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ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-NINTH MEETING  
OF  
THE MILITARY ARMISTICE COMMISSION

HELD AT MAC HQ AREA, KOREA

21 NOVEMBER 1962

MEMBERS PRESENT

UNITED NATIONS COMMAND

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Meeting convened at 1100 hours

KPA/CPV:

The Armistice Agreement provides that the Demilitarized Zone, and the waters contiguous to the land of Korea under the military control of the opposing side shall be respected.

This is one of the important steps for ensuring the stability of the Korean Armistice which aims to insure a complete cessation of hostilities and of all acts of armed force in Korea.

This notwithstanding, you U.S. imperialists have incessantly committed since the Armistice such piratical acts of dispatching various naval vessels into our eastern and western coastal waters and the Han River Estuary, making provocative attacks on and reconnaissances of our side, conducting barbarous gun firings on our coastal areas, assaulting peaceful fishing boats, killing and abducting our fishermen.

Such execrable hostile acts committed by your side against which our side has lodged protests alone amount to as many as 208 cases since the Armistice. And, numerous persons of our side lost their priceless lives and have been subjected to unbearable sufferings under illegal detention.

Such brutal and bestial atrocities by the U.S. imperialists have become more frequent and vicious in recent days.

On June 26, 1962, Submarine Chaser Number 707 of your side forcibly took away Drifter Number 235 of our side and the 11 fishermen of our side aboard her which had been engaged in fishery in the eastern coastal waters of our side.

Keeping the forcibly abducted fishermen of our side in custody for more than one month, your side put them to such indescribably bestial torture as to "hang them up" and "torture

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with electricity". What is more, your side dragged down in an outrageous manner the three persons of our side who had got on a car to return home to illegally detain them.

And on August 7, 1962, your side illegally dispatched one U.S. military high-speed vessel into the western coastal waters of our side, committed barbarous firings at Keumgang Number 1, a fishing boat of our side, which had been engaged in fishery and then forcibly took away the said boat and the 5 fishermen at gunpoint.

Nevertheless, the most shameless U.S. robbers have not only detained the 5 fishermen of our side while unreasonably insisting that no such incident had occurred, but also plundered them of their fishing boat, cargoes and even their personal effects.

The provocative armed attacks and the piratical acts incessantly committed by your side have further intensified the tension in Korea. They revealed all its nakedness the true colour of the vicious U.S. imperialist aggressors who have been busying in preparing another war of aggression and at the same time, fully testified to the fact that the U.S. imperialists are the most fiendish and savage brutes and man-eaters.

Our side has repeatedly demanded that your side take thorough measures for stopping all of the indiscreet play with fire seriously menacing the Korean Armistice and immediately return our side all of our forcibly abducted personnel together with all of the articles and properties you had plundered them of.

However, your side has not carried out our demand, continuously behaving shamelessly in an attempt to cover up its criminal acts, but has again recently committed grave hostile acts of conducting provocative firings on our side by dispatching

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its naval craft to the Han River Estuary.

Around 1100 hours on November 7, 1962, one armed vessel of your side illegally intruded into the waters of the Han River Estuary, passed the vicinity of Ryoo-do (37 degrees 46 minutes 20 seconds North, 126 degrees 32 minutes 15 seconds East) and sailed eastwardly along the bank of our side to make a reconnaissance over the territory of our side.

Reaching the confluence of the Han River and the Rimjin River, your vessel veered westwardly, continued its sail and reaching the waters in the vicinity of 37 degrees 46 minutes 00 seconds North, 126 degrees 35 minutes 32 seconds East in front of Hajogang-ri of our side, abruptly conducted savage firings with machine guns and small arms at our side, fleeing to the south.

The provocative hostile acts committed by your side, a continuation of your piratical acts your side has kept on committing since the Armistice, constitutes a flagrant violation of paragraph 5 and 14 of the Armistice Agreement and a extremely dangerous play with fire which might entail grave consequences.

I lodge a strong protest with your side against the reconnaissance and the provocative firings which your side, following your continued piratical acts, committed against our side by dispatching ~~again~~ recently its armed vessel to the waters of the Han River Estuary in disregard of our repeated protests and warnings. At the same time I strongly demand that you promptly take responsible steps to completely cease provocative hostile acts in accordance with the Armistice Agreement, practically insure the strict observance of all the provisions of the Armistice Agreement.

