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ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-SIXTH MEETING
OF
THE MILITARY ARMISTICE COMMISSION

HELD AT MAC HQ AREA, KOREA

2 MARCH 1961

MEMBERS PRESENT

UNITED NATIONS COMMAND

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Meeting convened at 1030 hours

KPA/CPV:

At the 225th, 226th, 227th and 228th Secretaries meeting held recently, our side lodged vigorous protests with your side against the flagrant violations of the Armistice Agreement it has committed by dispatching its naval vessels of various types into the coastal waters of our side almost every day since the first days of the New Year, and made repetitive demands that your side punish its personnel involved in conformity with the terms of the Armistice Agreement and take thorough-going measures to prevent the recurrence of similar incidents.

Such demands of our side were not only in full agreement with the requirement and provisions of the Armistice Agreement, but also quite reasonable ones aimed to eliminate the tension in Korea and convert the armistice into a stable peace.

Instead of frankly admitting its violations of the Armistice Agreement and taking effective steps to cease them, however, your side rather attempted to flatly deny its criminal actions at the 227th and 228th Secretaries meetings.

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Such attitude of your side has irrefutably substantiated that the promise of an investigation your side made whenever its violations of the Armistice Agreement were disclosed was mere tactics aimed to extricate itself from its awkward position, to give others an impression as if it had some QUOTE sincerity UNQUOTE in implementing the Armistice Agreement, to gain time for inventing some pretexts for denying glaring facts and to hatch fresh plots.

As a wolf cannot conceal his ferocious fangs however hard he may try to disguise himself as a sheep, so your side can never wipe out solid facts whatever ruse it may employ.

However desperately your side may try to cover up its criminal acts which have already been completely revealed, the only result will be adding fresh criminal acts to those previously committed.

Precisely from this shameless and perfidious position has your side been causing the provocative incidents at sea one after the other.

Around 0500 hours our time, on February 21, 1961, your side's destroyer escort number 55 intruded into the sea in the vicinity of 38 degrees 39 minutes North, 128 degrees 35 minutes East in the coastal waters of our side and your side's medium landing ship number 605 intruded on three occasions at about 0520 hours, 0900 hours and 2300 hours on the same day into the sea in the vicinity of 38 degrees 39 minutes North, 128 degrees 29 minutes East; 38 degrees 39 minutes North, 128 degrees 35 minutes East and 38 degrees 39 minutes North, 128 degrees 32 minutes East in the coastal waters of our side respectively.

The above-mentioned medium landing ship number 605 of your side repeatedly intruded around 0140 hours our time on

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February 22, around 0540 hours, our time, on February 23, 1961 and around 1600 hours, our time, on February 24, 1961, into the sea in the vicinity of 38 degrees 39 minutes North, 128 degrees 35 minutes East; 38 degrees 39 minutes North, 128 degrees 33 minutes East and 38 degrees 39 minutes North, 128 degrees 32 minutes East in the coastal waters of our side respectively.

Such an illegal intrusion by your side's medium landing ship number 605 whose main duty is to engage in provocative acts against our side continued to occur after that as well every day and that several times a day; on February 25, 1961, it intruded on two occasions at about 1710 and 1800 hours our time into the sea in the vicinity of 38 degrees 39 minutes North, 128 degrees 34 minutes East in the coastal waters of our side; at about 2200 hours, our time, on February 26, 1961, into the sea in the vicinity of 38 degrees 39 minutes North, 128 degrees 31 minutes East in the coastal waters of our side; at about 0700 hours, our time, on February 27, 1961, into the sea in the vicinity of 38 degrees 39 minutes North, 128 degrees 28 minutes East in the coastal waters of our side; and just yesterday, that is, on March 1, 1961, at about 1000 hours, our time, into the sea in the vicinity of 38 degrees 39 minutes North, 128 degrees 32 minutes East in the coastal waters of our side.

