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ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-SEVENTH MEETING
OF
THE MILITARY ARMISTICE COMMISSION

HELD AT MAC HQ AREA, KOREA

5 OCTOBER 1962

MEMBERS PRESENT

UNITED NATIONS COMMAND

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B/GEN JOHN M. HUTCHISON, USAF
RADM JOHN M. ALFORD, USN
BRIG ROBERT E. LODER, BA

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CHINESE PEOPLE'S VOLUNTEERS

M/GEN CHANG CHONG HWAN, KPA
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M/GEN YOM SANG KI, KPA
M/GEN PAK SEI HYUN, KPA
COL KIM WON SOK, KPA

Meeting convened at 1000 hours

KPA/CPV:

I now charge your side with a gross violation of the Armistice Agreement again recently committed by your side.

Around 1302 hours on September 27, 1962, two F-86 military aircraft of your side flying from the south crossed the Han River Estuary, intruding as far as into the airspace over the vicinity of YUNISAN (37 degrees 50 minutes 20 seconds north, 126 degrees 38 minutes 25 seconds east) of our side.

The military aircraft of your side which illegally intruded into the territorial airspace of our side, continued their flight south-westward conducting reconnaissance and flew away to the south, crossing the airspace over the vicinity of HAJOGANGHI (37 degrees 46 minutes 30 seconds north, 126 degrees 35 minutes 18 seconds east) of our side.

Thus, since the signing of the Armistice Agreement, your side has illegally dispatched a total of 1,376 military aircraft on 681 occasions to the territorial airspace of our side to commit overt military provocations and carry out espionage activities against our side.

As you know, our side has lodged serious protests against such air intrusions by your side each time when they occurred, demanding your side to take responsible steps to prevent a recurrence of similar violations.

Your side, however, has not taken any action to fulfill our demand but again committed ten minutes after the 156th Military Armistice Commission meeting such provocative and hostile acts as to dispatch military aircraft to our side.

These facts vividly show that the recent air intrusion is attributable not only to the indiscreet and irresponsible act of your pilots but to the direct command and plan of your headquarters scheming to further aggravate the tension in

KPA/CPV (CONT'D):

Korea and obtain military information necessary for the preparation of another war.

And, this is another convincing proof that your side has no intention of fulfilling its obligation assumed under the Armistice Agreement.

I enter a strong protest against your side's having again recently made provocative reconnaissance by dispatching its military aircraft to our territorial airspace in gross violation of Paragraph 16 of the Armistice Agreement and in disregard of the repeated protests and denunciations from our side.

At the same time, I demand that your side take responsible measures so that such violations may not recur in the future and that it severely punish in accordance with Subparagraph 13e of the Armistice Agreement all the personnel of your side involved in the recent provocative act.

I will continue to make a statement on another subject.

Four weeks have already elapsed since your side forcibly abducted two persons of our side, unreasonably detaining them.

Meanwhile, at the meeting of both components of Joint Observer Team No. 4, through the two letters and at the 156th Military Armistice Commission meeting, our side demanded your side to immediately return our side the two personnel of our side whom your side has been illegally detaining.

At the meeting of Joint Observer Team No. 4, your side already assured time and again that our personnel would be returned to our side as early as possible and a spokesman of your headquarters also elucidated it again.

Nevertheless, the return of our personnel has been denied until now and they remain under detention on your side.

One month has already passed since your side assured

KPA/CPV (CONT'D):

that it would return our personnel.

I think our personnel, whatever wounds they received, can move. Accordingly, I believe that your side is ready to deliver our personnel to our side.

Our side is now fully prepared to receive our personnel.

I demand that your side deliver our personnel to our side right now.

UNC:

On my right is Rear Admiral Hyun Si Hak, Republic of Korea Navy, 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 28 September 1962.

The United Nations Command will conduct an investigation into your alleged violations.

KPA/CPV:

I have noted your statement that an investigation will be conducted into the air intrusion committed by your side.

I have demanded that the two personnel of our side be returned.

In the light of your failure of making a reply to our demand, it appears that you cannot catch my words.

I now repeat my statement.

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UNC:

I go to a new subject.

Around 2100 hours on 26 September 1962, a military boat of your side intruded into the coastal waters of our side in the vicinity of coordinates 38 degrees 35 minutes North, 128 degrees 24 minutes East. When a vessel of our side attempted to intercept the intruder, the military boat of your side fled North at high speed and entered PONGSU HANG.

