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OF
THE MILITARY ARMISTICE COMMISSION

HELD AT MAC HQ AREA, KOREA

27 SEPTEMBER 1962

MEMBERS PRESENT

UNITED NATIONS COMMAND

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M/GEN SHIN SANG CHUL, ROKAF
B/GEN JOHN M. HUTCHISON, USAF
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CHINESE PEOPLE'S VOLUNTEERS

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Meeting convened at 1000 hours

UNC:

On my far right is Rear Admiral John M. Alford, newly appointed member of our side to the Military Armistice Commission. His credentials were passed to your side at the meeting of the Joint Duty Officers on 22 September 1962.

The United Nations Command has called this meeting to lodge a serious protest against your side for willful and flagrant violations of the provisions of the Armistice Agreement.

At about 1625 hours on 5 September 1962, six armed men of your side illegally crossed the Military Demarcation Line in the vicinity of marker 0979, and intruded into the territory of our side. Your intruding armed personnel attempted to converse with personnel of a work detail of the United Nations Command. The work detail of our side was cutting grass in the safe lane on our side of the Military Demarcation Line.

At approximately 1730 hours, the intruding group of your side attempted to force the personnel of our side to sit down and talk. The personnel of our side resisted. Then, a member of your armed group scuffled with a member of our side, drew a concealed weapon, shot and wounded the unarmed member of our work detail.

This hostile and illegal act of shooting an unarmed member of our

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side provoked a hand-to-hand battle and a fire fight. This fight resulted in the death of three of your group and the wounding of three others. One of your wounded personnel fled from the scene of the incident returning to the territory under the military control of your side. The other two wounded personnel of your side were evacuated to a hospital of our side and given medical treatment.

The six day investigation conducted by both components of Joint Observer Team Number Four, from 7 thru 12 September, revealed the following facts, in connection with the incident on 5 September:

ONE: An armed six man group of your side illegally crossed the Military Demarcation Line in the vicinity of marker 0979 and entered the territory under the control of our side. Five of these six armed men, although wearing the military uniform of your side, failed to wear the prescribed and agreed upon identification for Demilitarized Zone Civil Police.

TWO: One member of the six man group attempted to force a member of the United Nations Command work detail to sit down and talk thereby provoking a scuffle. The member of your side drew a concealed pistol, shot and wounded the man of our side. This act triggered a hand-to-hand battle and a fire fight between the two sides.

THREE: The one witness produced by your side, allegedly the sixth man of your side's group who fled from the scene of the fight, testified that the incident occurred in the territory of our side. This fact was also verified by four witnesses presented by our side.

FOUR: Faced with the undeniable fact that the incident had occurred in the United Nations Command territory, your side resorted to trickery. The spokesman for your side twice unsuccessfully attempted to claim that the location of the Military Demarcation Line was other than that which was marked on the ground. Both sides agreed almost nine years ago that the Military Demarcation Line had been properly marked.

In addition, it was noted in the record of the joint investigation the inappropriate presence of the Secretary of your side who improperly and actively participated in the proceedings. I also protested this

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improper action in a message to your side. The presence of your Secretary, an accredited member to the Military Armistice Commission, served to exert undue influence on your component of the Joint Observer Team. This action would preclude an impartial and unbiased review of the report by the members of the Military Armistice Commission of your side.

These facts were brought out during the six day investigation by the Joint Observer Team. Members of the press were present at the investigation and as a result these facts have already been made known to the public.

Accordingly, there is no need for you to attempt to worm your way out of these charges as you have tried in the past. Therefore, you cannot possibly dispute the fact that your personnel illegally crossed into the territory of our side and attacked the personnel of our work party.

I lodge a strong protest against your side for these hostile and provocative acts which were committed by the personnel of your side against a work party of our side.

I demand that you take immediate action to:

ONE: Properly instruct and control the military personnel of your side so that they will conduct themselves in accordance with the provisions of the Armistice Agreement.

TWO: Stop these serious, willful and flagrant violations of the Armistice Agreement and prevent recurrences of such incidents.

