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ONE HUNDRED FORTY-FIFTH MEETING
OF
THE MILITARY ARMISTICE COMMISSION

HELD AT MAC HQ AREA, KOREA

16 SEPTEMBER 1961

MEMBERS PRESENT

UNITED NATIONS COMMAND

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Meeting convened at 1100 hours

UNC:

The United Nations Command has called this meeting to protest hostile and provocative violations of the Armistice Agreement by your side.

On 9 September 1961, at 2200 hours, Korean Standard Time, a patrol vessel of our side intercepted a vessel of your side near YONPYONG-DO, an island of our side, West of INCHON in southern Korea.

This map shows the location. (Map of the area displayed)

Your side's vessel intruded into the waters contiguous to the territory of our side to land agents in southern Korea. When our patrol craft repeatedly challenged your craft by signal lights and attempted to identify your side's vessel, your side's craft opened fire with machine guns and rifles.

Our side's patrol craft returned the fire and, in the battle, your side's vessel was sunk at the location shown on the map - several miles south of your territory.

From the evidence recovered from the water, it is clearly established that the vessel was from northern Korea.

Our side charges that your side dispatched an armed agent vessel deep into the waters under the military control of our side. We charge that your side's vessel opened fire on our patrol

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vessel in an aggressive, premeditated, and serious violation of the Armistice Agreement. We charge your side with further espionage against our side. This is the fourth time within the past four months that our side has charged your side with committing the same criminal act of landing agents in the territory of our side.

At the direction of the Commander-in-Chief, United Nations Command, I strongly protest this most serious and provocative act, a clear violation of the cease-fire provisions of the Armistice Agreement, and demand that your side conduct an immediate and thorough investigation as required by the Armistice Agreement.

Our side further demands that your side take the following actions:

One: Punish the individuals who planned and executed this willful attack.

Two: Take positive and lasting measures to prevent recurrence of this and similar hostile acts that endanger the peace in Korea.

Three: Render an honest and factual report to this commission concerning the findings of your investigation and action taken as a result thereof.

Four: Cease the intense and nefarious program of subversion and espionage which your side has conducted against the United Nations Command and the Republic of Korea for more than eight years.

Although you may deny this criminal violation of the Armistice Agreement as you have denied all of our charges in the past 7½ years, you cannot honestly deny that one of your armed boats is missing.

I await your responsible reply, and I now go to another subject.

At the 144th meeting of the Military Armistice Commission,

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two weeks ago, our side charged your side with one of the most serious, willful, and dangerous violations of the Armistice Agreement ever committed. I refer to your side's premeditated, sneak and murderous attack with hand grenades on a United Nations Command guard post on August 25th, when one Republic of Korea civil policeman was killed and four others were seriously injured.

In the initial reply to our side's charge you expressed complete ignorance of this vicious attack yet later in the same meeting you specified the approximate number of rounds of small arms fired that had taken place at approximately the same location and time where we accused your side of this hostile act. Since we had not mentioned any small arms fire, it is obvious that you were distorting the facts to avoid responsibility for your side's unwarranted and premeditated attack on the civil police post of our side. The only firing which took place was during your side's premeditated attack on our guard post.

You have had ample time to investigate this guard post attack. Our side requests a responsible reply on the results of your investigation. We ask what action you have taken or intend to take to eliminate Armistice violations and murderous attacks of this nature in the future.

If you deny this incident, as you have every single other Armistice violation, over 1,000, during the past seven and one-half years, then our side accuses your side of being out-and-out liars, of being completely dishonest and untrustworthy, of being unfaithful to the Armistice Agreement, and of having no intention or authority to truly negotiate and discuss Armistice matters as they should be here at these important meetings.

I now go to another subject.

At approximately 0845 hours on 11 September 1961, two unarmed trainer-type aircraft of our side, participating in a training exercise, became lost due to ground fog. As a result, these training aircraft inadvertently flew over a portion of the

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Demilitarized Zone in the vicinity of 38 degrees 18 minutes 35 seconds North, 127 degrees, 41 minutes 01 second East. Upon realizing a navigational error, the pilots of the aircraft immediately returned to the south.

As evidence of our good faith and strict support of the Armistice Agreement, the United Nations Command openly announces this unintentional minor violation of the Armistice Agreement and has taken measures to prevent recurrences of this incident as required. In announcing this unintentional violation, we again point out your side's open disregard for honesty and the Armistice Agreement and repeat again that you have not admitted to a single violation in the past 7½ years.

Despite your false statements and lack of sincerity, the United Nations Command will continue to pursue a policy of honesty and full support of the Armistice Agreement.

KPA/CPV:

Your side has attempted to explain away the frantic war policy pursued by the U.S. aggressive circles in south Korea with preposterous sophistries.

Where on earth is the war danger constantly fomented in Korea?

It comes precisely from the south and its ringleader is none other than your side.

Falsifiers of history alone will try to deny this iron-clad fact.

This is more clearly established by all the measures taken by north and south Korea respectively since the Armistice.

While your side has made no scruple to violate the Armistice Agreement ever since the moment when the ink used on the Agreement had not dried up, our side has strictly observed all the provisions of the Armistice Agreement.