UNC:

I am Major General Joseph E. Gill, newly appointed

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Senior Member, United Nations Command Component Military Armistice Commission. My credentials were passed at the Meeting of the Joint Duty Officers on 1 November 1962.

Brigadier General D.E. Breakefield, United States Army, is seated on my far right. His credentials were passed on 1 November 1962, through the Joint Duty Officers.

Brigadier C.M.M. Man, British Army, is seated on my left. His credentials were passed to your side at the Joint Duty Officers meeting on 27 October 1962.

This answers your false charge concerning a naval violation in the Han River Estuary on 7 November 1962.

On 7 November 1962, a Civil Police patrol boat of our side was performing a routine patrol mission within the Han River Estuary. Around 1215 hours, our patrol boat arrived at a position in the vicinity of coordinates 37 degrees 45 minutes 37 seconds North, 126 degrees 35 minutes 40 seconds East when suddenly and without provocation military personnel of your side opened fire with a machine gun. The military personnel of your side, eight in number, were located in the vicinity of coordinates 37 degrees 46 minutes 15 seconds North, 126 degrees 35 minutes 52 seconds East. About 30 rounds were fired from the machine gun in an attempt to kill or injure the Civil Police personnel of our side.

This is the second time within a fifteen day period that military personnel of your side have fired upon our Civil Police patrol boat.

I lodge a strong protest against your side for this recent irresponsible and provocative act. Unless immediate action is taken to stop these hostile actions which seriously endanger the peace in Korea, the United Nations Command cannot be responsible for any retaliatory measures taken by the Civil Police personnel to protect themselves.

KPA/CPV:

Today, your side has again committed following its customary practice such a shameless act as to reverse right and wrong by distorting the fact.

With such a fraud can your side neither cover up the true facts of the vicious and provocative hostile act it has committed nor extricate itself from the responsibility for it.

Your side should stop at once such despicable and shameless act, punish the criminals and take practical steps for ceasing the provocative armed attack which might cause a serious conflict.

UNC:

I note your statement.

I go to a new subject.

On 24 October 1962, a Civil Police patrol boat of our side proceeded to a position in the vicinity of coordinates 37 degrees 46 minutes 05 seconds North, 126 degrees 34 minutes 08 seconds East in the Han River Estuary to investigate an unidentified object observed floating in the water. At 1342 hours, as our Civil Police were retrieving the object, our side's patrol boat was fired upon by military personnel of your side who were located in the vicinity of coordinates 37 degrees 46 minutes 12 seconds North, 126 degrees 34 minutes 30 seconds East. There were three of your military personnel at that location. One fired six shots with a rifle at our side's patrol boat, while the other two personnel of your side manned a machine gun ready to fire.

The lives of our Civil Police were endangered by this hostile act by the personnel of your side. Such provocative acts seriously endanger the peace in Korea.

I lodge a strong protest against your side for this

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willful and provocative violation of the Armistice Agreement. It is a requirement of the Armistice Agreement that the responsible personnel of your side be punished.

KPA/CPV:

A comment will be made after inquiring into the charge you have just made.

Whatever robber's logic you may chop, you can by no means cover up the provocative and hostile act committed by your side or extricate yourself from the responsibility for it.

Your side has dispatched its naval craft into the eastern and western coastal waters of our side and the Han River Estuary to continue piractical act, committed such fiendish and brutal atrocities as to illegally detain our personnel at gunpoint after forcibly abducting them, and brazen-facedly take recently such a shameless action as to cavil at the compatriotic measures and humanitarian treatment of the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea which rescued south Korean fishermen who met disaster in the west sea in last August and returned them after rendering them material assistance.

As you are also aware, on account of a heavy typhoon which attacked western sea of our country in August last, an appalling tragedy took place in which south Korean fishermen were deprived of their means of subsistence such as their fishing boats and tackle all together and of their priceless lives.

The south Korean fishermen met a strong typhoon at sea only 10 ri away from the land. If relief measures had been taken promptly at that time, all of them would have been saved.

You, however, took no measures at all in advance but left

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in the storm the fishermen in need of rescue at the time of shipwrecking.

Thus, the fishermen drifted for 2-3 days and nights midst surging billows, clinging to wrecked pieces of planks in an isolated condition, after losing their boats in the raging storm.