THREE: Punish the personnel of your side responsible for planning these serious hostile acts.

FOUR: Begin accepting your responsibilities and observe the letter and spirit of the Armistice Agreement and the Subsequent Agreements.

KPA/CPV:

Before making comment on the matter you have just referred to, I have a statement to make on another serious violation of the Armistice Agreement recently committed by your side at the eastern sea.

Around 0900 hours on September 17, 1962, one of your naval vessels crossed the extension of the Military Demarcation Line at the eastern

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sea and intruded into the coastal waters of our side.

The vessel of your side which had illegally intruded as far as into the coastal waters of our side drew near the land and intruded into the sea in the vicinity of JAK-DO (38 degrees, 37 minutes, 36 seconds, North, 128 degrees, 22 minutes, 10 seconds, East) of our side, carrying out provocative reconnaissance along the coast line of our side and at about 0935 hours withdrew to the southern sea crossing the extension of the Military Demarcation Line.

Synchronized with this, guard ship Number 708 of your side was covering the above-mentioned vessel of your side while cruising about the sea in the vicinity of the extension of the Military Demarcation Line.

Following the recent vicious armed attack by your side upon our side in the Demilitarized Zone, your side has again committed such a provocative act. This graphically shows how frantically your side has been bent on provocation of another aggressive war by intensifying further the tension in Korea.

I lodge a strong protest with your side against its provocative and hostile act committed again recently by dispatching its vessels to the coastal waters of our side in gross violation of the Preamble of the Armistice Agreement and Sub-paragraphs 12, 15 and 17 thereof in disregard of the repeated protests and warnings from our side.

At the same time, I strongly demand your side to severely punish in accordance with provisions of the Armistice Agreement the chief perpetrators who organized the recent piratical act and take effective measures to prevent the recurrence of such violations of the Armistice Agreement.

Now, I will make a statement on the subject you have just talked about.

The useless and tedious empty talk you have just made is nothing but a replica of the fabricated special report submitted by your component of Joint Observer Team Number Four to the Military Armistice Commission.

KPA/CPV (CONT'D):

Now that the truth about the serious military provocation committed by your side has been brought to light, what is the use of such a ridiculous lie of yours?

Desist from such an absurd and reckless attempt.

As was already clearly exposed to the world, around 1730 hours on September 5, 1962, your side dispatched a 17-man armed group to the Demilitarized Zone to commit such savage murderous atrocities as to make a surprise attack on six civil police of our side who were carrying out their routine patrol duty on the Military Demarcation Line in the vicinity of Military Demarcation Line Marker Number 0980, and abducted 5 persons seriously wounding them, mercilessly killing three and illegally detaining two of them.

Both components of Joint Observer Team Number Four dispatched at the request of our side had conducted joint investigations for six days on the spot of the incident for the purpose of probing the true state of the military provocation committed by your side.

In the course of the joint investigations, the truth about the vicious provocation committed by your side was irrefutably established by the testimony of our witness, Kim Man Bok, the man concerned with the incident, who was directly wounded by your personnel.

The testimony of Kim Man Bok, the witness of our side, was so manifestly true that the member of your component to Joint Observer Team Number Four could not dare try to interrogate him, only stating that he had nothing to interrogate.

The Senior Member of your component to the Team admitted the fact that the three of the five persons abducted by your side had been killed by the personnel of your side and the other two were detained by your side. What is more, he confirmed several times that the incident had occurred on the road where the Military Demarcation Line exactly runs.

Furthermore, the members of your component repeatedly acknowledged that all the material evidences including an arm-band of your M.P. scattered on the spot of the incident were the articles used by your personnel.

EPA/CPV (CONT'D):

Thus, your criminal act was irrefutably established by both components of Joint Observer Team Number Four in the course of joint investigations on the spot of the incident.

It has been brought to full daylight that your recent vicious armed attack was made in accordance with a plan under the direct command of your headquarters.