While our side, exerting its utmost efforts to convert the Armistice into a lasting peace, is rehabilitating cities and

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villages severely destroyed by none other than you and building schools, hospitals and theatres, your side is expanding military installations in violation of the Armistice Agreement.

Your side has doggedly rejected the most reasonable demand made by our side that all foreign troops be withdrawn from Korea and the Korean question left to the Korean people in the interest of the peaceful unification of the country.

Having proposed to reduce the armed forces in the north and south to 100,000 persons or less respectively, we took the initiative to reduce our armed strength by 80,000 men, but on the contrary, you increased the south Korean puppet armed forces from 16 divisions at the time of the signing of the Armistice to 31.

Following the proposal of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea for a simultaneous withdrawal of all foreign forces from Korea, the Chinese People's Volunteers took the lead in their withdrawing from Korea, your side, however, responded to it not only by refusing bluntly to withdraw out of south Korea all foreign troops including the U.S. forces, but also by extensively increasing the manpower of the U.S. army and bringing the Headquarters of the United Nations Command and a HONEST JOHN Rocket Battalion into south Korea, and by continuously introducing various kinds of new-type weapons including atomic weapons and guided missiles into south Korea in flagrant violation of Sub-paragraph 13d of the Armistice Agreement.

Your side responded to our proposal to have both north and south Korean authorities proclaim not to resort to arms against each other proceeding from the desire to eliminate the tension in Korea, as well as distrust existing between them, by perpetrating provocative military hullabaloo and vicious hostile acts against our side almost every day in the area near the Demilitarized Zone, concentrating a great number of units and combat equipment and materials in a place near the front, and by

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launching new-type weapons.

Who in the world is fomenting the danger of war?

As is proved by facts, it is precisely your side.

The root cause of war danger in Korea lies in the occupation of south Korea by all foreign troops including the U.S. forces and in the frantic war preparation policy which is being intensified there.

With no pretext whatsoever, your side can ever deny these irrefutable objective facts.

As to the QUOTE attack in the Demilitarized Zone UNQUOTE alleged by your side to have occurred, I have noted your statement admitting your serious provocative hostile acts of having fired toward our side more than 500 shots with machine guns and carbines.

Nevertheless, you have palavered as if the firing of 500 odd shots committed by your side had any connection with the so-called QUOTE incident UNQUOTE alleged by your side at the 144th Military Armistice Commission meeting. This is a silly attempt of yours to extricate yourselves from the responsibility for the firing of 500 odd shots toward our side.

As to the incident to which your side has again referred today, it was already irrefutably laid bare at the 144th Military Armistice Commission meeting that it was fabricated for the sole purpose of slandering and defaming our side and that it was a shameless trick of you U.S. imperialist aggressors designed to shift onto our side the responsibility for the murder case which has occurred within the ranks of your side.

Even if you may repeat such sophistries a thousand times, you can neither turn a false into a truth, nor succeed in defaming our side which has consistently and strictly observed all the provisions of the Armistice Agreement.

What is more, whenever you open your mouth, you utter about spies and espionage agents, with a view to fabricating an excuse for arresting, imprisoning, and slaughtering ever more south

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Korean people who have risen up in the anti-U.S. and national salvation struggle.

As I already stated at the last meeting, today all the 30 million Korean people except the stooges of the U.S. imperialists are struggling against you U.S. imperialist aggressors and your puppets and demanding the peaceful unification of their country.

However vociferously you U.S. imperialist aggressors may call masters of this country the so-called QUOTE spies UNQUOTE, you can neither cover up your aggressive nature nor free yourselves from the vigorous curses and denunciations of the peace-loving peoples all over the world.

I resolutely denounce your unwarrantable attitude of slandering our side by reversing right and wrong in an attempt to cover up the sinister objectives of U.S. imperialist aggressors for the provocation of another war, and at the same time demand that your side strictly observe all the provisions of the Armistice Agreement, and stop at once its frantic preparation for another war.

Some words about the so-called QUOTE sea incident UNQUOTE raised by your side at today's meeting. As I have already stated, it is your side that has incessantly committed violations of the Armistice Agreement at sea, and it is also your side that has unceasingly committed various provocative hostile acts against the other side.

The history of the 8-year-long armistice shows that all the charges of your side directed to our side were out-and-out fabrications.

It is hardly believable that such incident was caused by the personnel of our side which has consistently and strictly abided by the Armistice Agreement and exerted every effort to ease tension in Korea and to realize the peaceful settlement of the Korean question.

Since your side has brought up the matter, however, our side, which has always been faithful to the letter and spirit of the Armistice Agreement, will inquire into your charges.

UNC:

You certainly talked about everything but the charges we made. More of your usual propaganda smoke screen to avoid the facts. Now lets get back on the subjects we called this meeting for. We sincerely hope that you won't repeat the history of Communism, the Military Armistice Commission etc., today as you did at our last meeting.

We note your statement that you will investigate the naval incident.

The United Nations Command offers further evidence substantiating its charge that your side attempted to land agents into the territory under the military control of our side last week near INCHON.