What is more, U.S. navy craft watching the fishing operation of the fishermen did not take any relief measures. Worse still, they barred the way of the storm sufferers who were trying to take shelter and drove the fishermen into a dangerous spot of reefs, causing the loss of many lives.

Upon being informed about the south Korean fishermen who were in distress, seamen of the Korean People's Army and fishing fleets of the northern half of our Republic organized an emergency relief corps and set out to rescue the south Korean fishermen. More than 60 engine boats carrying over 600 fishery workers and navy boats were mobilized in this operation.

Our fishery workers approached the victims at the risk of their lives and saved the south Korean fishermen from the horrible disaster displaying their earnest desire to save their kindred and braving all difficulties and sacrifices.

Nothing was left to the south Korean fishermen whose living was already indescribably difficult and who, on top of this, had been caught in the storm.

Particularly great were losses coming from the wreckage and washing away of fishing boats and fishing tackle, their sole production means. 8 boats were nowhere to be found and most of the remaining ones were leaking, their hulls damaged, their masts broken and anchors lost.

108 of the saved fishermen were sick. More than 30

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sustained serious concussion and many other fishermen were suffering from acute gastritis, acute colitis and from acute bronchitis.

However, the warm compatriotic love of the Government of the Republic and the people in the northern half of the Republic gave them the joy of resuscitation.

The government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea which had invariably exerted sincere efforts to fundamentally improve the dire plight of the south Korean fishermen suffering from hard living and provide them with conditions for free fishing had the authorities concerned take every possible care of the life of the rescued south Korean fishermen.

Every possible medical treatment modern medicine can afford was given to the victims. The wounded and sick fishermen have been cured of not only the wounds but also of their chronic diseases by more than 40 medical workers including medical specialists who took care of them living together with them.

New clothes, underwear, shoes and other daily necessities have been given to each fisherman in distress.

For the repair of their boats and replenishment of their fishing tackle, the government of our Republic not only allotted such material as 1,000 meters of wirerope, 800 meters of canvas, 560 meters of nets and large quantities of lumber, wire and oils, but also repaired their boats completely equipping them with fishing tackle.

What is more, our side, being anxious about their future livelihood, even gave 3 boats of ours to those south Korean fishermen whose ship "Sinsung-ho" was lost in the surging billow and whose ships "Bando-ho" and "Ryongin-ho" were so seriously destroyed during the disaster that they were

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impossible to be repaired.

All the crew and ship owners including the crew of "Sinsung-ho" are well aware of this.

The money alone spent for the repair of fishing boats and the supply of boats and fishing tackle amounts to some 4 million Won in terms of south Korean currency excluding all the materials given to the south Korean victims by the government of our Republic.

Under the warm compatriotic care of the government of our Republic and the people in the northern half, the south Korean fishermen saved their lives, recovered their health, recuperated themselves for 20 odd days being provided with comfortable living conditions. They returned to their homes with the damaged boats and fishing tackle repaired and provided anew for lost ones and with provisions and daily necessities required on their way home.

All the facts mentioned above present a striking contrast to the savage piratic acts committed by your side which has deliberately dispatched its naval craft to our coastal waters, kidnapped numerous fishermen of our side, forcibly detained them denying their return until today, plundered them all of their personal belongings and cargoes without returning them.

It is all too obvious that if the emergency relief measures had not been taken by the government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, all of the south Korean fishermen who met disaster would have lost their lives at sea for good.

The compatriotic treatment accorded by the government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the south Korean victims is already widely known to the whole world and, your side is also not unaware of this.

Despite the fact, your side went so far as to cavil at the compatriotic steps and humanitarian conduct of our side,

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heaping up absurd slanders and defamations.

This serves to reveal once again the shameless, burglarious nature of the U.S. imperialists before the whole world.

Your side has distorted the stern fact to slander our side with a view to banishing the feeling of gratituton harboured by the south Korean fishermen who met disaster for the compatriotic measures taken by our side and sowing the seeds of antagonism and feud between north and south Korean people on the one hand and on the other with a view to mitigating the anti-U.S. sentiment of the south Korean people and covering up the aggressive policy of the U.S. imperialists and their savage atrocities committed in south Korea, pretending as if it had any concern about the welfare of the south Korean people.