Moreover, your side's destroyer escort number 55, I mentioned above, intruded again at approximately 0740 hours our time, on February 28, 1961, into the sea in the vicinity of 38 degrees 39 minutes North, 128 degrees 34 minutes East in the coastal waters of our side; your side's submarine chaser number 706 intruded at approximately 1030 hours, our time, on March 1, 1961 into the sea in the vicinity of 38 degrees 39 minutes North, 128 degrees 33

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minutes East in the coastal waters of our side.

Thus, your side has perpetrated provocative and hostile acts by dispatching its naval craft of various types to intrude into the coastal waters of our side on as many as 73 occasions since the beginning of this year alone.

As is set forth in the Preamble of the Armistice Agreement, the Commanders of the opposing sides signed the Agreement QUOTE with the objective of establishing an armistice which will insure a complete cessation of hostilities and of all acts of armed force in Korea until a final peaceful settlement is achieved UNQUOTE and mutually agreed to accept and to be bound and governed by the conditions and terms of armistice set forth in the Agreement.

This notwithstanding, your side has incessantly perpetrated provocative and hostile acts without being bound and governed by the Armistice Agreement. Such action of your side constitutes not only gross violations of the Agreement but a vicious challenge to peace as well.

Through the provocative and hostile acts it has kept committing against our side, your side has violated Paragraph 12 of the Armistice Agreement wherein it is stipulated to QUOTE order and enforce a complete cessation of all hostilities in Korea. UNQUOTE

Through the continued intrusion of its naval vessels of various types into the coastal waters of our side, your side has violated Paragraph 15 of the Armistice Agreement which provides: QUOTE all opposing naval forces shall respect the waters contiguous to the Demilitarized Zone and to the land area of Korea under the military control of the opposing side, and shall not engage in blockade of any kind of Korea, UNQUOTE

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Through its failure to take any measures to cease its violations of the Armistice Agreement occurring without interruption, your side has violated Paragraph 17 thereof which prescribes: QUOTE The Commanders of the opposing sides shall establish within their respective commands all measures and procedures necessary to insure complete compliance with all of the provisions hereof by all elements of their commands. UNQUOTE

Furthermore, through its failure to punish those who are guilty of gross violations of the Armistice Agreement, your side has violated Sub-paragraph 13e thereof in which it is stipulated to QUOTE insure that personnel of their respective commands who violate any of the provisions of this Armistice Agreement are adequately punished. UNQUOTE

The fact that your side has dispatched, as I have stated above, various naval vessels overtly in violation of relevant terms of the Armistice Agreement into the coastal waters of our side is linked closely with the war policy being frantically furthered by your side in south Korea.

As is known to everybody, in flagrant infringement upon the provision of the Armistice Agreement which prohibits introduction into Korea of reinforcing combat materiel and military personnel, your side has shipped in various atomic weapons and guided missiles, new-type vessels and combat aircraft and increased on a large scale the numerical strength of the U.S. imperialist aggressive army occupying south Korea, thereby converting south Korea into an atomic war advance base of the U.S. imperialists. And your side's Commander-in-Chief MAGRUDER who is responsible personally for compliance with all terms and provisions of the Armistice Agreement has gone the length of expressing at a recent press interview his satisfaction

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with such activities of your side disrupting the Armistice Agreement.

Furthermore, your side has openly fired various new-type weapons brought in illegally making a bellicose bombast that it would complete an atomic attack against north Korea within 30 minutes after receiving orders from the White House or it would march up to the YALU River once the White House gives an order, and frequently staged large scale atomic war maneuvers while time and again committing various provocative acts against our side on the ground, on the sea and in the air,