On September 6, the day following the provocative hostile act committed against our side, Kim Jong Oh, Chief of Staff of the South Korean puppet army, who was then making a visit to Washington made absurd "remarks" at an interview that the intrusion of the North Korean spy into South Korea had caused the ~~above~~ incident.

By doing so, your side attempted to give the world an impression as if our side had dispatched spies.

What is more, your side was so much perturbed at the proposal of our side to dispatch the Joint Observer Team that you started to hatch another plot.

That is, on September 6, a United Nations Command spokesman Colonel George H. Creel hurriedly convened a press conference to announce that "a 15-man United Nations Command detail, repairing a road near a guard post, was approached by a North Korean Army group, which had illegally crossed the Military Demarcation Line and which opened fire," and even stated that "the North Koreans penetrated some 900 feet south of the Military Demarcation Line".

In this way, your side attempted to deceive the world public as if the incident had occurred south of the Military Demarcation Line.

On September 6, the Secretary of your side made even such non-sensical remarks at a press conference that "We will protest against Reds for their violations of the Armistice Agreement after a thorough investigation on the incident by the Joint Observer Team."

What do the so-called "announcement" and "remarks" you made in succession in Seoul and Washington immediately after the savage armed attack upon our side and facts shown subsequently bespeak?

All these facts are an eloquent proof that your headquarters had

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laid a plan in advance to commit military provocation and then make a row of complaints, distorting the fact following the customary practice of imperialists, as if our side had transgressed the Military Demarcation Line and fired first and even to take the initiative in lodging a "protest".

In accordance with such a prearranged program of your side, the members of your component to Joint Observer Team Number Four who participated in the joint investigations into the incident behaved in such a shameless manner as to try to change the location of the already-established Military Demarcation Line. What is more, they pertinaciously refused to produce the witnesses who were of great significance in establishing the incident in order to hamper the normal activities of the team and stopped at nothing in their efforts to prevent the truth about the incident from being revealed as it occurred.

Despite such deliberate and obstructionist maneuvers used by the members of your component, the truth about the vicious hostile act committed by your side was, as I have already mentioned, brought to full daylight in the course of the investigation conducted on the spot of the incident.

In spite of this fact, your side shamelessly called a meeting of this Commission even prior to the conclusion of the discussion on the special reports of both components in violation of the procedure for convening a meeting and you have attempted to shift the responsibility for the incident onto our side in disregard of your sense of shame and dignity, like a thief calling others thief.

One of our sayings goes: a thief is most likely to accuse others of theft. This applies to such shameless men like you.

The vicious armed attack recently made by your side is an utterly dangerous play with fire which might entail serious consequences.

That is why in the two letters sent on September 14 and on September 25 respectively, our side lodged a protest against your recent serious wrecking activities of the Armistice Agreement, demanding your side to immediately take measures to prevent such a dangerous play with fire and return without delay our two persons who are illegally detained by your side.

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Moreover, our side also demanded through our Secretary that your side submit a detailed daily report on the health conditions of our personnel.

However, your side has neither fulfilled the just and reasonable demand of our side nor made even a reply worth mentioning until today.

All the detestable attitude your side has taken once again disclosed to the whole world the crafty, shameless and brigandish character of the U.S. imperialists.

I lodge the strongest protest with your side against its provocative hostile act of having made, in gross violation of the Preamble of the Armistice Agreement and Paragraphs 6, 12, 14 and 17 thereof, the vicious armed attack upon and mercilessly killed our personnel who had carried out their routine patrol duty and at the same time strongly demand your side to immediately fulfill the following obligations:

1) To immediately take practical measures to prevent the extremely dangerous military provocation which might entail serious consequences of undermining the foundation of the Korean Armistice;

2) To severely punish in accordance with Sub-paragraph 13e of the Armistice Agreement all the chief perpetrators who organized the recent vicious armed attack and all of your personnel involved in it;

3) To trenchantly denounce the members of your component to Joint Observer Team Number Four who pertinaciously attempted to obstruct normal activities of the Joint Observer Team and create serious obstacles in the way of carrying out its mission;

4) To remove the wire which was illegally set between Military Demarcation Line Marker Number 0979 and Number 0982 along the northern edge of the road where the Military Demarcation Line runs and move to the south of the road the "safe lane" illegally constructed on the road; and

5) To return immediately our two persons your side is unreasonably detaining after forcibly abducting them.

