

UNITED NATIONS COMMAND
MILITARY ARMISTICE COMMISSION
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TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHTH MEETING OF THE SECRETARIES

HELD AT MAC HQ AREA, KOREA

5 DECEMBER 1961

MEMBERS PRESENT

UNITED NATIONS COMMAND

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COLONEL VINCENT F. GOODSSELL, USA

KOREAN PEOPLE'S ARMY
CHINESE PEOPLE'S VOLUNTEERS

COLONEL LEE YOUNG IL, KPA
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Meeting convened at 1100 hours

KPA/CPV:

At about 1054 hours on November 28, 1961 one military jet aircraft of your side flew across the Han River Estuary into the air space in the vicinity of KANGSAN, 37 degrees 47 minutes 30 seconds North, 126 degrees 38 minutes 00 seconds East in the territory under the military control of our side.

Having illegally intruded into the territorial air space of our side, your side's military plane continued its flight in the Northwesterly direction, circled once in the vicinity of 96.2 hill of our side, 37 degrees 48 minutes 35 seconds North, 126 degrees 37 minutes 30 seconds East, veered southwest and flew away in the direction of MUNJUSAN of your side past the air in the vicinity of HAJOKANG-LI of our side, 37 degrees 46 minutes 30 seconds North, 126 degrees 35 minutes 00 seconds East.

The said intrusion by the military aircraft of your side constitutes a flagrant violation of the Preamble of the Armistice Agreement as well as Paragraphs 12, 16, and 17 thereof.

I have been directed by the Senior Member of our side to lodge a serious protest with your side against its hostile act committed by dispatching again recently its military aircraft into the territorial air of our side in disregard of our repeated protests and warnings.

At the same time, I demand your side punish severely all of your personnel involved in this air violation in accordance

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with Sub-paragraph 13e of the Armistice Agreement and take responsible action to prevent a recurrence of similar violations in the future.

UNC:

Your charge that a jet aircraft intruded into the territory under the military control of your side will be investigated by the United Nations Command in accordance with the spirit and letter of the Armistice Agreement.

KPA/CPV:

I have noted your statement that an investigation will be made into the intrusion by the military aircraft of your side.

I go to another subject.

I recall your side to the 237th Secretaries' meeting and to the 146th Military Armistice Commission meeting.

At these meetings our side lodged protests with your side against the successive dispatch by your side of various naval craft into our coastal waters and demanded of your side an immediate cessation of such acts.

It is clear to everybody that if your side had accepted our protests from a standpoint of regarding the Armistice Agreement and sincerely fulfilling the obligations assumed under it, such acts should have been ceased.

This notwithstanding, your side has kept on dispatching its naval craft into our coastal waters even after that. This shows that your side gave no heed to our protests at all.

Your side again dispatched its naval vessels into our coastal waters on November 26, the day following the 146th Military Armistice Commission meeting. On that morning your sub-chaser number 707 appearing from the south intruded into our coastal waters in the vicinity of 38 degrees 39 minutes North, 128 degrees 28 minutes East at about 1215 hours and carried out reconnaissance cruising thereabout and fled to the south at about 1915 hours.

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At about 0730 hours on November 27, your high-speed transport vessel number 81 appearing from the south intruded into our coastal waters in the vicinity of 38 degrees 40 minutes North, 128 degrees 32 minutes East, cruised thereabout and disappeared to the south at about 1400 hours.

At about 0820 hours on December 2, your destroyer escort number 53 appearing from the south intruded into our coastal waters in the vicinity of 38 degrees 38 minutes North, 128 degrees 29 minutes East, cruised thereabout and disappeared to the south at about 0900 hours.

At about 0930 hours on December 5, 1961, that is this morning, your medium landing craft number 601 intruded into our coastal waters in the vicinity of 38 degrees 39 minutes North, 128 degrees 29 minutes East and disappeared to the south after sailing about there.

As is mentioned above, your side again dispatched its naval craft into our coastal waters thereby flagrantly violating Paragraph 15 of the Armistice Agreement which prohibits such acts.

In fact, your side has reiterated such hostile acts in disregard of our repeated protests and warnings. This irrefutably proves that your side has done so with the aim of aggravating tension and increasing the danger of war in Korea.

I have been instructed by the Senior Member of our side to lodge a strong protest with your side against the repeated intrusions by your naval craft into our coastal waters.

And I strongly demand that your side severely punish those who are responsible for organizing the recent sea intrusions and all of your personnel involved in them as required by the Armistice Agreement and that it promptly take thorough and responsible measures to prevent a recurrence of similar incidents.