Just keeping pace with such frantic reinforcement of military strength and with various overt and provocative military operations, your side has dispatched its naval craft of various types every day and several times a day at that to intrude into the coastal waters of our side. There is no doubt whatever that your side, by so doing, is brewing the machination to aggravate tension further in Korea thereby diverting elsewhere the attention of the south Korean people who have risen up in the anti-American, save-the-nation struggle, suppressing by threat of force the righteous liberation struggle of the south Korean people who have stood up to uphold the subjecthood as well as the rights and interests of our nation in opposition to the predatory colonial policy of the U.S. imperialists, rejecting the subjugating and predatory QUOTE ROK-U.S. Economic and Technical Agreement UNQUOTE in particular, creating an atmosphere suitable for stepping up the preparations for another war your side has long been making. Such vicious machinations of your side clearly prove that your side intends to again unleash another war against the Korean people, tearing the cease-fire provision in pieces at the first opportunity,

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The above-mentioned facts prove that your side has no intention at all to comply with the Armistice Agreement and again testify saliently to the fact that you, U.S. imperialists are the very sworn enemy of the Korean people.

The Korean armistice is seriously jeopardized by the overt act of aggression from your side, and this Commission has encountered enormous obstacles in the execution of its work on account of the plain perfidies of your side.

For converting the Korean armistice into a durable peace and solving the Korean question peacefully as intended by the Armistice Agreement, the aggressive acts of your side must be promptly discontinued and all terms and provisions of the Armistice Agreement enforced strictly.

I lodge a vigorous protest with your side against the provocative hostilities your side has committed by dispatching various naval craft incessantly to intrude into the coastal waters of our side in disregard of the repeated protests and warnings from our side.

At the same time, I strongly demand that your side severely punish in conformity with terms and requirement of the Armistice Agreement the main culprits who have infiltrated various naval vessels into our coastal waters and all of its personnel involved and take responsible action to prevent the recurrence of similar incidents in the future.

UNC:

On my immediate right is Major General RYU, HUNG SOO, Republic of Korea Army, newly appointed member of the United Nations Command Component of the Military Armistice Commission. His credentials have already been passed to your side through the Joint Duty Officers.

The Secretary of our side has already informed your side of the results of the United Nations Command investigation into the naval charges made by your side at the

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225th and 226th meetings of the Secretaries. There is no reason you should not be aware of the results.

The charges to which you refer have been properly investigated and it was determined that no violation occurred. The facts reveal this conclusively. Further discussion will not alter these facts. Your charges are without basis in fact and have been fabricated for some sinister purpose.

Since you have seen fit to raise this subject at this meeting, I will report the results of our latest investigations.

A complete and thorough investigation has been made into the alleged sea violations charged by your side at the 227th Secretaries meeting and the results reveal that these charges are entirely false and without basis in fact.

The United Nations Command therefore denies these fabricated charges and condemns your side for its crude attempt to defame the United Nations Command.

As is the habitual practice of the United Nations Command side, the new allegations which your side has made at this meeting will be carefully investigated.

KPA/CPV:

Since your side is the provocator and culprit who has continued to dispatch various naval vessels into our coastal waters from the outset of the New Year in flagrant violation of the Armistice Agreement, it is improper for your side to make any excuse or pretext with regard to our reasonable charges and demands.

You have graphically revealed through your statement the brigandish and shameless nature of the U.S. imperialists.

All that your side has to do now is to admit frankly its guilty acts, punish its personnel concerned, and take practical and responsible measures to prevent a recurrence

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of similar incidents in the future.

You have used the word QUOTE fabrication UNQUOTE in an attempt to cover up the violations committed by your side, but it is quite absurd.

Your side has systematically disrupted and infringed upon the Armistice Agreement and committed provocative acts gravely menacing the Korean armistice. How could it be overlooked without being condemned and how could the culprit be pardoned with impunity? The criminal acts of your side should be scathingly denounced and judged.

If you fear its gross violations of the Armistice Agreement being charged and exposed to the world, your side should respect the letter and spirit of the Armistice Agreement and desist originally from committing such hostile and provocative acts as to violate the Armistice Agreement and the Agreements and Understandings between both sides.