UNC:

I will comment on your charge of a Naval violation later.

I have noted your false findings in your distorted report of the investigation by Joint Observer Team into the serious violation committed by your side on 5 September.

I have a statement to make.

Recently it appears that you are trying to avoid bringing up matters that seriously affect compliance with the Armistice Agreement in open proceedings at this conference table, as provided for in the agreement. You have resorted to an almost clandestine method of communication by submitting your charges and demands by letter. I refer to your letters of 14 and 25 September.

Why?

Are you afraid to bring these matters out into the open?

Are you afraid to have these subjects introduced at the Military Armistice Commission meetings where the world will see how ridiculous your claims are?

The purpose of these meetings is to discuss such matters.

The United Nations Command is not afraid of the truth.

You must be afraid of the truth!

KPA/CPV:

I have noted your statement that an investigation will be conducted into the violation by your naval craft of the Armistice Agreement.

You have just made an issue of our letter addressed to your side demanding that your side immediately give up making such extremely dangerous provocative armed attack which might lead to a war undermining the Armistice Agreement.

Then, what is more urgent and important duty for the Military Armistice Commission than to take immediate measures for stopping such a serious hostile act as your criminal act of gravely menacing the foundation of the Korean Armistice?

Your charge only serves to reveal once again the perfidious stand of your side which has been extremely insincere in the implementation of the Armistice Agreement and has habitually violated and undermined the Armistice Agreement.

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However hard you may ramble forth, your side can neither cover up its outrageous armed attack and savage murder, nor explain away the foul plot your side has hatched in an attempt to somewhat palliate its crime.

Desist from such a despicable and shameful ~~conduct~~.

While admitting your criminal act, in an endeavour to mitigate in every way its responsibility, you are still reiterating a lie in which you have distorted the fact as if our personnel had crossed the Military Demarcation Line into the territory of your side.

However, such a fatuous attempt as by a drowning man who catches at a straw will never help you in extricating yourself from your awkward position.

Look at this map! This official map attached to the Armistice Agreement on which the Military Demarcation Line is marked shows that the Military Demarcation Line between Military Demarcation Line markers Number 0979 and 0982 was established along the road running there. Therefore, it is self-evident that the correct location of the Military Demarcation Line in that sector cannot be away from the middle of the road.

This notwithstanding, you are insisting that the barbed wires stretched at will on both sides of the road are the Military Demarcation Line.

What audacity on earth do you have to insist that the wire illegally stretched along the edge of the road belonging to our side where the Military Demarcation Line runs is the Military Demarcation Line?

Your remarks are nothing but an admission that your side erected at will the Military Demarcation Line markers on the edge of the road belonging to our side in flagrant violation of Paragraphs 2 and 4 of the Armistice Agreement and that your side perpetrated provocative hostile act on the Military Demarcation Line.

You have also attempted to give a false picture of the fact as if our personnel had shot your personnel first. This allegation of yours is all the more detestable.

KPA/CPV (CONT'D):

In the course of the joint investigation at the spot of the incident, Pak Joon, an alleged witness of your side, stated that although he had heard a shot, he did not know who had shot first.

This testimony given by your witness is a proof that your remarks that our personnel fired first is a downright lie.

On the contrary, your witnesses Pak Joon and Bi Kyung Sup testified in unison that three persons of your side collectively fell upon one Korean People's Army officer to kill him. This gives a positive proof that your personnel received such mission as to fall in a group of several persons of your side upon each of our personnel to kill him and they executed their mission as they were instructed.

As mentioned above, everything is now clear to everybody. This notwithstanding, your side has not only attempted to cover up its criminal act in every way instead of frankly admitting it, but also has not yet returned our personnel under detention on your side whom it forcibly took away.