Following the sinking of the agent boat on 9 September 1961, of your side, a body was recovered from the water. The following items were found on the body:

One: A lensatic compass - a copy of a U.S. -type compass except that the word compass was misspelled.

Two: A label with the name of a PYONGYANG company.

Three: Three first-aid packets made in northern Korea and bearing Russian markings.

Four: Two flashlight batteries made in northern Korea.

Five: A Russian pistol which I did not bring here today since it would be inappropriate to introduce into the Joint Security Area.

In addition, the pieces of a small boat which had been carried on the larger agent boat was also recovered from the water.

Here are the items taken from the body and a photograph of what remains of a small boat. (All items were placed on the table)

If your side desires the return of the body, arrangements can be made through the Joint Duty Officer for the return of the remains.

The Armistice Agreement assigns military control over YONPYONG-DO and four other island groups off the west coast of

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the Republic of Korea to the United Nations Command. The unprovoked attacks of your side on our ships serving these islands, your many attempts to land espionage agents on our shores, and the dastardly efforts of your side to seize peaceful fishing vessels of the Republic of Korea operating in the vicinity of these islands, has made it necessary for the United Nations Command to establish and maintain naval patrols to assure the security of the islands and adjacent waters.

I now go to another subject.

At about 2300 hours, Korean Standard Time, on 8 September 1961, personnel of your side crossed the Military Demarcation Line and intruded into the southern portion of the Demilitarized Zone in the vicinity of 38 degrees 31 minutes 22 seconds North, 128 degrees 19 minutes 25 seconds East. At about 2330 hours, these personnel of your side approached a civil police post of our side located more than 400 meters south of the Military Demarcation Line, threw stones into the civil police post of our side, and then fled back to the north.

This childish, provocative, and obviously deliberate violation of the specific provisions of the Armistice Agreement is another example of your side's utter disregard for its responsibilities and is a further indication of your side's attempt to increase tension and undermine the peace in Korea. This incident followed by less than three weeks the premeditated hand grenade attack by a combat patrol of your side on a civil police post of our side which killed one of our side's Korean civil police and injured four others. It followed by eight days the demand we made at the 144th meeting of this commission that your side cease such provocative acts and take measures to prevent their recurrence.

It is obvious that you have taken no measures to prevent incidents or that your soldiers are a bunch of undisciplined rabble that your officers can't control.

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You continuously state at these meetings that your side is faithful toward the Armistice Agreement. Certainly, you must realize that such deliberate, aggressive, and war-like acts belie your loud talk of sincerity and faithfulness and expose beyond any doubt your real motives and true intentions.

Also, your side must realize that continuance of these unwarranted attacks against our civil police posts in the Demilitarized Zone seriously jeopardizes the peace in Korea and could result in a serious and uncontrollable situation.

I have a new subject.

In the past you have always charged our side with an Armistice violation when we rotate our battle groups. As we have informed you repeatedly here, we always send one out of Korea when a new one arrives. This is authorized under paragraph 13c of the Armistice Agreement which states that rotation of units and personnel shall be permitted.

The last time you brought this subject up you accused our side of illegally introducing a battle group during May 1961. During the same period the Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission, which receives complete reports of all of our personnel arrivals and departures, concluded there was no Armistice violation by either side. Their report, which was dated 20 June 1961, showed that United Nations Command personnel strength is now around 300,000 less than it was when the Armistice was signed. This, of course, is a clear indication of our strict compliance with the spirit and intent of the Armistice Agreement. I repeat that this conclusion was contained in a report by the Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission. Therefore, when you charged our side with illegally introducing a battle group, you were, in effect, questioning the integrity and honesty of the Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission. You were also distorting facts and putting out more propaganda.

In view of this attitude by your side, our side wishes to

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announce the fact that another battle group is being introduced into southern Korea in the near future which will replace one leaving Korea. The United Nations Command has always been completely honest and above board in reporting personnel arrivals and departures and, therefore provides you with this report in good faith before your side starts your usual distorted propaganda.

It was not established at the 144th Military Armistice Commission meeting that the DMZ incident we brought up was false. You yourself denied knowledge of it and agreed to investigate it. I suppose your investigation found the incident was as I stated here and that you, therefore, dare not disclose the true result of your investigation.

KPA/CPV:

Stop your absurd argument!

That impudent, abusive language of yours is the same stereotyped invective repeatedly used on numberless occasions by the successive Senior Member of your side.

What do the records of the meetings of the Military Armistice Commission and its subordinate bodies show? They show that the successive Senior Members of your side who made their appearance here at the direction of U.S. bellicose elements as well as their staff members have been bent solely on making nasty anti-Communist propaganda on a plan for the so-called battle of words with the objective of impeding the implementation of the Armistice Agreement and paralyzing the function of the Military Armistice Commission.

Now I will cite a few of the numerous facts to prove it.

One of your ex-Senior Members, NUNN, arranged a press interview on October 31, 1958 as the first business undertaken by him after his assignment to his post and openly ranted that he would do his utmost to use the Military Armistice Commission as a forum of propaganda in conformity with the U.S. imperialists' intention to invade Korea.