UNC:

At the 237th Secretaries' meeting on 18 November 1961 your side charged that United Nations Command naval vessels violated the Armistice Agreement once on each of the following dates - 30 October, 31 October, 1 November, 12 November, and 15 November; twice on 3 November and 16 November, and three times on 14 November 1961.

A complete investigation of these charges shows that no violations were committed by United Nations Command naval craft as you allege. All 12 naval charges are denied. Our side again demands that your side stop making these false, trumped-up charges in order to slander the United Nations Command and to cover up your side's frequent violations.

In regard to your new charges of naval violations alleged to have occurred on 26 November, 27 November, 2 December, and 5 December, the United Nations Command will conduct a thorough investigation.

It is noted that at recent meetings of the Secretaries' your side has falsely accused the United Nations Command of violating the Armistice Agreement. No violation has occurred, yet with complete disregard for the spirit and letter of the Armistice Agreement you continue to make these false charges.

Our side demands that you cease making these false charges.

KPA/CPV:

The denial by your side of the sea intrusions by its naval vessels charged by our side at the 237th Secretaries' meeting serves to show once again the unwarranted position of your side which makes it a habit to shy away always from its own criminal acts.

The eye-witness who personally observed the intrusions by your side's naval craft and one side of the Military Armistice Commission who lodged protests with your side against them, our side cannot overlook such improper attitude of your side but firmly denounces it.

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With no tactics can your side either wipe out its violations of the Armistice Agreement or absolve itself from the responsibility of them.

Our side has this to say: your side is still held responsible to carry out our demands made at the 237th Secretaries' meeting for a responsible action to be taken with a view to punishing severely the responsible persons who dispatched those naval vessels to intrude into our coastal waters as well as the related persons and to preventing a recurrence of similar sea intrusions.

I have noted your statement that investigations will be made into the illegal intrusions by your naval craft which our side has brought up at this meeting.

All the violations by your side of the Armistice Agreement charged by our side are hard facts which have been established by evidence in man and material.

In spite of this, your side has taken the unwarrantable attitude of alleging that they are QUOTE false. UNQUOTE This only shows that your side is both insincere and irresponsible in implementing the Armistice Agreement.

I demand that your side take thorough-going measures so that such violations of the Armistice Agreement against which our side has protested today may not recur in the future.

UNC:

The United Nations Command has conducted a thorough and impartial investigation into the naval violations which your side charged at the 237th Secretaries' meeting. The fact that the investigation disproved your allegations is embarrassing to you. You are now trying to salvage something out of this meeting by your repetitious insidious statements.

The record of these meetings over the past 8 years reveals that it is your side that continues to violate the Armistice Agreement. The record of these meetings reveals that the

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United Nations Command always conducts an honest and impartial investigation into the charges alleged by your side. In those few cases wherein your charges have proved to be true, the United Nations Command admits these. Your side never admits even the most obvious charges.

We again demand that you investigate the charges before bringing them up to these meetings.

I go to another subject.

At the 234th Secretaries' meeting our side charged your side with two flagrant naval violations.

The first occurred on 17 May 1961 when a vessel of your side intruded many miles south of the eastward extension of the Military Demarcation Line during the hours of darkness in an obvious effort to land agents in the Republic of Korea.

The second occurred on 20 May 1961 when your side's armed vessels attacked an unarmed peaceful Republic of Korea fishing boat which had inadvertently sailed into the waters contiguous to the territory under the military control of your side. This was an act of piracy and a direct violation of the cease-fire provisions of the Armistice Agreement.

Your side at the 234th Secretaries' meeting promised to reply to these charges after making an investigation into them. Since then, more than six months have passed. This is more than ample time for your side to make its so-called investigation into these serious violations. What is your answer?

KPA/CPV:

It is incomparably ridiculous that your side alleges that no reply was given to the charges made by your side at the 234th Secretaries' meeting.

I suggest that you study the records of the proceedings of the 141st Military Armistice Commission meeting and the 234th Secretaries' meeting. The records vividly shows how crafty and burglarious tricks your side resorted to in order

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to cover up its own aggressive acts.

Prior to slandering and charging our side, your side had better think of the consequences to be entailed by such a hackneyed empty talk.

At the 146th meeting of the Military Armistice Commission held on November 25, 1961, your side had declared its QUOTE determination UNQUOTE to be QUOTE faithful UNQUOTE in the implementation of the Armistice Agreement.

But since November 26th, the day following your side making this pledge, your side has committed the hostile act of infiltrating in succession its naval vessels and military aircraft into our side.