All the records of the past meetings of the Military Armistice Commission and its subordinate agencies show that your side under the cloak of an QUOTE investigation UNQUOTE has been engrossed on the one hand in covering up its criminal acts already committed and on the other in rabid plots to perpetrate more serious violations of the Armistice Agreement.

Accordingly, what you termed QUOTE a careful investigation based on the practice of the United Nations Command side UNQUOTE is a swindler's position, a brigandish position of denying glaring facts unconditionally, a criminal's position intended to undermine and infringe on the Armistice Agreement continuously, a war maniac's position of running amuck in preparations for another war and an aggressor's position attempting to occupy south Korea for good.

Precisely because of such QUOTE position UNQUOTE of your side, the Korean armistice is menaced; the peaceful

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settlement of the Korean question is delayed; south Korea has been converted into a colony and a military base of the U.S. imperialists; the south Korean people are undergoing QUOTE the hardest life in 4,000 years UNQUOTE in the dark land, the living hell.

As I have already stated clearly, it is an incontrovertible solid fact that the naval vessels of your side have illegally intruded into the coastal waters of our side.

This notwithstanding, why can't your side straightforwardly admit its criminal actions but try to deny them flatly?

There is no shadow of doubt that your side is pursuing by so behaving the aim of drawing a veil over the true facts of its abominable provocations which have been perpetrated so as to exacerbate tension in Korea, threat by force the south Korean people who are out in the anti-American, national salvation struggle and divert their attention elsewhere, and of averting the resentment and denunciation of the world peoples which will be roused by such provocations.

No matter what attempt your side may make, however, it can never attain its wicked aims.

On the contrary, such attitude of your side serves only to reveal graphically again the fact that your side is no other than the most heinous violator and wrecker of the Armistice Agreement as well as the flagrant betrayer to the duties entrusted to it.

I demand that your side conduct the QUOTE investigation UNQUOTE you have promised so as to punish the personnel concerned and take thorough and responsible measures to prevent the recurrence of similar hostile acts in the future, without reiterating its past practice of adding another crime to the ones previously committed.

UNC:

Your side has been informed of the results of the United Nations Command investigation of the alleged sea violations charged by your side. These investigations showed no grounds to support your charges and were therefore denied. These facts are now in the records of the recent meetings of the Secretaries as well as of this meeting. Further discussion here cannot change them. The United Nations Command is innocent of these false charges by your side.

The increase of these false charges by your side here of late is cause for serious concern. Except in a few instances which are a matter of record, investigation by the United Nations Command of the alleged air, ground and sea violations recently charged by your side show them to have been without basis in fact. The actions of your side in this matter are in violation of the spirit of the Armistice Agreement. I demand that your side cease making these fraudulent charges against the United Nations Command and start abiding by the terms of the Armistice Agreement.

KPA/CPV:

It is extremely ridiculous for you to attempt in your absurd remarks to describe as an indication of your regard for the Armistice Agreement the vile act of your side having not only committed such hostile acts as to infiltrate various naval vessels successively into the coastal waters of our side in gross violation of the Armistice Agreement, but resorting to every possible means to deny the criminal acts already disclosed to the whole world,

If you say what you mean by your word QUOTE observance UNQUOTE of the Armistice Agreement, why has your side been committing the hostile acts of dispatching its naval vessels to intrude into the coastal waters of our side almost every day and, now and then, several times a day for nearly two

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months? If your side really QUOTE observe UNQUOTE the Armistice Agreement, why does your side reiterate such despicable trickery as to promise to make an QUOTE investigation UNQUOTE into its violation of the Armistice Agreement and later give a flat denial to them?

If your side had had the least intention to abide by the Armistice Agreement, your side should not have committed any hostile acts of infiltrating naval craft into the coastal waters of our side from the beginning, should it?

Furthermore, if your side had had a regard for the Armistice Agreement, your side should have frankly admitted its provocative acts, apologized to our side for them, punished those involved in the criminal acts and given at this table an assurance that such hostile acts would never be reiterated, shouldn't it?