Our side can never tolerate the unwarranted acts of your side which had collectively made an armed attack upon our personnel and has been still detaining them.

Your side must immediately take measures to prevent adventurous military provocation, promptly remove the wire illegally stretched on the Military Demarcation Line and move the safe-lane to the territory of your side.

At the same time, I again demand your side to immediately return our side the two persons of our side under detention on your side.

When will your side return our personnel?

Make a reply!

UNC:

For your information the Military Demarcation Line in the area of the incident runs approximately North and South and is curved, not straight.

This map clearly shows the line.

Your statement to move the line further south is ridiculous!

UNC (CONT'D):

The facts brought out by the evidence presented during the investigation are the real reason I called this meeting of the Military Armistice Commission. The results of the investigation prove beyond any reasonable doubt that your side deliberately violated the Armistice Agreement.

Your counter-charges to cover up your true intent during the incident are ridiculous in view of the facts brought out during the investigation.

You are authorized by the terms of the Armistice Agreement to propose a meeting of the Military Armistice Commission at any time you deem it necessary.

Concerning your ridiculous statement that we have violated the procedures, I have this to say:

The serious violation of the Armistice Agreement committed by your side on 5 September resulted in request from your side and a request from our side for an investigation by the Joint Observer Team.

At the initial meeting of the Joint Observer Team Number Four, on 7 September your representative said and I QUOTE, "It is my understanding that both components of this Joint Observer Team has been met to conduct a joint investigation at the direction of the Military Armistice Commission into a reported violation of the Armistice Agreement" UNQUOTE.

The Joint Observer Team investigation was, according to your Senior Representative, called at the direction of the Military Armistice Commission. It is my prerogative as Senior Member, United Nations Command, to propose this meeting today.

KPA/CPV:

Your side has persistently made desperate efforts to cover up the truth about the criminal acts committed by itself and deceive the world public.

Whatever ruse you may resort to, however, you can not succeed in it.

The method of erecting the Military Demarcation Line markers agreed upon by both sides in accordance with Paragraph 4 of the Armistice Agreement after the ceasefire is as follows:

At the meetings of Staff Officers of both sides held on July 30

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and 31, 1953, they agreed that, in case the Military Demarcation Line was indicated as roads, trails, rivers, and streams, the markers should be placed alternately on both sides of them; one is erected on one side and another on the opposite side of the roads, trails, rivers and streams.

In accordance with this agreement, both sides erected the Military Demarcation Line markers alternately on both edges of the roads in the area between Military Demarcation Line marker Number 0979 and Number 0982, where the Military Demarcation Line was established along the road.

However, your side built later your safe lane exclusively utilizing the road there, and stealthily moved Military Demarcation Line markers to the edge of the road belonging to our side and even went so far as to set wires there.

And now you are insisting that the entire road is in your portion of the Demilitarized Zone. What is this but robber's logic? Is it not? Say, yes or no!

Your side committed such savage murderous atrocities as to make surprise attacks upon our personnel who had been on routine patrol duty, abduct five of them, mercilessly kill three and keep detaining the remaining two of them and being afraid of the exposure of the truth about its own criminal acts has behaved in utterly base and shameless manner. This has been clearly revealed through the conduct of your component of the Joint Observer Team.

As is generally known, in order to exactly establish the violation of the Armistice Agreement committed by your side, our side repeatedly demanded your side in the course of the investigation at the Joint Observer Team meeting to present as witnesses to the spot of the joint investigation the two personnel of our side, the very personnel involved in the incident, who are kept under detention on your side.

It was of the most important significance in investigating and establishing the recent incident that our personnel who were personally wounded by your side be allowed to appear to the scene and testify what

KPA/CPV (CONT'D):

they personally experienced and what they saw as they stood.

However, your side doggedly rejected this just demand of our side and did not bring them to the spot of the **joint investigation** to the end.

This is an incontestable proof showing how much your side was **afraid** of the testimony of our personnel who would present themselves as witnesses at the scene and tell about the criminal acts committed by your side as they stand.