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Then on March 6, 1959 he boasted QUOTE the United Nations is winning the propaganda advantage at the Military Armistice Commission meeting with the Korean reds. UNQUOTE

This vicious anti-Communist propaganda line of your side betrayed its true nature still more vividly in the statements and conduct of COLLINS, your immediate predecessor. He said at an exclusive interview with the reporters of the Korean Times on April 25, 1961 QUOTE it is wrong to say the talks at PANMUNJOM are negotiations UNQUOTE adding that propaganda activities against the reds would be intensified thereafter.

At each meeting of the Military Armistice Commission and its subordinate bodies, the U.S. imperialist aggressors who had determined to proceed in this way from the very outset, whenever they were confronted with the reasonable demand of our side urging your side to discharge its legal and moral duties to comply strictly with all terms of the Armistice Agreement, were shameless enough to cook up various false facts to distort true ones so that they might level unfounded slanders at the other side, and went so far as to indulge themselves in malicious anti-Communist propaganda casting slurs upon countries of the Socialist camp.

Moreover, they were arrogant and rude enough to make scruple to behave so shamelessly as to walk out of the conference room unilaterally, for fear of their despicable criminal actions being exposed, casting aside even the elementary etiquette.

In recognition of such criminal services, your side's predecessors were conferred by SYNGMAN RHEE, that incarnation of vice who was driven to his old den, the title of QUOTE Lawyer of the Republic of Korea UNQUOTE and decorated with the QUOTE Taigeuk Military Order. UNQUOTE

You are also no exception in following the example of their criminal action as mentioned above. All of the indiscreet actions you have taken at each of the meetings of this Commission held since you made your appearance at this table, have been the

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repetition of the so-called battle of words and a persistent prolongation of it.

Because of this filthy battle of words of yours, even elementary rules of procedure of the conference are violated at this Commission meetings at present, and the sound basis for bilateral talks is tottering.

All responsibilities for this, therefore, rest entirely with your side. In order to ensure the strict implementation of the Armistice Agreement, maintaining the dignity of the Military Armistice Commission, an end must be put to the filthy anti-Communist propaganda of your side designed to paralyze the functions of the Military Armistice Commission.

The smooth functioning of the Military Armistice Commission depends entirely upon whether your side ceases the filthy anti-Communist propaganda and implements the Armistice Agreement with good faith or not.

Evidently enough your side is bent on making such anti-Communist propaganda with the aim of covering up the provocative hostile acts your side has incessantly committed as well as the sinister machinations of the U.S. imperialist aggressors to unleash another war, fostering suitable atmosphere to start another war and at deceiving the south Korean inhabitants who are opposed to the U.S. imperialists and their puppets thereby attempting to prop up even in a slight degree the prestige of the U.S. imperialists which has already been shattered thoroughly.

Nobody in the world, however, will ever be deceived by such a deceptive trick of your side.

As is already widely known to the world, since the beginning of this year alone, your side has dispatched 95 naval crafts of various types on 94 occasions into the coastal waters of our side to perpetrate provocative hostile acts. The number of provocations and hostile acts which your side has committed on the ground, at sea, and in the air ever since the signing of the Armistice

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Agreement up to this date and against which our side has lodged protests alone amounts to as many as 1,844 cases.

Besides, your side has incessantly brought into south Korea various new-type weapons including atomic cannons and guided missiles as well as man-power strength, staged atomic maneuvers and training of firings of guided missiles one after another thereby frantically raising war commotions.

If you want to speak about peace in Korea and her peaceful unification, you should cease forthwith the provocative hostile acts and the preparations for another war and immediately withdraw from south Korea taking all the new-type weapons illegally introduced.

Our side has already stated that we will inquire into the so-called QUOTE sea incident UNQUOTE alleged by your side at today's meeting. And, why are you so impatient?

Then do you mean to say that your side intends anyway to slander and defame our side which has strictly abided by all the provisions of the Armistice Agreement even before your charges be verified?

Or else, do you have any annoying circumstances which must not be made public in case our complete investigation expose before the world public the true facts of the incident about which you have made a great fuss?

As to the body you have just referred to, with what grounds does your side allege that the body is related to our side?

It is well known to the world people that you have shot to death a young man who was gathering firewood in the hills for a roe deer, a woman who was picking herbs in the field for pheasant, and a fisherman who was engaged in fishing at sea for otter.

Judging from the fact that your side has a body of a Korean, it is evident that your side again recently killed an innocent Korean.

Your side shot to death an innocent Korean and is attempting

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to achieve its sinister political objectives utilizing the body as hostage. I resolutely denounce such shameless conduct on your part.

As to the articles your side has just produced, what evidence do you have to associate them with our side?

Give up your ridiculous farce!

Our side will inquire into your charge that our personnel allegedly crossed the Military Demarcation Line.

I lodge a strong protest with your side which has been leveling groundless charges at our side and using this Commission as a forum for anti-Communist propaganda in order to attain its sinister military and political objectives and, at the same time, demand you to desist from such an unwarrantable conduct in the future.

