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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: The Korean Situation

I. Military Situation

Summary

Task Force Kean has reached its final objectives, but the lines of communications to this defensive US position in the south are still under continual harassment from enemy pockets which were bypassed in the advance and a large proportion of US strength in this sector is being used for mopping-up operations. Meanwhile, the enemy is continuing to reinforce its bridgehead in the central sector, and air observers report preparations to move artillery and possibly tanks across the Nakdong River. To the northeast, in the Pohang-Yongdok area, the enemy is continuing to exert pressure.

UN naval and air activities during the past 24 hours were confined generally to close support of ground units. UN naval forces also raided the North Korean port of Chinnampo on the west coast and sank two enemy ships.

Sector Reports

In the southern sector, all major units of Task Force Kean have reached their final objectives in the high ground southeast and east of Chinju. However, US lines of communications are still under continual harassment from enemy groups which were bypassed during the advance. As a result, the greater proportion of US strength in this sector is being used for mopping-up operations in the rear.

In the central sector, Task Force Hill, composed of three US regiments, launched a coordinated attack against the North Korean 4th Division which is expanding a bridgehead across the Nakdong River in the US 24th Divisional zone. The US force has advanced

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1000 yards and is continuing against stiff resistance.

Immediately to the north, on the US 1st Cavalry Division front, the enemy has crossed the Naktong at a point 12 miles southwest of Taegu and has been engaged by a regimental combat team. The enemy attack was repulsed, and US artillery fire inflicted heavy losses.

In the Waegwan area, an enemy crossing began in force early Sunday morning at a point approximately three miles north of Waegwan. On the same front, the 1st ROK Division repulsed an enemy night attack five miles north of Waegwan. Meanwhile, in the north sector no enemy activity was reported.

On the Yongdok-Pohang front, in the northeast, there was no sign of any change as UN forces continued offensive action against strong enemy resistance.

II. Other Developments

No significant developments were reported in the past 48 hours and there were no references to earlier reports that the North Koreans intend to transfer their capital from Pyongyang to Seoul on 15 August and to announce that the political unification of Korea is now virtually completed.

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