The sinister purpose of this deliberate intrusion, into the waters adjacent to our side during the hours of darkness are readily apparent. Such deliberate acts reflect the aggressive intentions of your side.

I lodge a serious protest against this aggressive and hostile act by your side which violated the Preamble, paragraphs 7, 12, and 15, and the spirit and intent of the Armistice Agreement.

KPA/CPV:

An investigation will be conducted into the charge you have just made.

Are you still unable to grasp what I have said?

Why are you so reluctant to offer a reply to my demand?

Have you received instructions from your Commander-in-Chief Meloy not to make any answer in response to our demand at this meeting?

I again demand that your side immediately withdraw its unwarranted position and make reply to our demand.

UNC:

I go to a new subject.

At the 155th meeting of the Military Armistice Commission, your side charged our side with three air violations involving the intrusion of United Nations Command aircraft into the air space of your side. At the same meeting, your side charged our side with a naval violation in the Han River Estuary.

Thorough investigations have been made into these alleged violations. The investigations revealed that your charges are without factual basis and are therefore denied.

KPA/CPV:

What prevents you from making a reply to my demand?

Do you know any meeting held by both sides at which one side does not express its position on the raised subject?

I take your irresponsible conduct very seriously.

Don't digress but make a reply!

When will your side return our personnel to our side?

UNC:

I note your statement that you will investigate the violations committed by your personnel.

Evidently you failed to understand the statement I made

UNC (CONT'D):

at the 156th meeting of the Military Armistice Commission concerning the two wounded and captured personnel.

Listen carefully -- I will tell you just once more.

The two personnel of your side dressed in the military uniform of your side, illegally crossed into the territory of our side, committed criminal acts against personnel of our side and were captured.

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

Your continuous pleading for the return of the two personnel is ridiculous.

This concludes my discussion of the subject.

KPA/CPV:

You have used the preposterous quibbling in an attempt to evade your obligation to immediately return our side the two personnel of our side who are unreasonably kept under detention on your side.

Your attempt, however, is utterly reckless.

Your side should immediately return our side our personnel whom your side has been illegally detaining after forcibly abducting them. This is all too clear to admit of any dispute.

Therefore, your side also admitted this.

On the spot of the joint investigation into the incident, the member of your component of Joint Observer Team No. 4 repeatedly assured that your side would return our side our personnel abducted by your side as soon as their wounds had been healed.

Also after the completion of the investigation into the incident on the spot, the member of your component made, in the special report submitted to the Military Armistice Commission, a definite promise that your side would return them to

KPA/CPV (CONT'D):

our side. The special report was submitted to our side 24 hours before you stated that QUOTE it has been determined by our side that these two personnel will remain in our custody UNQUOTE.

Look at this special report with your own eyes! This was prepared by the officially accredited delegate of your side who is under your direct instructions.

This document was signed by U.S. Army Lt. Col. Helton, sitting there, (pointing towards Lt. Col. Helton) an officially accredited person representing your side who is under your direct command. It is unmistakably written in the document that our personnel will be returned.

Here is another example.

On September 29 last, a spokesman of your headquarters officially announced to the effect that your side would return the two personnel of our side still under detention on your side when they had recovered.

This notwithstanding, you have stated now that QUOTE it has been determined that these two personnel will remain in our custody UNQUOTE. What on earth do you mean?

Then, do you mean to say that you intend to withdraw the promise officially made scores of times by your own mouths and through your official documents that you will return our personnel to our side and do you mean to say that your side intends to break even the agreement already reached between both sides?

Is it your habitual practice to unscrupulously violate either the promise made by yourselves or the agreement reached between both sides whenever you deem it necessary?

You had better desist from reiterating such ill-advised behaviour as to distrust not only your subordinates but also yourself, and drive your superiors into an awkward position.

KPA/CPV (CONT'D):

I tell you once again that it is a foregone conclusion drawn by yourselves and agreed upon by both sides that your side should return our side our personnel still under unreasonable detention on your side.

Whatever tactics you may resort to, you can neither deny the promise you officially made, nor break the agreement reached between both sides, nor defer the delivery of our personnel.

In keeping with its own promise and the agreement reached between both sides, your side should return our personnel to our side immediately.

When will you return our personnel to our side! Make a reply!

UNC:

I go to another subject.

At the 250th Secretaries' meeting, your side charged the United Nations side with an air violation involving the alleged intrusion of a United Nations aircraft into the air-space of your side in the vicinity of CHODO on 12 September.