UNC:

Your side is confused. We have not even discussed Communism here today, much less put out anti-Communist propaganda - we have made several serious charges of Armistice Agreement violations which you haven't answered satisfactorily.

Our side will comment on the merits of Communism which you insist on advertising here at these Armistice Commission meetings. All of us here in this room are well aware of the tactics Communism uses to gain objectives - hate, deceit, terror, oppression, dishonesty, torture, and the complete subordination of human dignities and personal freedoms.

Uprisings against Communist tyranny in Hungary, Poland, Tibet East Germany, and elsewhere make the true nature of your type of police government clear to the world.

More than 2,000,000 people in Korea alone fled Communist-controlled northern Korea for freedom in the Republic of Korea.

Hundreds of thousands of East Germans have fled Communist rule for refuge in Western Germany and hundreds more are escaping daily in spite of frantic Communist military efforts to stop them.

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Even members of the so-called Communist peoples armies have defected to the Free World when the opportunity presented itself. This is true in Berlin. It is true in Korea. Look outside and observe that right here in the Joint Security Area, today, your side stands guard around our side's busses in the parking area to make sure that none of your northern Korean guests or guards attempt to flee to southern Korea.

Your own people would flee by the thousands to southern Korea if they had the choice. Yet your side continues to advertise Communism here at the Military Armistice Commission.

I have a new subject.

At almost every meeting of the Military Armistice Commission, and particularly at the 142nd and 143rd and 144th, your side has raised a great hue and cry over our side's military preparedness. Your masters and propaganda writers have required you to complain incessantly about our firing exercises, maneuvers, alerts, unit replacement system, and even our budget, deployment of units, and construction of roads, even though none of these subjects are violations of the Armistice Agreement. We again remind your side that training and unit deployments are internal United Nations Command matters and not related to the Armistice Agreement.

Our side, on numerous occasions, has assured your side that the United Nations Command has NO I repeat NO aggressive intent and that your side does not need to be afraid that we will ever initiate hostilities in Korea. Our side's main objective in Korea is to maintain peace and uphold the terms of the Armistice Agreement. This should be obvious. We have even proposed that your side decrease tension and adopt a more sincere attitude toward your obligations by telling the people in northern Korea this fact which is already well known by your superiors in PYONGYANG and your Communist masters in MOSCOW and PEKING.

Our side has never expressed fear, alarm, or concern over your training activities or forces, for we know, as well as you do,

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that your forces would be annihilated and wiped out should you make the mistake of attacking again. The only alarm or concern we have expressed is over your hundreds of violations of the Armistice Agreement and your misuse of these meetings for the purpose of spreading propaganda and false slander.

We frankly admit that our side will continue to be combat ready to the highest possible degree in order to decisively destroy your side's forces should they ever again make the mistake of invading the Republic of Korea. This must be why your masters require you to complain over and over about our military training and readiness which have nothing whatsoever to do with the Armistice Agreement or the responsibilities of the Military Armistice Commission.

We wish to point out further the undeniable fact, which history has proved, that if our side were weak or unprepared, your Soviet masters would not hesitate to take advantage of the situation by plunging the Korean people into another bloody war as they did in 1950, when they tried to colonize the Republic of Korea. They did not hesitate to bring death, destruction, and devastation to the whole of Korea then. They will not hesitate in the future should the opportunity present itself.

I will repeat: The United Nations Command stands ready to repel any aggression that your side may attempt against the Republic of Korea.

At the 143rd, the 144th meeting of the Military Armistice Commission, and here again today your side made the foolish statement that our side uses these meetings for propaganda and slandering your side. Let's consider the 144th Military Armistice Commission meeting as an example to point out the true situation. At that meeting our side charged your side with five specific violations of the Armistice Agreement:

First: A premeditated, murderous night attack on 25 August 1961 on a civil police post of our side by a combat patrol of

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your side which used hand grenades to murder a brother Korean and wound four others.

Second: An intrusion into the waters contiguous to the territory of our side on 27-28 August 1961 by a vessel of your side in an obvious attempt to land agents in southern Korea.

Third: Refusal by your side to agree to our reasonable proposal that Joint Observer Teams inspect all areas in both portions of the Demilitarized Zone alleged by each side to be fortified. This indicates you have fortifications to hide and that the United Nations Command obviously does not.

Fourth: The dispatching by your side of Russian-made balloons filled with propaganda leaflets printed in northern Korea into the air space and territory of our side during the period 14-21 August 1961.

Fifth: The conduct of a continuous program of espionage and subversion against our side by infiltrating hundreds of your lackey regime's agents into southern Korea.

All of these charges were made by our side only after thorough investigation proved them to be factual. All are specific and gross violations of the Armistice Agreement by your side.

Now let's see how your side responded to our charges at the last meeting of the Military Armistice Commission.

One: You initially denied any knowledge of your side's cease-fire violations and the treacherous attack against our side's civil police post and refused to investigate the charge. You admitted later that an incident had occurred in the same general area at approximately the same time we gave. You then refused to agree to your own proposal that Joint Observer Team Number Three investigate the scene of the incident. Obviously, the scene of this incident includes the police post of your side from which the attack was launched as well as the post of our side which was attacked.