I categorically denounce the shameless conduct of your side which has reversed right and wrong to slander and defame our side in a sinister attempt to attain its foul political purposes.

UNC:

I note that you will investigate the firing by your personnel on the Civil Police personnel of our side.

I note your statement. Is this your answer to our demand for the return of the body of one of our fishermen, the return of 3 boats, and the personal effects of the captain of one ship?

I go to an old subject.

At the 158th meeting of the Military Armistice Commission, on 17 October 1962, you were informed that the two agent personnel, wounded and captured in the 5 September incident, had confirmed the fact that four personnel of our side were being held as prisoners by your side. These personnel were kidnapped on 14 July 1962, and illegally taken across the Military Demarcation Line to northern Korea.

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Since the announcement made on 17 October 1962, the United Nations Command has received petitions from the relatives requesting the return of their kin.

FIRST: The wife and the older brother of 1st Lieutenant WOO, Ja Won, have petitioned the United Nations Command to ask for the return of said person at a meeting of the Military Armistice Commission. Therefore, in replying to this humanitarian request, the United Nations Command requests that 1st Lieutenant, WOO, Ja Won be returned to our side at the earliest possible date.

SECOND: The mother of Sergeant LEE, Keum Sak has petitioned the United Nations Command to request the return of her son. She is desirous of looking on his face again, of hearing of his health and how he is being treated. Therefore, in answer to a mothers plea for her son, the United Nations Command requests that Sergeant LEE, Keum Suk be returned to our side immediately.

THIRD: The father and the mother of Corporal PARK, Ki Chan, have petitioned the United Nations Command to ask for the return of their son, who they grieve for since he has been unheard of for so long. Therefore, in answer to a father and mothers concern for their son, the United Nations Command requests that Corporal PARK, Ki Chan be returned to our side at once.

FOURTH: The father and the mother of Corporal CHOI, Jae Ha have petitioned the United Nations Command to ask for the return of their son. Both parents are aged and are desirous of having their son with them as much as possible. Therefore, in reply to this longing for their son by the parents, the United Nations Command requests that Corporal CHOI, Jae Ha be returned to our side at the earliest opportunity.

Your side, which proclaims a brotherly love for all Koreans, now has an excellent opportunity to show, by your actions, your true feelings.

We await your answer!

KPA/CPV:

As I have already stated, the humanitarian and compatriotic steps taken by our side for the south Korean fishermen who met disaster presents a striking contrast to the barbarous acts of the U.S. pirates banditry which has incessantly and illegally dispatched its various naval craft to our coastal waters to attack, kill and abduct our fishermen and to plunder them of their properties.

Your malicious caviling at our humanitarian steps is nothing but a base trick designed to cover up your brutal atrocities on our side.

On December 19, 1960, your side dispatched its naval craft to our coastal waters to make a barbarous attack upon our fishermen who had been engaged in fishing operation, and forcibly took away the two fishing boats and 38 fishermen of our side who were aboard the boats.

The U.S. imperialist brutes who completely lost human reason stripped our fishermen naked in the depth of winter and kept them to stand on the cold board until they arrived at Inchon.

On top of this, your side inflicted upon them 2-3 times a day such torture as to mercilessly beat them with clubs, kick them, hang them up and threatened them with a pistol levelled at their breasts, saying: unless you tell secret, you shall die.

Your side which had shown all its nakedness the cloven hoof of a wolf in human skin threatened and intimidated our personnel on the one hand, and on the other had the human scums preach degenerated American-styled mode of life, disseminating the sickening reactionary doctrine in an attempt to forcibly detain them.

Your side committed even such atrocities as to forcibly drag down Ri Chang Hwan and Kim Gyul who went on board to

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return home at Inchon.

To crown all, the U.S. robbers who can not subsist even a moment without plundering others of their properties deprived our fishermen of all cargoes including their provisions, fish they had caught, all of their personal effects and even rubber boots worn by them.

Precisely because of the cursed atrocities committed by your side, the 10 fishermen of our side have been unable to return home until now and are suffering every day in a living hell.

Such barbarous atrocities by the U.S. imperialists who have fully exhibited their skill as descendants of the pirates have been continuously committed since then. On June 26 this year, your side dispatched its naval vessel to the coastal waters of our side and perpetrated the piractical act of forcibly abducting our fishermen.