The United Nations conducted a thorough investigation of this alleged violation. The investigation revealed that a United Nations aircraft was flying in the vicinity of PAENGYONG-DO and at no time did this aircraft enter the air-space controlled by your side. Therefore, your charge is rejected.

One other alleged air violation charged at the same meeting was also investigated. This charge was also found to be false and without fact, and is therefore denied.

KPA/CPV:

What compels you to evade answering my question to that extent?

Don't evade but give a reply to my question!

UNC:

Do you have any constructive business to bring up at this meeting?

KPA/CPV:

Your attitude is utterly shameless.

At the meeting of Joint Observer Team No. 4 held for six days from September 7 last, the senior team member of your side assured on as many as 17 occasions that the personnel of our side would be returned to our side.

What is more, your side elucidated it again in the special report of your side submitted to the Military Armistice Commission and through the announcement made by a spokesman of your headquarters on September 29 last.

This notwithstanding, you have abruptly infringed the undeniable assurances your side had officially given, stating that it will further detain the two personnel of our side.

Then, what is your real intention of further keeping our personnel in your custody?

For what purpose do you say that they will be kept under detention on your side?

Make an answer!

UNC:

I have no further business.

KPA/CPV:

You have again failed to hold out the reason why you have been denying the return of our personnel to our side.

And, why do you reject the return of our personnel our side and why can't you even put forth the reason?

Then, do you mean that our personnel have not yet recovered to move?

UNC:

I have already said that I have no further business.
Do you have any constructive business to bring up?

KPA/CPV:

The avarice of a grasping fellow is often compared to the thickness of the earth in our country, as our saying goes QUOTE His greediness is thicker than earth UNQUOTE. But, your shamelessness is beyond all comparison.

As was mentioned already several times, the Senior Member of your component of the Joint Observer Team who was dispatched personally by you and acted under your instructions admitted that our personnel abducted by your side should be returned and wrote it in a report submitted to the Military Armistice Commission. And this was again elucidated even by a spokesman of your headquarters.

Then, do you think that you have nothing to do with the statements made by your headquarters and your subordinate?

You should set forth at least the reason why you will keep our personnel in your custody, shouldn't you?

Then, are you even denied freedom and right to say about your own action?

Or, do you have any reason which cannot be made public and prevents you from speaking?

Make a straightforward answer!

UNC:

I have said twice before that I have no further business.

KPA/CPV:

You have still failed to make an answer to my question. This proves that the pretext you have just put forward with a view to covering up your unwarranted act of detaining our personnel is an out-and-out fabrication.

KPA/CPV (CONT'D):

Then, does your side mean to say that it wants to detain our personnel further because it has not yet attained the purposes your side pursued to accomplish by abducting them?

Make a reply!

UNC:

I have no further business.

KPA/CPV:

Aren't you ashamed in the face of the guests present here to observe this meeting?

Your side, criminals who abducted our personnel by force, can never be freed from the obligation to send back our personnel.

When will your side return our personnel?

Make a reply!

UNC:

If you have any more statements to make, read them now!

KPA/CPV:

You are shameless enough.

You have asked whether our side has any other subject. But, the discussion on the raised matter is not yet finished.

Don't evade but make a reply in response to our demand!

UNC:

I have already told you this morning that I have already finished discussing the subject.

KPA/CPV:

Is it an American-styled diplomacy to evade making remarks on the raised subject when you are placed in an awkward position?

KPA/CPV (CONT'D):

Make an answer in response to our demand.

UNC:

I have no further business.

KPA/CPV:

All the guests and pressmen outside the conference room are deriding you who cannot express even your own position on the raised matter.

Don't reiterate the same words like a parrot but make a reply to our question!

When will your side return our personnel?

UNC:

What other business do you have?

KPA/CPV:

How long will your side detain our personnel inflicting pain on them?

UNC:

Evidently you didn't understand. I have already given you my reply.

Have you any other business?

KPA/CPV:

Your side has pertinaciously taken the unwarranted attitude of evading the discussion on the subject.

Have you ever seen such a meeting held by both sides at which one side makes no statement?

The continuous evasion of the discussion on the subject cannot but be construed as meaning that your side intends not to fulfill its obligation assumed under the Armistice Agreement, break off this meeting, not to take part in the meetings

KPA/CPV (CONT'D):

in the future and to wreck the Military Armistice Commission.