And, your side stated from the second day of the team's meeting that it has as many as **seventeen** witnesses to be presented, but it eventually presented only four of them, refusing to **introduce** more witnesses.

You did so because you were embarrassed at the many discrepancies **gradually** disclosed in the course of hearing testimony given even by the witnesses who were educated in advance by your side so that they might give false and **fabricated** testimony as to all the facts to cover up its criminal acts and eventually you could not place trust even in the witnesses you trained and educated.

What is more, your side unilaterally and illegally introduced, without any agreement by both sides, your witness to the spot of the joint investigation so as to enable him to hear all the details about the discussion held at the Joint Observer Team meeting, hindered in every way our side from conducting interrogations on them for fear of blunders which might be made by its own witnesses instructed by your side to give false testimony, and let your witnesses speak only with the approval or by the signal given by the **Senior Member** of your component of the team and his interpreter.

By persistently resorting to such unwarranted actions, your side delayed the Joint Observer Team meeting for three days and flagrantly violated ~~ed~~ Sub-paragraph 4d of **"Revised General Rules For The Control, Organization, Operation and Support of the Joint Observer Teams."**

Being so much afraid of the exposure of the truth about its own criminal acts, your side even went so far as to attempt to restrict

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the freedom of movement of our component of Joint Observer Team Number Four, thereby violating Paragraph 11 of the Armistice Agreement.

Not only that, your side tried to have unnecessary dispute by bickering over the internal affairs of our side which have nothing to do with the investigation into the reported violation of the Armistice Agreement.

All the facts saliently prove how villainously your side behaved with a view to covering up the barbarous criminal acts committed by your side against our side.

This notwithstanding, also at today's meeting your side has been only indulged in sophistries fraught with falsehood and deception in a futile attempt to whitewash its own criminal acts which have been already exposed and to deceive the world public. What a foolish conduct this is!

However hard you may try, your side can never succeed in covering up the military, provocative acts committed by your side and extricating itself from the responsibility for them.

Your side should take practical steps to stop at once such military, provocative acts as the recent armed attacks which may entail the grave consequences of wrecking the Armistice Agreement, punish those who committed the recent provocative acts and those who attempted to restrict the freedom of movement of the Joint Observer Team, and return our side without delay our personnel who are kept under detention on your side without reason.

Your side can not have any pretext whatsoever to keep detaining our personnel.

I again demand your side to immediately return our side the personnel of our side who were forcibly abducted by your side and has been continuously detained by your side.

UNC:

During the investigation by the Joint Observer Team Number Four into the serious violations committed by your side, four witnesses

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were introduced by our side. The record of the investigation reflects their testimony.

It would be needless to have 13 additional witnesses introduced by our side to testify to the same facts. Their testimony would only serve to strengthen our position.

Unlike your side, our side establishes facts and refrains from endless repetition of the same information.

The two personnel of your side who illegally crossed the Military Demarcation Line and entered the territory under the control of our side on 5 September 1962 were captured and are under the detention of our side.

It has been determined by our side that these two personnel will remain in our custody.

This statement and others made at this meeting are the only replies you will get to your letters of 14 and 25 September and the message from your Secretary.

KPA/CPV:

Whatever tactics you may employ, you can never succeed in covering up the criminal act of your side which has already been brought to full daylight.

The serious hostile act which your side committed recently as a part of the machinations for arms expansion and preparations of war which the U.S. imperialist aggressors have been stepping up on a world-wide scale constitutes another serious military provocation and an overt aggression against the Korean people.

Of late, your side has reinforced its armed forces on a large scale, staging frantic military commotions in succession in South Korea, and made reconnaissance in a further execrable way by infiltrating a large number of spies through the Demilitarized Zone, by abducting our fishermen by force at sea and by dispatching military aircraft to the territorial airspace of our side. The recent nefarious provocation which was coincided with the aforesaid acts of your side vividly prove how

KPA/CPV (CONT'D):

frantically the U.S. imperialists scheme to unleash another war of aggression in Korea.