It is evident that your statements on this matter are not true.

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They are distortions filled with inconsistencies. Your side's shameful attitude toward this most serious violation of the Armistice Agreement will stand on the record as another prime example of your side's hostile and dishonest behavior. You failed to cover up your side's guilt. Your failure to bear responsibility for this act by first denying any knowledge and later admitting an incident succeeded only in condemning yourself, your puppet lackeys in PYONGYANG and your Sino-Soviet colonial masters who direct what you say here.

Two: Your response to our charge that your side's vessel intruded into our coastal waters on 27-28 August 1961 to land agents was equally absurd. You reversed the facts and charged our side with the very act committed by your side. Your repeated naval violations resulted in a brief fire fight and the loss of your agent vessel last Saturday near INCHON.

Three: You failed to even acknowledge our charge that your side violates the spirit and letter of the Armistice Agreement by a continuous refusal to allow Joint Observer Teams to inspect both portions of the Demilitarized Zone, ours as well as yours, where each side has alleged the other has constructed fortifications. This plainly shows that we have nothing to hide in the Demilitarized Zone. Your side's refusal to agree to this proposal proved you have constructed fortifications in the Demilitarized Zone and are trying to conceal these illegal acts.

Four: Your side completely evaded the issue concerning our charge that your side sent balloons and propaganda leaflets into the air space of our side and southern Korea. You did not even offer to investigate the charge in compliance with the Armistice Agreement. Your arbitrary denial of this provocative act clearly shows your side's dishonesty and insincerity. The fact that we produced one of your Russian-made balloons and several hundred leaflets printed by your side provides ample proof that you have no authority to speak the truth here.

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Five: You made no serious response at all to our charge that your side continuously attempts to infiltrate agents into southern Korea for espionage and subversion. Realizing the magnitude of the evidence against your side, you sought to becloud and confuse the issue by a propaganda tirade on alleged incidents which has absolutely no relation to the issue at hand. You even presented distorted extracts and misquotes of meetings conducted more than two years ago in an effort to cover your guilt and falsely discredit our side. By so doing, you make it obvious that you are not allowed to tell the truth. Under these circumstances, it is no wonder that you cannot truly negotiate anything at these meetings. Your lackey superiors in PYONGYANG and your Soviet colonial masters will not permit you to negotiate in good faith. They will not even allow you to admit to the obvious.

Therefore, the record clearly shows that our side charged your side with five valid and gross violations of the Armistice Agreement at the 144th meeting of the Military Armistice Commission and that your side failed to provide any semblance of a reasonable or acceptable answer to any single charge.

These charges remain in the record unchallenged and unanswered. By the terms of the Armistice Agreement, your side has a serious obligation to provide an adequate response on these charges to this Military Armistice Commission.

We await your responsible reply.

I go on to a new subject.

In keeping with the United Nations Command policy of upholding the Armistice and informing your side of any activities which relate to the Armistice Agreement, I wish to announce in complete good faith, that our side intends to replace approximately 30 personnel shelters in the Demilitarized Zone which are used by our civil police.

These new shelters will be constructed between marker 0490 and marker number 1290 beginning this month. They are not, I

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repeat not, fortifications in any sense of the word and we announce this program here in hopes you will not use it as a basis for claiming illegal construction by our side.

Normally, we would not bring such a minor subject up at the Military Armistice Commission, however, we are forced to because of your distortion of the truth. We provide your side daily reports of all authorized repair or construction activities in the Demilitarized Zone through the Joint Duty Officers. At the 143rd Military Armistice Commission meeting you distorted our reports and claimed that 35,200 personnel, with 616 bulldozers, will be used in the Demilitarized Zone from 15 August to 10 November 1961. Your statement was extremely absurd and comical. For the record, we wish to point out how you distorted the truth in this case. On 10 August, we reported to your Joint Duty Officer that not more than 400 personnel of our side supported by 7 bulldozers would be working in the Demilitarized Zone repairing safe lanes, markers and roads from 15 August to 10 November 1961. You multiplied the total days involved by 400 people and 7 bulldozers and came up with a ridiculous accusation that we had 35,000 workers and 616 bulldozers in the Demilitarized Zone.

In view of your peculiar attitude toward the Armistice Agreement and your constant attempts to distort the truth, I again repeat that our personnel shelters will be built in the coming weeks and are not fortifications. As evidence of our honesty and good will, we are prepared to show you drawings of these shelters at your request and will permit a Joint Observation Team to inspect one of these shelters after they are completed provided, of course, that our side can inspect one of yours.

KPA/CPV:

Your charges against our side are out-and-out lies. And they are hackneyed empty talks which have already been refuted by our side on several occasions.

Whatever invectives your side may pour forth against our

side, it can never cover up your criminal acts of having introduced into south Korea various atomic and rocket weapons, reinforced the man power strength of the U.S. imperialist aggressive army and frantically carried out preparations for another war of aggression while committing all sorts of military provocations and overt hostile acts one after another.

I have a statement to make in regard to your last statement that your side does not make anti-Communist propaganda.

It seems to me that you are certainly out of your own mind. What is the statement you have just made but anti-Communist propaganda.