The U.S. savages locked our forcibly abducted fishermen in an underground room closely shut by the double and treble iron-doors, committed such bestial outrages as "to hang them up" and "torture with electricity" which were beyond imagination for men of reason, while appeasing and deceiving them, and looted, like a robber, their fishing tackle and personal effects along with the cargoes on board the ship.

You American pirates have not only illegally dispatched your naval craft into the territorial waters of another's country, attacking, killing and forcibly abducting the peaceful fishermen who had been engaged in fishery, but also subjected them to unbearable persecution, separating them from their beloved parents and families and driving them into the slough of death. Have you ever read such fiendish atrocities in any history except that of U.S. sea rovers?

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In fact, such brigandish and piratical acts of your side have been incessantly committed since the Armistice. As a result, numerous fishermen of our side have lost their precious lives and hundreds of our fishermen are under the illegal detention of your side being unable to return to their homes.

With such a shameless act as to slander the humanitarian and compatriotic measures taken by our side can your side neither cover up its bloody and brutal outrages, nor extricate itself from the responsibility for them.

UNC:

Your answer concerning the return of the body of the fisherman, the three boats and the personal effects is unsatisfactory!

Concerning the four personnel of our side, I have this to say-

Our side accepted in good faith the petitions from the relatives of the personnel who have been in the custody of your side since 14 July. We have requested their return in accordance with these petitions.

We know all the facts concerning the kidnapping incident. You should know all the facts concerning the incident.

At the 158th meeting of the Commission and again at the 251st meeting of the Secretaries, you declared that our accusations regarding these four men were fabricated and groundless. It has been a customary practice in keeping with the spirit and intent of the Armistice Agreement to investigate charges made by the other side.

When will you investigate our charge?

Do you have any intention of conducting an investigation of our charge?

UNC (CONT'D):

Are you prepared to return our personnel or not?

If you are not prepared to return our personnel at this time, when will you return them?

I go to a new subject.

At the 157th Military Armistice Commission meeting, your side charged our side with an air violation involving the intrusion of two United Nations Command aircraft into the airspace of your side.

A thorough investigation has been made into the alleged violation. The investigation revealed that your charge had no basis in fact and is therefore denied.

KPA/CPV:

As is generally known to the world, the government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea has made all its consistent and sincere efforts to alleviate the sufferings of the south Korean fishermen and relieve them who are languishing under the colonial and predatory policies of the U.S. imperialists.

In May 1955 and in December 1958, the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea took such measures for permitting the south Korean fishermen to enter the territorial waters of our side and for insuring them to freely catch fish, thereby expressing the compatriotic desire for relieving the south Korean fishermen who had been suffering from the extreme hardships of living.

And, on November 19, 1960, the Eight Session of the Second Supreme People's Assembly of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea also proposed, as a step to develop the south Korean's fishery, stabilize and raise the impoverished living of the south Korean fishermen, to supply by yearly installments in the next seven years with 700 motor boats

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including 3500-ton class processing motor-boats and 450-ton iron-clad medium-sized ships and hot-bulb engines and diesel engines to motorize sail-boats, materials for running shipyards and rebuilding the fishing ports, and, at the same time, give facilities so that the south Korean fishing boats might be repaired in the shipyards of our side.

Furthermore, in January this year too, the Central Committee of the Marine Products Association of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea proposed that 1,000 suk of polished rice, 10,000 meters of fabrics and 5,000 pair of footwears be given to the fishermen and their families who had suffered from calamity caused by the wind and high seas in the area of the eastern coasts of south Korea.

However, the lofty and compatriotic steps repeatedly taken by our side have not yet been materialized up to now due to the machinations of you U.S. imperialists aggressors.

Because of such machinations and colonial predatory policy of your side, today, the south Korean fishery has totally gone bankrupt and the fishermen are unable to withstand even in a little rain and wind while being engaged in fishery with their obsolete and dilapidated fishing boats which ought to be scrapped. Therefore, such tragic incidents in which fishermen lose their priceless lives occur one after another. The pitiable disaster the south Korean fishermen met in last August was precisely caused under such circumstances.

Such being the case, how could you possibly tell such barefaced lies which even a little child would not believe, slandering and defaming our side in such a shameless manner?