Stop at once your reckless play with fire disturbing peace in Korea and undermining the foundation of the Korean Armistice.

I ask your side:

When will your side return our side the two personnel of our side whom your side has illegally detained after abducting them against their will?

Make a reply!

UNC:

As I have previously stated, the United Nations Command called this meeting to protest serious, willful and dangerous violations of the Armistice Agreement recently committed by your side. These violations seriously threaten the peace in Korea.

Joint Observer Team Number Four investigated this serious violation at the scene of the incident for six days. The investigation clearly established that the armed personnel of your side:

1. Did illegally cross the Military Demarcation Line and enter the territory of our side.
2. Did enter our territory with sinister motives since your personnel also carried concealed weapons.
3. Did feloniously assault the personnel of our side first by shooting one unarmed member of our side's work party with a concealed weapon and physically assaulting the other members of our party.

Such aggressive acts by your personnel, are typical examples of your utter disregard for the Armistice Agreement.

Your side has endangered the peace by your hostile and provocative acts.

The full responsibility for these serious violations is yours!

Keep your personnel on your side of the Military Demarcation Line if you don't want them shot or captured.

KPA/CPV:

Whatever quibblings you may use, you can not cover up the truth

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about the bestial atrocity committed by your side or free yourselves from the responsibility for it.

What your side has to do now is to take immediate steps to cease the dangerous play with fire which might lead to grave consequences and return our side without delay the two persons under the illegal detention on your side.

I ask your side:

For what reason will your side keep detaining our personnel instead of returning them to our side?

UNC:

As regards the charge of a Naval violation which you mentioned you misunderstood me. I said I would comment on this later.

I have a statement to make.

This statement further refutes your claim as peace-loving people and shows your true aggressive nature.

Around 0930 on 17 September 1962, machine guns located at SONAM, an island of your side off the east coast, fired approximately 80 rounds at an unarmed peaceful fishing boat of our side.

This fishing boat, powered only by a sail, had been forced north due to a strong wind during the night of 16-17 September, and was in distress. After its actual location was determined, about 0700 hours, 17 September when visibility had improved, one of our boats was dispatched to tow the boat in distress back to its home port. As the fishing boat was returning to safe waters, however, it was fired on by the personnel of your side.

The master of the fishing vessel was in error for having placed his boat in a position which would permit it to drift north. Appropriate action has been taken against the responsible individual.

The personnel of your side, however, acting in an undisciplined manner and having complete disregard for human life, attempted to murder innocent and helpless Korean fishermen. I demand that your side take immediate steps to stop these reckless, provocative acts.

KPA/CPV:

I have noted your admission that your naval craft illegally intruded into the coastal waters of our side. But, your side is slandering at random the opposing side by distorting the fact in an attempt to cover up its criminal act like a thief crying after for a thief.

But, whatever lies you may tell, your side can neither cover up the truth about the criminal act of having perpetrated provocative and hostile act by dispatching its naval craft to the coastal waters of our side on September 17, nor extricate itself from the responsibility for it.

I trenchantly denounce the shameless act of your side which has hatched another vicious plot, completely distorting the true fact.

Lt Col Helton, Senior Member of your component to Joint Observer Team Number Four, repeatedly stated as many as 17 times that your side would return our side the personnel of our side as early as possible.

This notwithstanding, what compels you to state now that you will keep on detaining them?

What is the reason?

UNC:

I have no further business for this meeting of the Military Armistice Commission.

KPA/CPV:

Make an answer to the question I have just made.

UNC:

I propose a recess.

KPA/CPV:

Don't evade but answer my question.

UNC:

I have proposed a recess.

KPA/CPV:

Don't evade but make a reply to the question I have asked.

UNC:

Read the record of this meeting - You have your answer.

I again propose a recess.

KPA/CPV:

Why are you afraid so much to give an account of your reason for continuously detaining our personnel?

UNC:

What is the answer to my proposal?

KPA/CPV:

You have still failed to make a reply to my question.