Is this indeed the so-called QUOTE sincerity UNQUOTE toward the Armistice Agreement of your side and its QUOTE determination UNQUOTE to implement the Agreement?

All the empty talks your side has indulged in are nothing but a cunning trick designed to create an impression on the minds of the world public that your side has some concern for the implementation of the Armistice Agreement.

I once again demand that your side cease telling transparent and outright lies, feel responsibility for its own hostile acts, and do everything in its power correctly to comply with and implement the Armistice Agreement as required by its provisions.

UNC:

Despite our side's reasonable demands that you cease making these false charges at these meetings, you continue to repeat them over and over. It is quite evident that your repetitious charges are only a cover-up for your side's failure to abide by the terms of the Armistice Agreement. When will your side begin to abide by the Agreement which, I remind you, was signed by the Military Commanders of your side? Our side has been waiting for over 8 years now for some evidence of good faith by your side.

If your authorities will not permit you to answer truthfully

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to the charges made by our side, admit it! It is no secret that your side is not allowed to admit the truth. The records of these meetings reveals this simple fact.

KPA/CPV:

I note that your personnel are reading the records of the proceedings just now in this conference room.

You will be sure to find in the records that there is a statement by the Senior Member of our side at the 141st Military Armistice Commission meeting which follows: the Senior Member of our side stated at the 141st Military Armistice Commission meeting that QUOTE your side slandered our side at the 234th Secretaries' meeting alleging that our ships had SUBQUOTE intruded SUBUNQUOTE into the coastal waters of south Korea and that our vessels had attempted to SUBQUOTE seize SUBUNQUOTE the south Korean fishing boats, but this allegation proved to be lies which had been manufactured on the table with the wicked design to cover up its criminal acts and it had no grounds at all. UNQUOTE

Is this clear to you by this time?

And, now do you realize your fault of having resorted to an unjustified practice of slandering the other side arbitrarily without referring in advance to the records of the meetings?

Your side has again today come out with the absurd quibbling that our side has QUOTE not admitted violations. UNQUOTE

As a matter of fact, your argument is so stale and worn out that we don't feel impelled to find anything worth commenting on it.

Inasmuch as your side feels so much QUOTE attached UNQUOTE to the same old stuff, however, our side deems it necessary to make its position clear once more.

Our side proceeds invariably from facts and bases itself on the high regard and sincerity towards its own duty assumed under

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the Armistice Agreement in dealing with the QUOTE violations UNQUOTE charged by your side.

As is shown by all the past records, all of the alleged violations your side brought up against our side against our side have been either fabrications or distortions designed to slander and discredit our side.

It is incontestably clear that our side cannot in the slightest measure admit the false incidents which are both totally impossible and have never actually occurred.

I advise you never again to reiterate the outmoded tactics of introducing violations fraught with lies and hoaxes and stop employing such quibbles completely.

UNC:

Your quoting from the minutes of the 141st Military Armistice Commission meeting is noted. Your same old charges of slander were taken as an evasion rather than a report of investigation of specific charges.

In answer to your other statement, our side is well aware of the fact that you call these meetings mainly for propaganda purposes and that you have shown no intention of abiding by the Armistice Agreement or investigating legitimate charges made by our side. The record of our meetings over the past 8 years proves this beyond any doubt. You are making yourselves the laughing stock of the world by your ridiculous charges and insincere attitude towards the provisions of the Armistice Agreement. Have you any other business pertinent to this meeting?

KPA/CPV:

You have plunged yourselves into an awkward position while trying to slander the other side arbitrarily. Then, in order to extricate yourselves from it, you are behaving in a very vile manner.

The very prattling of your side reiterating the QUOTE

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subject UNQUOTE already made clear is a musty propaganda.

Stop talking nonsense!

The intrusions by the naval craft and military aircraft of your side against which our side had protested recently in a little over one month alone number 21 cases.

Whatever quibbles you may use, the relevant records show that it is precisely your side that has dispatched its military aircraft and naval vessels in succession and has been bent on committing provocative and hostile acts with a view to aggravating tension and stirring up war atmosphere in Korea.

No such absurd empty talks on your part can help your side, the violator of the Armistice Agreement and an impostor who is known to the whole world, either free itself from the dilemma even slightly or extricate itself from its responsibility.

You repeat the trite nonsense which has already been thoroughly refuted by our side.

Do you have any new subject to be offered for discussion at this meeting?

UNC:

I have no further business at this time.

KPA/CPV:

Since you state your side has no further business, I propose to recess.

UNC:

I accept your proposal for a recess.

Meeting recessed at 1314 hours

Following UNC Advisory Group Members attended:

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