What connection can there be between the questions of Tibet and Germany and the implementation of the Armistice Agreement?

At the last meeting, I advised your side not to use the conference room of this commission as a forum for anti-Communist propaganda of the U.S. imperialist aggressors.

This notwithstanding, your side remains unchanged today as well and is carrying on from the very beginning of this meeting anti-Communist propaganda which will make no contribution to fulfilling the duties of this commission.

Since your first appearance in this conference room as a Senior Member of the one side to the Commission up to this date, we have held five Military Armistice Commission meetings. At each of those meetings your side devoted itself only to anti-Communist propaganda following the established policy of the U.S. imperialists toward the Military Armistice Commission as it did in the past.

You attended the 141st meeting of this commission for the first time. At the meeting your side piled up topsy-turvy slanders at our side reversing right and wrong in an attempt to shirk the responsibility for the grave provocation of having dispatched its Sub-chaser Number 705 on June 6, 1961 into the eastern coastal waters of our side to commit violent naval

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bombardment toward the coastal areas of our side and in the end went so far as to pour forth malicious vituperations against China and the Soviet Union which have nothing to do with the enforcement of the Korean Armistice Agreement.

When its sinister machinations to provoke another war of aggression were laid bare in detail at the 142nd and 143rd meetings of this Commission, your side made anti-Communist propaganda in an attempt to extricate itself from the predicament where you were placed in slandering and defaming the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and you were obtrusive enough to meddle even in the internal affairs of the other side.

Your side perhaps came to understand at these three meetings that you could by no means fulfill in such a childish manner the anti-Communist propaganda duty imposed on you by the White House and Pentagon. Therefore, your side changed the method and behaved in such a despicable manner at the 144th meeting as to make personal attack and defame the status of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea alleging some violations of the Armistice Agreement by our side to have occurred. Today your side has also made a lengthy, malicious anti-Communist propaganda which has nothing to do with the Armistice Agreement.

In this way, your side has perpetrated various provocative hostilities against our side in gross violation of the Armistice Agreement almost every day for the eight odd years since its signing, introduced various modern weapons illegally and fired them while using the Military Armistice Commission which ensures the enforcement of the Armistice Agreement as a forum for anti-Communist propaganda. These actions of yours constitute a treacherous act of disregarding the Armistice Agreement.

What is more, you are shameless enough to allege that your side has no aggressive intent but that all of its actions are aimed to preserve the Armistice and peace.

Unless your side has any aggressive intent as you have just

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alleged, why are you occupying the southern territory of Korea which is thousands of miles away from the United States, and has continued to set your blood-stained foot there in defiance of the unanimous demand of the people of this country and of the peace-loving people the world over for your withdrawal from south Korea?

If you have no aggressive intention, why have you continuously and illegally introduced atomic weapons and guided missiles into south Korea and are launching them successively in flagrant violation of the Armistice Agreement which was signed with the object of ceasing all hostilities until a peaceful settlement of the Korean question is achieved?

And, if you have no aggressive intention at all, why do you keep introducing your battle groups to reinforce the strength of the U.S. Army occupying south Korea, and why have you been engrossed in exacerbating tensions ranting that you would QUOTE hit the selected targets UNQUOTE in the northern part within thirty minutes once the White House gave an order?

Which action of your side dare you say in real earnest was aimed at preserving the armistice in Korea and peace?

You had better stop at once your fantastic nonsense even a little child will not believe.

You should realize that if your side should dare provoke another war of aggression against the Korean people in disregard of the repeated warnings from our side as it did in June 1950, you U.S. imperialist aggressors would not see the sun's rays anymore.

Unless you want to face such an issue, you should act up without delay to the demands our side advanced at today's meeting.

What is more, in your last statement, you have indulged in preposterous sophistries in order to gloss over the miserable plight in south Korea resulting from the outcome of the predatory colonial policy of the U.S. imperialists.

If you intend to prove the slightest truth of your allegation,

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if there is any, you should agree to our proposal for opening the Military Demarcation Line and the Demilitarized Zone to traffic so as to ensure free travel of the north and south Korean people.

Then, the Korean people throughout north and south will choose the area and system which they desire to choose. This is the most reasonable way of objectively proving which system is superior to the other.

Do you agree to our proposal for ensuring free travel of the north and south Korean people?

UNC:

Regarding your proposal for free traffic in the Demilitarized Zone.

Paragraph 60 of the Armistice Agreement states QUOTE in order to insure the peaceful settlement of the Korean question, the military commanders of both sides hereby recommend to the governments of the countries concerned on both sides that, within three months after the Armistice Agreement is signed and becomes effective, a political conference of a higher level, I repeat a political conference of a higher level, is to be held by representatives appointed respectively to settle through negotiation the question of the withdrawal of all foreign forces from Korea, the peaceful settlement of the Korean question etc. UNQUOTE

This paragraph specifically defers questions and proposals of a political nature to political authorities.