What is the reason?

Your side has delayed the compliance with our just demand for an immediate return of our personnel your side forcibly abducted and now made a wanton remark that it will keep detaining them.

It has become clear that your side has detained our personnel until now under the false and absurd pretext in an attempt to attain some sinister military and political purposes.

As is clear to everybody, our personnel forcibly abducted by your side should be returned immediately and unconditionally.

Our side scathingly denounces the detestable and brigandish act of your side which has forcibly detained our personnel in an attempt to utilize them for attaining some sinister political and military purposes.

Return immediately our side the personnel of our side.

UNC:

You have had my reply. I again propose a recess.

KPA/CPV:

The shameless and brigandish nature of the U.S. imperialists have been also vividly disclosed at this table to the world.

Recently, your side made a surprise attack upon the personnel of our side who had been performing their routine patrol duty in the Demilitarized Zone, forcibly abducted five of our wounded personnel,

KPA/CPV (CONT'D):

killing three and illegally detaining two of them. This is an extremely dangerous act which further aggravates the tension in Korea and might lead to another war.

The incident systematically committed by your side was established by the testimony and material evidences and the true state of affairs was laid bare to the whole world.

Your side has hatched a foul and despicable plot by every means for the purpose of covering up its criminal act and misleading the world public.

Throughout the team's meeting, your side rejected our just and reasonable proposals, thereby delaying the meeting of the team for three days and created many difficulties in the work of Joint Observer Team which was carrying out the instructions given by the Military Armistice Commission.

What is more, your side made a clamour by successively fabricating false "statements" and "remarks" completely distorting the facts, as if the incident had occurred in the area south of the Military Demarcation Line.

Your side being so engrossed in covering up its serious criminal acts called first a Military Armistice Commission meeting prior to the exchange of the special report in violation of the procedure for calling a meeting and has gone so far as to shamelessly behave just like a thief calling others thief, in order to shift the responsibility for the incident onto our side.

You are shameless enough to call lynchers who barbarously lynched innocent Korean people good men and call Korean people, master of this country, who were lynched, "thieves". Who else but you, U.S. imperialist aggressors, could dare behave in such a brazen-faced manner?

In fact, the recent bestial murderous atrocities committed by your side against our personnel and all the machinations once again revealed in nakedness to the whole world the brutality, cruelty and shamelessness of the U.S. imperialists.

KPA/CPV (CONT'D):

Your side can by no means cover up its criminal act or free itself from the responsibility for the immediate and unconditional return of the two persons of our side whom your side kidnapped and is still illegally detaining.

This notwithstanding, your side has reiterated absurd quibblings instead of returning our side immediately the two persons of our side in a deliberate attempt to deny their return.

Due to such conduct on your part, our personnel have been compelled to be under detention on your side already for 20 odd days, suffering from all sorts of indescribable physical and mental pain.

The personnel of our side now under your detention are eagerly waiting for coming back to our side, being freed from your devilish grip, and their families, relatives and friends also are impatiently awaiting their early return.

There can be no pretext whatsoever for your side to detain our personnel any longer.

Our side warns your side if it continuously detains our personnel and delays their return in defiance of our repeated demand, your side should bear the full responsibility for all the consequences arising therefrom.

Our side will call your side to account until it sends back our personnel to our side.

I have a statement to make on another subject.

At the 154th Military Armistice Commission meeting held on July 20, 1962, your side charged our side alleging that around 1321 hours on July 14, 1962, our personnel fired at the work personnel of your side in the Demilitarized Zone.

In compliance with the requirement and the spirit of the Armistice Agreement, our side conducted thorough investigations into the charge of your side.

As a result, it has been established that your side's charge was based on a groundless incident invented by your side to slander our side.

Therefore, our side denies your charge.

KPA/CPV (CONT'D):

Our side agrees to your proposal to recess.

The meeting recessed at 1254 hours.

The following UNC Advisory Group members attended:

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FRANCE	MAJOR HENRI R. P. BERNARD
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