But your side did not do so.

While thus disregarding the expressed provision of the Armistice Agreement and declining to implement its inescapable obligation, your side talks about its QUOTE observance UNQUOTE of the Agreement. This very fact is apparently fantastic and silly, indeed.

Your side, as mentioned-above, has not only indulged in logically contradictory and preposterous quibbling but also continued brewing fresh schemes under the cloak of QUOTE investigation UNQUOTE and attempted to justify its improper action of denying the grave violations of the Armistice Agreement. Furthermore, it has taken even such intolerable action as to hurl random slanders at our side which is faithful toward the implementation of the Armistice Agreement.

This demonstrates clearly that your side is at the height of its impudence.

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With no desperate subterfuge can your side cover up the hostile act of having infiltrated its naval vessels into our coastal waters, nor can it ever defame our side which has been faithful in the implementation of the Armistice Agreement.

Your side must bear the responsibility for its provocative acts, punish your personnel involved in these incidents, and immediately take practical measures for strictly implementing all terms of the Armistice Agreement.

UNC:

The United Nations Command side has no intention of accepting responsibility for acts which it has not committed. The United Nations Command side has thoroughly investigated charges made by your side to determine the true facts. The United Nations Command side will continue this policy.

Do you have any further matters for this meeting?

KPA/CPV:

It is a generally-known fact that your side is the burglar of burglars.

However hard a burglar may try to explain away the fact that he is a burglar, a burglar remains a burglar all the same.

Whatever efforts your side may make to relieve itself from the criminal acts, it is ill-advised. They have already been exposed to the whole world.

All that your side has to do is to punish the offenders, and give an assurance that similar hostilities will be prevented from recurring.

Nevertheless, your side is taking a brazen-faced action now.

I ask you; Do you mean to say that your side will not take the responsibility for its serious violations of

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the Armistice Agreement despite the fact that it has committed them, and that it intends to commit such provocative hostilities?

UNC:

Your question, as it came through in the translation, is unintelligible. The United Nations Command side does not accept responsibility for acts which have not been committed.

I will say again. The alleged naval intrusions charged by your side at the 225th, 226th and 227th Secretaries meetings have been investigated and found to be without basis in fact. Those charged subsequently will be investigated. Since you appear to have no other subject for this meeting, I propose a recess.

KPA/CPV:

The charges you have just levelled against our side should be turned on your side, for it is always no other than your side that has been the criminal committing various provocative and hostile acts incessantly in disruption and infringement of the Armistice Agreement, that has been engrossed in fraudulent acts and that has persistently taken insincere and uncompromising position along with the result that it has caused serious hinderances in the work of the Military Armistice Commission and its subordinate agencies.

As you are also aware, it is the aim of the Korean Armistice Agreement to insure a complete cessation of hostilities and of all acts of armed force in Korea until a final peaceful settlement of the Korean question is achieved.

It is beyond all doubt that for the attainment of this goal aimed at by the Armistice Agreement, all of the Articles and Paragraphs of the Armistice Agreement which

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specify effective and appropriate measures to prevent the recurrence of all hostile acts of armed force should be strictly observed and enforced.

This notwithstanding, in gross violation of Paragraph 15 of the Armistice Agreement stipulating that all opposing naval forces shall QUOTE respect the waters contiguous to the Demilitarized Zone and to the land area of Korea under the military control of the opposing side, UNQUOTE your side has continuously committed various hostile acts: it infiltrated various naval craft and armed vessels into our coastal waters and coastal islands to conduct reconnaissance over our coastal areas, to launch provocative attacks on our vessels, to kill and abduct our peaceable inhabitants and so forth.

Thus busying itself in preparation for another war in flagrant violation of the Armistice Agreement, your side has purposely evaded its obligation to take immediate action to cease the aforesaid violations of the Armistice Agreement which it has repeatedly committed and prevent the recurrence of similar violations, and even made no scruple to commit such a despicable act as to slander our side groundlessly.