The south Korean fishermen and people who are well aware of our solicitude and warm compatriotic treatment extended to the south Korean fishermen who were in distress are cursing and detesting you who are shamelessly and groundlessly defaming and slandering our side.

UNC:

Your answer concerning the return of the body of the fisherman, the three boats and the personal effects is STILL unsatisfactory!

You are illegally detaining four personnel of our side who were kidnapped on 14 July 1962.

I demand again, that you return our kidnapped personnel immediately.

At the 251st Secretaries' Meeting, your side charged our side with one Air Violation involving the intrusion of two United Nations Command aircraft into the air space of your side.

A thorough investigation has been made into the alleged violation. The investigation revealed that your charge had no basis in fact and is therefore denied.

KPA/CPV:

It is quite clear why you have heaped up malicious slanders against our side by bringing up recently the case of the south Korean fishermen who met disaster.

As is generally known, the good will and solicitude shown by our side for the south Korean fishermen are widely known among the entire south Korea fishermen and people to say nothing of the fishermen whose lives were saved from the jaws of death and their families.

With a view to effacing the influence among the south Korean people and turning their attention elsewhere, you have discovered such a crafty ruse as to talk a preposterous stuff and nonsense even a little child would not believe, speaking as if our side had not returned the ships of the south Korean fishermen and their personal effects.

And, your side has slandered our side, in order to attain another purpose of covering up the crime committed by the U.S. imperialist aggressors who have driven the south Korean

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fishermen into such a miserable living condition as they are now experiencing.

Have a look at this picture contained in a south Korean newspaper!

This picture vividly shows the fact that you have destroyed the well known fishing ports in the eastern sea by converting them into naval ports, bases and training grounds.

Here is another picture.

This picture graphically shows the wretched plight of the fishermen of Dukchuk-do, an island of tragedy, who have gone bankrupt and been ruined owing to the colonial predatory policy pursued by the U.S. imperialists.

You can by no means turn away from this miserable plight.

I categorically denounce the shameless conduct of your side which is intending to defame the humanitarian measures taken by our side for the south Korean fishermen who were in distress and to deceive the world public in a sinister attempt to attaining its insidious political purposes.

UNC:

We are able to hear you just as easily when you use a normal speaking voice. Your excitement and the loudness of your voice does not prove the validity of your statements. Neither does it contribute to the stature of this meeting.

I go to a new subject.

At the 251st Secretaries' Meeting, your side charged our side with three Naval violations. The alleged violations supposedly involved the intrusion of United Nations Command ships into the coastal waters of your side on 19, 20 and 22 October 1962.

A thorough investigation has been made into these alleged violations. The investigations revealed that your charges were

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false and they are therefore denied.

Do you have anything pertinent to the Armistice Agreement to bring up at this meeting?

KFA/CFV:

Today, you have made preposterous charges by raising again the matter which caused your predecessor and the Secretary of your side to make an exhibition of themselves when they brought it up.

You know about the story of the so-called July 14 incident alleged by your side, don't you? Your side cooked up the incident as the last resort when it was driven into a corner as a result of the exposure of the criminal acts committed by your side which made a barbarous armed attack on September 5 last upon the 6 civil police personnel of our side who had been on their routine patrol duty in the Demilitarized Zone, mercilessly killing three and forcibly abducting two of them to illegally detain them.

If your side's allegation was true, why had your side vociferously raised the matter when more than three months had already passed since the occurrence of the alleged incident.

This fact alone eloquently proves that it was a fraud invented by your side.

With such a shameless conduct can your side neither cover up its criminal act nor extricate itself from the responsibility for the immediate return of our fishermen who have been illegally detained.

I denounce the reckless attempt of your side and, at the same time, again demand your side to return our side all of our personnel illegally detained up to now by your side which forcibly abducted in the Demilitarized Zone on September 5 last.

KPA/CPV (CONT'D):

The humanitarian and compatriotic measures taken by our side for the south Korean fishermen who met disaster due to a typhoon are already known widely to the world.

In spite of this fact, your side which has been accustomed to reverse black and white has slandered and defamed our side distorting the fact, thereby once again overtly revealed the true nature of the bare-faced U.S. imperialists.

As I have already stated, the "Bando-ho" and "Ryongin-ho" of the ships your side has claimed were originally worn-out and damaged by the storm to such an extent that they could not be repaired. As to "Sinsung-ho", we rescued only her crew and we know nothing about it because she sank under the sea.