Your side has been told at numerous meetings of the Military Armistice Commission that the subjects, such as permitting free traffic between the north and south, you have just mentioned are outside the purview of this commission and are not a part of the Armistice Agreement. Therefore, we conclude that:

One: You are attempting to cover up the fact that your Communist masters scuttled the settlement of the Korean question in 1954 at Geneva.

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Two: Your proposals are more of your insidious propaganda and not sincere.

At the 144th meeting of the Military Armistice Commission on 31 August 1961, your side made three charges against the United Nations Command, including two naval intrusions on the east coast Korea, one on 17 August 1961 around 2050 hours, and the second on 28 August 1961 around 0050 hours plus a firing incident in the Demilitarized Zone on the evening of 25 August 1961. We will now respond to your charges.

As our side has stated earlier, the firing incident in the Demilitarized Zone was caused by your sneak attack on a civil police post of our side on 25 August 1961. Your charge that our side started this firing is incorrect, inaccurate, and hereby again denied.

The 28 August 1961 naval incident, alleged by your side, was caused by an armed naval vessel of your side which intruded into our waters in an attempt to land agents. We deny any violation and again accuse your side of a hostile intrusion into our waters and of opening fire on our patrol boat.

The investigation of the 17 August 1961 naval incident, the only charge still unanswered by the United Nations Command, has not been completed. The results of this investigation when completed, will be reported to the Military Armistice Commission.

Our side notes that you will investigate and report on the naval violation near INCHON last Saturday.

Our side has no additional serious charges of Armistice violations to bring against your side at this time.

Our side hopes you will stop advertising Communism at the next meeting of the Military Armistice Commission and talk only on proper subjects.

We note with concern all of your propaganda conversation and great volume of words and regret you avoid giving a decent response to our charges here today.

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Since no constructive purpose will be served by prolonging this meeting, we propose a recess.

KPA/CPV:

Your side has declined to accept the proposal made by our side just now on an absurd excuse. This clearly proves again that all the charges piled up at length in your previous statement are out-and-out false.

Your side is taking great pains to absolve itself even a bit of the guilt that your side wrecked the preliminary discussions of both sides for the convocation of a political conference. But it is stupid of you to do so.

Your side is the very guilty party responsible for wrecking the preliminary discussions for the convocation of a political conference.

At the preliminary discussion for the convocation of a political conference held just here, PANMUNJOM, your side brought up utterly unacceptable matters to enter into an endless dispute, resorted to delaying tactics and at last unilaterally walked out of the conference room thereby perfidiously breaking up the discussions.

This proves that your side did not want to see the Korean question settled in a peaceful way but harbored an ulterior scheme to keep occupying south Korea with a view to attaining its aggressive ambition.

At today's meeting, your side has leveled groundless charges at our side in an attempt to cover up its criminal acts of having incessantly perpetrated all sorts of provocative hostile acts on the ground, at sea, and in the air and kept on reinforcing its armed forces in gross violation of the Armistice Agreement.

Whatever attempt your side may make, however, it can never conceal its scheme for unleashing another war of aggression, frantically furthered in south Korea.

As is generally known, your side has illegally introduced

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various new-type weapons including atomic weapons and guided missiles in violation of the Armistice Agreement, thereby converting south Korea into an advance base for an atomic warfare.

This year alone, your side has already shipped on three occasions into south Korea new battle groups which were armed with up-to-date weapons and given special training from the mainland of the U.S. and is planning to introduce there another battle group at the beginning of forthcoming October.

Besides, as a measure for strengthening combat readiness, your side has prolonged the term of service of the U.S. imperialist aggressive army soldiers occupying south Korea, remove from SEOUL to TAEGU the Logistic Command of the U.S. Army, dispersed various combat materiels and warehouses of war materiels throughout south Korea, thereby, frantically setting up new bases for war supplies.

According to radio SEOUL and TONGYANG TONGSHIN, your side has been engrossed in preparations for another war of aggression while firing in succession guided missiles illegally introduced, conducting a demonstration exercise for surprise landing in the general area of the western front, connecting KIMPO and KANGHWA by mobilizing aircraft of the Marine Corps and the Air Force of the puppet army and creating every day the hubbub of alert training. On September 12 last, you supplied war materiels to the front by helicopters and concentrated a number of tanks at a place on the fore-front even near PANMUNJOM under the cover of fighters.

As the voices of the world people denouncing such criminal acts of your side are mounting higher and higher with every passing day, your side has more pertinaciously been attempting to use the Military Armistice Commission as a forum for anti-Communist propaganda with a view to hiding its policy to prepare for another war of aggression. At today's meeting too, your side has tediously carried on a long anti-Communist propaganda which has nothing to do with the enforcement of the Armistice Agreement.

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All these facts graphically show how insincere your side is in implementing the Armistice Agreement and how frantic it is in aggravating tension in Korea, creating war atmosphere.

Whatever provocative commotions you may raise, however, you can never tide over the worst crisis of the colonial rule in south Korea, but on the contrary, will meet only with the resistance of the south Korean people which will precipitate your self-destruction.

I again warn your side that if you keep on committing reckless acts in disregard of our repeated warnings, you will go to ruin forever owing to the consequences arising therefrom.

I agree to your proposal to recess.

Meeting recessed at 1415 hours

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