Such conduct on your part is entirely unwarranted and will bring about grave consequences in the implementation of the Armistice Agreement. Our side takes this very seriously.

With such base and shameless conduct can your side by no means free itself from its due obligation.

Resolutely denouncing the brigandish stand of your side which intends to break off the meeting of both sides by evading the discussion on the subject, I again demand your side to immediately return our side the two personnel of our side who have been unreasonably detained by your side.

What is your reply in response to our demand?

UNC:

I have not evaded the subject. I am not resorting to endless repetition.

KPA/CPV:

Make the position of your side clear, as the Senior Member of one side, on the assurances made by the Senior Member of your component of the Joint Observer Team that our personnel would be returned and on the special report submitted to the Military Armistice Commission.

UNC:

I have nothing further.

KPA/CPV:

Make an answer to the question I have just made.

UNC:

You have had my answer seven times at this and at the last meeting!

KPA/CPV:

You have persistently evaded answering our demand.

Then, are you determined to cover up your own criminal acts and extricate yourselves from the responsibility for them by resorting to such ill-advised tactics?

You can by no means be freed from the obligation which should be fulfilled by yourselves.

I once again ask you:

When will your side return our side our personnel who are kept under detention on your side?

Make a reply!

UNC:

Your lack of understanding of the definite reply that I have already given you amazes me.

I have no further business.

KPA/CPV:

Hold out clearly the reason that your side will keep detaining our personnel!

UNC:

The reason has been stated several times.

KPA/CPV:

State clearly the reason why there are discrepancies between the statements made by your Senior Member of your component of the team and your statements.

UNC:

The United Nations Command position was spelled out in detail in the record of the 156th meeting of the Military Armistice Commission. From your comments today it appears that you have not reviewed this record.

I suggest that you do so.

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UNC (CONT'D):

I have repeated it here today.

KPA/CPV:

You have failed to make an answer to my question.

I again ask you:

Give a clear account of the discrepancy between your statements and the special report submitted by your side to the Military Armistice Commission.

UNC:

As I have said, I have no further business.

KPA/CPV:

You have again failed to make an answer to my question.

I once again ask you:

Make a responsible answer to the reason why there are discrepancies between the contents of the announcement made by a spokesman of your headquarters and your statements.

UNC:

You have my answer.

I have NO further business.

KPA/CPV:

You have again failed to make an answer to my question.

I once again ask you:

Are you representing your Commander-in-Chief?

If you are representing your Commander-in-Chief, what is the reason that you have denied even the official announcement made by the spokesman of your headquarters?

Make a reply!

UNC:

There is only one place for you to obtain an official

UNC (CONT'D):

United Nations Command position - - that is here at this table.

You have received this position.

KPA/CPV:

Do you mean that this special report submitted by your side is null and void?

Make a definite answer.

UNC:

You have my answer.

KPA/CPV:

I again ask you:

Do you mean that this special report submitted by your side is null and void?

Make a clear-cut answer!

UNC:

Do you agree with everything in that report?

If so, why did you put out different facts at the last meeting?

KPA/CPV:

Don't digress!

Do you admit the signature put by Lt. Col. Helton to this special report?

Make a clear-out answer!

UNC:

It is obvious that you cannot answer my question.

Give me an answer!

KPA/CPV:

Aren't you ashamed to see the guests gathering around

KPA/CPV (CONT'D):

here?

I again ask you:

Make a definite answer to the question whether the special report submitted by your side is invalid or valid!

And, make an unmistakable answer to the question whether U.S. Army Lt. Col. Helton does represent your side or not.

UNC:

No I'm not embarrassed.

Are you?

KPA/CPV:

No other words can be expected from the mouth of you aggressors and robbers.

What prevents you from holding out the reason clearly with your own mouth?

Are you at a loss, being unable to find any ground to explain away your own unwarranted act?

I again ask you:

What is your reply to my demand for the immediate return of our personnel to our side?

UNC:

You have had my answer.

KPA/CPV:

How long will you keep telling lies?

I can't believe your lies. And I cannot but believe the statements made by the spokesman of your headquarters, more responsible man than you, and the fact that an officially accredited delegate of your side made a promise in the official document to which he attached his signature.

When will your side return our personnel to our side?

UNC:

You have my answer. Your pleading is useless.

Don't you have something worthwhile to bring up at this meeting.

KPA/CPV:

The base attitude you have just taken is an extensive illustration of your insincerity toward the Armistice Agreement.