Have a look at this picture!

This is the wreckage of "Ryongin-ho" and this is the wreckage of "Bando-ho" of which you are boasting to such an extent.

All the skippers and crew of the boats are well aware of this.

However, since we knew very well that those south Korean fishermen were supporting the livelihood of their families relying on the small boats, our side gave them three boats of ours so that they might continue their fishing after their return home.

Receiving our boats, the south Korean fishermen returned with great satisfaction and pleasure..

Accordingly, it is entirely inconceivable that the owners of the boats and the crew who got better boats than those which had been destroyed or washed away could possibly state as you have alleged.

However, if they really want them, our side has no objection to their coming with the boats given by our side to return them

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to us and take their boats, since the wreckage of the boats are still in the territory of our side.

As for the other articles your side claimed, as I have already mentioned, we know nothing about the articles which were allegedly on the Sinsung-ho, since she sank under the sea.

Nevertheless, our side provided them with all the daily necessities and boats.

Accordingly, your shameless claim for returning the boats and the personal effect can be made only by the U.S. imperialists.

As to the body to which you have referred, our side several times recommended the friends of Kim Choon Bok who died shortly before the return of the fishermen to carry the body to his family. However, the entire crew of "Bongnai-ho" who were on board together with him buried the body after reaching an agreement to do so at a place in the district where he died.

However, if the bereaved family of Kim Choon Bok want to take the body, allow them to personally come to the place and take the body following the customs peculiar to the Korean people and practice observed from the time of our forefathers.

UNC:

Your answer to our request is ridiculous! You should get the facts before you come to these meetings.

Your long propaganda statement concerning the return of your two agents captured on 5 September 1962, has been heard many times at these meetings. It has been answered many times, most recently at the 158th Meeting. Do you have anything pertinent to the Armistice Agreement to bring up at this meeting?

KPA/CPV:

If the south Korean fishermen and the widow of Kim Choon Bok have actually made such a request as you have stated, our side can grant their request. Therefore, our side has proposed

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to your side that the widow personally come to carry the body and the fishermen personally bring the boats given by our side, return them to us, and take their original boats.

If the south Korean fishermen and thw widow of Kim Choon Bok have actually made such a request, why on earth are you so afraid of their request being granted?

**Make an answer!**

UNC:

You called this meeting. Do you have any further business concerning the Armistice Agreement? You are wasting your time and mine.

KPA/CPV:

If the matter raised by your side reflects the real desire of the people concerned, it should take practical measures for carrying out the reasonable proposal of our side based on principle to meet their desire, shouldn't it?

Then, what is the reason for your side to doggedly refuse to carry into effect the reasonable proposal of our side?

What is your real intention?

UNC:

How ridiculous! The only personnel whom you permit to come to southern Korea are agent personnel.

Why should we permit peaceful southern Korean personnel to be humiliated by your inhuman regard for life?

KPA/CPV:

It is utterly preposterous for you to speak about the respect for the human rights of the Korean people.

How could you possibly explain away the disgraceful hair cutting incident committed by your U.S. imperialists who are talking about a respect for the human rights of the Korean

KPA/CPV (CONT'D):

people? Look at this picture!

They are not men but women.

You have committed such outrages as to capture women walking on the streets, cut their hairs treasured by them like their own life, and still unsatisfied, swept their faces with broom for the fun of it. Do you mean to say that such bestial atrocities were committed to "respect" the human rights of the Korean people?

Have you ever heard of such outrageous atrocities committed in any other country ever since the dawn of human history?

As I have already mentioned, our proposal to have the bereft family of Kim Choon Bok, south Korean fisherman, personally carry the body of the deceased is fully justifiable and reasonable.

Then, what compels you to reject this proposal of ours?

It is because that you are afraid of having the bereaved family of the late south Korean fisherman Kim Choon Bok witness the miraculous achievements gained with every passing day in the socialist construction carried out in the northern half of our Republic, abundant field replete with golden racks and the happy and real life of our workers, if they are allowed to come to the territory of our side.

Otherwise, there could be no pretext or reason for your side to refuse to grant the entry into our territory of the simple-hearted family of a fisherman with a simple purpose of carrying the dead body, could there be?

Important is not word but deed in everything.

I again urge your side to affirmatively respond to our proposal, desisting from its unwarrantable stand.