Despite the fact that your side is the guilty party which has committed the heinous provocations, how can you persist in your refusal to bear the responsibility for the criminal acts committed by your side?

Your side can by no means be relieved from the blame for its crimes.

On account of the insincere attitude your side has taken towards the Armistice Agreement, the tension in Korea has been further aggravated. Such action of yours only serves further to reveal to the world every detail of your aggressive and shameless character,

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As is clearly shown by all facts, the irresponsible and insincere attitude taken by your side in the implementation of the Armistice Agreement must be altered promptly in order that the Korean armistice may be safeguarded and that the strict enforcement of the Armistice Agreement insured.

Your side should cease at once various provocative and hostile acts it has committed and desist forthwith from its fraudulent act.

Your side should faithfully carry out its obligation imposed by the Armistice Agreement and discuss the matter under consideration with sincerity.

If your side truly wants to comply with the Armistice Agreement, your side should comply with our demands.

UNC:

The United Nations Command side rejects your charges with respect to those alleged naval intrusions which have already been investigated and found baseless.

KPA/CPV:

Your side has persisted in its unreasonable position designed to explain away serious violations of the Armistice Agreement and even evade the responsibility for its own criminal acts.

Such a shameless attitude of your side has only revealed once again the brigandish character of you, U.S. imperialists.

The continued infiltration by your side of its naval vessels into the coastal waters of our side is a gross violation of the Preamble and Paragraph 15 of the Armistice Agreement providing for insuring a complete cessation of hostilities and of all acts of armed force in Korea and respecting the waters of the opposing side, an outrageous

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infringement of the recognized International Law and a villainous challenge to peace.

Unless your side intends to unleash another war of aggression in Korea, what is the reason for your side to run wild in such a manner to aggravate tension?

What your side has to do is to give up its aggressive design, stop provocative hostilities, and return home along with its aggressive army instead of running amuck as it does now to cause another bloody holocaust in Korea.

This would be advantageous for your side as well.

The Korean people are denouncing you, U.S. imperialists, as their sworn enemy; the south Korean people are out in the national salvation struggle against the U.S. imperialists and their puppet clique; they are rejecting everywhere in south Korea the brigandish and subjugating QUOTE ROK-U.S. Economic and Technical Agreement UNQUOTE demanding its repeal; citizens and university students in Seoul staged demonstrations against the U.S. imperialist aggression in front of the American Embassy.

With no severe suppression and desperate attempt can your side rescue the U.S. imperialists from its imminent doom, nor can it curb the patriotic struggle of the south Korean people who have risen up in defense of our national subjecthood and the rights and interests of our people.

This is an age of downfall of imperialism which has constituted noxious obstacles and fetters in the path of human progress through aggression, plunder and murder, a day when all peoples are liberated and exercise their full power and when the people are scoring victories on a world-wide scale.

No matter what desperate attempts your side may make, it can neither stem this great current of history nor make it flow backward.

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Now that the criminal acts of your side have already been laid bare in broad daylight, it can in no way cover up the aggressive character of the U.S. imperialists, or evade its responsibility for the provocative and hostile acts of having incessantly dispatched various naval vessels into the coastal waters of our side.

As required by the Armistice Agreement, your side should punish those involved in the criminal acts and take positive, and responsible action to prevent the recurrence of similar provocative acts.

This is the requirement of the Armistice Agreement and an unavoidable obligation your side should fulfill.

Your side should desist from practicing such fraud as to conceal its crime under the cloak of the word QUOTE investigation; UNQUOTE that it should not hatch an abominable machination to perpetrate another hostile act.

I declare that, if your side continues to commit such an ill-advised aggressive act in the future in disregard of the repeated protests and warnings from our side, your side should bear the full responsibility for all the consequences arising therefrom.

I agree to your proposal to recess.

Meeting recessed at 1306 hours

Following UNC Advisory Group Members attended:

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France	Major Marcel Herault
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