreign Minister Ben C. Limb and the ROK Ambassador to the US, John Chang, will lead the delegation.

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