UNC:

The latest nonsense is also outside the terms of reference of this commission. Confine your remarks to relevant matters or stop talking propaganda.

UNC (CONT'D):

The return of deceased personnel in the past has been arranged at sites along the Military Demarcation Line or in the Joint Security Area.

Our original proposal at the 251st Secretaries' Meeting requested you to indicate where and when the body of the fisherman would be returned.

Your answer that the widow come to northern Korea is rejected!

If you cannot provide a responsible reply, I suggest that you return the body here at the Joint Security Area.

This is a reasonable request and one which both sides can accomplish.

I await your reply.

KPA/CPV:

The custom peculiar to the Korean people does not allow other people to carry the body of their husband or father and consign it to the grave.

Particularly, how can the dead of the Korean people, master of this land, be handed over to you U.S. imperialist aggressors who have sneaked into our country like a robber?

I again demand that you accept our proposal so that the bereft wife of Kim Choon Bok may personally take the body of the deceased to entomb it according to the Korean's custom.

UNC:

Apparently you do not intend to reply to our reasonable request for the return of the body of the fisherman.

Do you have any further business appropriate to this meeting?

KPA/CPV:

You are very afraid of the matter concerning the south Korean fishermen raised by your side being tackled.

KPA/CPV (CONT'D):

The request of the south Korean fishermen was raised by your side and our side has proposed that this request be granted.

Then why are you now trying to turn away from the matter? Make clear your real intention!

UNC:

You have just about worn out this subject.

Do you have any further business appropriate to this meeting?

KPA/CPV:

You pretended as if you had brought up the matter of the south Korean fishermen who met disaster in an endeavour to "grant" any request of the south Korean fishermen. However, your conduct at today's meeting graphically shows that your side has committed the recent shameless fraud with a view to achieving some sinister political purposes.

Whatever ruse you may use, however, you can neither defame our compatriotic and humanitarian treatment accorded to the south Korean fishermen who were in distress, nor cover up its crime which has driven the south Korean fishermen into such a miserable plight today, nor extricate itself from the responsibility for having hindered the widow of Kim Choon Bok and the south Korean fishermen from realizing their desire.

UNC:

I repeat! You have just about worn out this subject. Do you have any further business appropriate to this meeting?

KPA/CPV:

At this meeting your side has been indulged in preposterous empty talks and frivolous pretext to unwarrantedly reject our just proposals and demands. This is another untenable crime

KPA/CPV (CONT'D):

committed by your side which intends to hinder the bereaved wife and family of Kim Choon Bok from realizing their desire.

Such conduct on your part unwittingly exposes further more vividly to the world public the vicious nature of the U.S. imperialist aggressors who have maltreated, disdained, oppressed and massacred the south Korean people, inflicting all kinds of misfortunes and sufferings upon them.

Your side is fully responsible for having hindered the widow of Kim Choon Bok from burying the body of the deceased according to her desire.

Your side is irresponsible enough to groundlessly deny in a simple word the violations by your side of the Armistice Agreement raised by our side.

It will be of no use however much you may tell lies.

Your side has successively committed provocative and hostile acts, at sea and in the air in gross violation of the Armistice Agreement. The truth about your criminal acts have already been exposed to the whole world.

Your side can by no means obliterate the serious violations by your side of the Armistice Agreement or extricate itself from the responsibility for them.

As mentioned above, you have denied the iron-clad facts and haphazardly slandered the other side in such a shameless manner as to fabricate groundless incidents.

At the 157th Military Armistice Commission Meeting held on October 5, 1962, your side charged our side with the alleged intrusion by one vessel of our side into the coastal waters of your side on September 26, 1962.

Our side conducted thorough and detailed investigations into the charge in accordance with the requirements and the spirit of the Armistice Agreement.

As a result, it has been established that the charge has

KPA/CPV (CONT'D):

no factual ground at all.

Therefore, our side denies your charge.

UNC:

I repeat again. You have just about worn out this subject.  
Do you have any further business appropriate to this meeting.

KPA/CPV:

If your side has nothing further to offer at today's meeting, I propose a recess.

UNC:

Your side has never made any reasonable demands! Your actions have always been to hinder the proper functioning of proper business at these meetings.

I agree to your proposal to recess.

Meeting recessed at 1413 hours

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