This must be scathingly denounced.

Don't digress but make a reply to my question!

UNC:

I have no further business.

KPA/CPV:

As is clear to everybody, it is an unavoidable obligation for your side to immediately return our side our personnel whom your side forcibly kidnapped after making a barbarous armed attack.

Your side, however, has evaded the fulfillment of its obligation under an absurd pretext that our personnel cannot be returned because they are unable to travel. And, it has now openly revealed its brigandish stand that it has determined to further keep them in its custody without any reason.

What is the reason that prevents your side from elucidating its own conduct?

It is because you yourself realize that your continuous detention of our personnel is a completely illegal act devoid of any reason and ground.

This notwithstanding, your side has persistently taken the brigandish stand that it has determined to detain our personnel without any reason. What a shameless conduct this is!

KPA/CPV (CONT'D):

Your side has done so with a view to hatching plots designed to cover up the truth about its criminal act, utilizing our personnel as hostage and attaining its sinister military and political aims by continuously detaining them.

Such crafty, shameless and piratical act of your side which was prearranged and planned in advance is a perfidious one designed to wreck the Armistice Agreement as well as all of the usages established by both sides since the armistice. Such acts can never be tolerated but be seriously denounced.

If your side takes into consideration all the consequences to be entailed by your denial of the return of our personnel, it should immediately send back our personnel to our side.

Will your side fulfill the demand of our side?

UNC:

I have no further business.

KPA/CPV:

Your side has behaved at today's meeting in a very insincere and brazen-faced manner.

By persistently keeping silence on our just demand for the return of our personnel forcibly abducted by your side, your side, criminal, has revealed its sinister position to the whole world.

As I have already stressed several times, the members of your component of Joint Observer Team No. 4 not only admitted in the course of the joint investigation that your side kidnapped five personnel of our side, killing mercilessly three and detaining two of them after making a surprise armed attack, but also assured on many occasions that the two personnel of our side under your detention would be returned to our side when they had recovered and your headquarters also

KPA/CPV (CONT'D):

elucidated it again.

In spite of these words given by your side, your side has not returned immediately our personnel to our side, instead, it has delayed their return and now reiterates only the preposterous words that it has determined to keep our personnel in its custody.

By doing so, your side has exposed the true nature of the U.S. imperialist aggressors who have no regard for international laws, agreements, practices and promises to achieve their aggressive purposes, revealing to the whole world its perfidious attitude toward the Armistice Agreement.

What is more, at this meeting too, your side has uttered not a single word in response to our demand for explaining the reason for your continuous detention of our personnel, thereby admitting itself that your act of continuously detaining our personnel is completely illegal.

Your side has been doggedly opposed to the immediate return of our personnel by infringing even the assurances made by itself. Your side has done so in an attempt to attain some sinister purposes which cannot be made public by illegally keeping on detaining them, subjecting them to cruel persecution and inflicting physical pain on them.

If this is not true, your side should return our personnel to our side without further delay.

If your side continues to illegally detain our personnel, it will be unable to escape from the more strong denunciation of the world public against its inhumane conduct and criminal act, but bear the full responsibility for all the consequences arising therefrom. You should bear this clearly in your mind.

A good relation also presupposes reciprocity.

On condition that the armed personnel of both sides will

KPA/CPV (CONT'D):

also in the future carry out patrol duty in the Demilitarized Zone, it seems to me that your side had better give up such unilateral persistence in dealing with the incident.

I declare to you that if your side continues to behave in such a manner instead of returning our personnel at an early date, such lenient treatment as was given to Second Lieutenant Bumpas who could go back to your side after being shot down through our self-defense measures when he intruded into our territorial airspace will no longer be accorded to your side which incessantly commits provocative acts in violation of the Armistice Agreement.

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

UNC:

I have no further business.

KPA/CPV:

In the light of the attitude your side has persistently taken, it is clear that you are not entitled to make a reply in regard to the matter raised at today's meeting.

Accordingly, I propose to recess this meeting in order to give you enough time so that you may enjoy your due rights as the Senior Member of one side.

UNC:

Let the record show that you have been repeating the same ridiculous demand for three hours.

I agree to your proposal to recess.

Meeting recessed at 1306 hours

Following UNC Advisory Group Members attended:

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TURKEY	COLONEL MUZAPPER TIMUR
UNITED KINGDOM	MAJOR KENNETH SCRAGG
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