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MILITARY ARMISTICE COMMISSION  
APO 301

TWO HUNDRED FORTIETH MEETING OF THE SECRETARIES

HELD AT MAC HQ AREA, KOREA

16 JANUARY 1962

MEMBERS PRESENT

UNITED NATIONS COMMAND

KOREAN PEOPLE'S ARMY  
CHINESE PEOPLE'S VOLUNTEERS

COLONEL WHEELER G. MERRIAM, USA    COLONEL LEE YOUNG IL, KPA  
COLONEL VINCENT F. GOODSSELL, USA    COLONEL HAN JU KYONG, KPA

Meeting convened at 1100 hours

KPA/CPV:

Under the orders of the Senior Member of our side, I will make a statement on the violations by your side of the Armistice Agreement which have occurred recently.

Around 0835 hours on January 6, 1962 a medium landing ship of your side intruded into our coastal waters in the vicinity of 38 degrees 39 minutes North, 128 degrees 28 minutes East, and was sailing about in the nearby waters until approximately 1530 hours.

Around 1055 hours on January 6, 1962 your side's torpedo boats number 23 and number 25 intruded into our coastal waters in the vicinity of 38 degrees 40 minutes North, 128 degrees 27 minutes East, and were sailing about in the nearby waters until approximately 1250 hours.

Around 1217 hours on January 8, 1962 torpedo boats number 23 and number 25 of your side intruded into our coastal waters in the vicinity of 38 degrees 39 minutes North, 128 degrees 29 minutes East, and were sailing about in the neighboring waters until about 1230 hours.

Around 1137 hours on January 11, 1962 medium landing ship number 606 of your side intruded into our coastal waters in the vicinity of 38 degrees 39 minutes North, 128 degrees 32 minutes East, and was sailing about in the nearby waters until 1335 hours.

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On the same day at approximately 1130 hours medium landing ship number 607 of your side intruded into our coastal waters in the vicinity of 38 degrees 38 minutes North, 128 degrees 35 minutes East.

These repeated intrusions by your naval vessels into our coastal waters constitute not only a gross violation of Paragraph 15 of the Armistice Agreement, but also an overt aggressive act against our side.

I lodge a serious protest against your side having again recently dispatched various naval vessels into our coastal waters in disregard of the repeated protests and denunciations from our side.

At the same time, our side demands that your side punish severely in accordance with relevant provisions of the Armistice Agreement all of your personnel involved in the illegal intrusions by the naval vessels of your side and take practical measures for preventing a recurrence of similar incidents.

I go on with my statement on another subject.

Our side received and carefully studied the letter of your side dated January 12, 1962, in which it expressed its QUOTE regret UNQUOTE at the fact that this military aircraft had intruded into the air space over the territory under the military control of our side in violation of the Armistice Agreement on January 9, 1962.

In the aforesaid letter addressed to our side, your side alleged that QUOTE one jet trainer aircraft UNQUOTE of your side QUOTE inadvertently flew a short distance into the air space over the territory under the military control UNQUOTE of our side, and that was an QUOTE unintentional violation UNQUOTE and QUOTE there was no hostile intent. UNQUOTE

The known facts testify, however, that your side's letter addressed to our side has served for you as a cunning device to avoid a stern protest and denunciation from our side against

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your criminal act and to give a false impression to the world public as if your side had any sincerity in the implementation of the Armistice Agreement.

Around 1428 hours on January 9, 1962, two military jet aircraft of your side crossed the Military Demarcation Line over a spot in the vicinity of 38 degrees 19 minutes 40 seconds North, 127 degrees 53 minutes 30 seconds East intruded as far as into the air space in the vicinity of 38 degrees 32 minutes 00 seconds North, 128 degrees 03 minutes 00 seconds East in the territory under the military control of our side, and veering southeast there, crossed the Military Demarcation Line over a spot in the vicinity of 38 degrees 30 minutes 30 seconds North, 128 degrees 18 minutes 50 seconds East to fly away into the territory of your side.

As mentioned above, the military aircraft of your side which intruded into the air space over the territory of our side on January 9 last, were not one QUOTE trainer aircraft UNQUOTE but two QUOTE up-to-date military jet aircraft, UNQUOTE whose QUOTE efficiency UNQUOTE you are much proud of.

This notwithstanding, in the letter sent to our side, your side has not only distorted the glaring fact, but also depicted the intrusion by your military aircraft as if it had been caused by an QUOTE error UNQUOTE in an attempt to diminish its guilt even a bit. This can be likened to QUOTE stealing a bell with one's ears clogged UNQUOTE as a Korean saying goes.

If the intrusion by your military aircraft had been caused by an QUOTE error UNQUOTE as your side alleged, do you mean that your pilots are such ignoramuses that cannot tell the cardinal point correctly?

If the intrusion by your military aircraft had been caused by an QUOTE error, UNQUOTE do you mean that Flight Control Officers at your air base are so incompetent that they do not even know where your military aircraft are flying?

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And if the said intrusion had been caused by an QUOTE error UNQUOTE do you mean that scientific instruments of which you have always been proud are such rejects that do not work normally?

What is more, your side was shameless enough to allege that the intrusion by your military aircraft had QUOTE no hostile intent. UNQUOTE

This is also an absurd nonsense which cannot deceive even a little child. Who on earth would believe in your allegation that the military aircraft of one of the belligerent parties intruded into the air space over the territory of the other side with no hostile intent?

Whatever sophistry and device your side may resort to, it can neither cover up its criminal act of having conducted aerial reconnaissance by dispatching its military aircraft into our air space in accordance with a plan as part of the preparations for another war frantically carried out in south Korea nor shirk the responsibility for it.

If your side has any intention to frankly admit its criminal act, therefore, such words in your letter as QUOTE error, UNQUOTE QUOTE unintentional violation, UNQUOTE and QUOTE there was no hostile intent UNQUOTE should be amended to read, QUOTE plan, UNQUOTE QUOTE intentional violation, UNQUOTE and QUOTE there was grave hostile intent. UNQUOTE.

I suggest that your side behave honestly desisting from taking the crafty actions of distorting the stern facts, and even mobilizing its reptile press to stage a clamorous news campaign with a view to obscuring the true facts of its serious crimes, escaping the responsibility for them even slightly, and deceiving the world.

At the same time, I strongly demand that your side take practical measures so that such violations of the Armistice Agreement may not recur in the future.

UNC:

In answer of your charges of an air intrusion, I refer you to the letter sent by the United Nations Command Senior Member of the Military Armistice Commission on 12 January 1962 to the Senior Member of your side. This adequately answers your charge.

The investigation disclosed that only one aircraft had intruded.

At the 148th Military Armistice Commission meeting, our side proposed the following policy regarding the conduct of the Secretaries' meetings QUOTE Matters presented at Secretaries' meetings shall be confined to routine administrative matters and charges of violations which involve no alleged intrusion into or over the territory under the military control of the other side or into the waters contiguous thereto. The Commission may, when agreed to by both sides, assign other matters for consideration at meetings of the Secretaries. UNQUOTE

Your charges concerning intrusion into the waters contiguous to the territory under the military control of your side constitute major alleged violations of the Armistice Agreement, and as such are matters properly handled at Military Armistice Commission level. Accordingly, I will pass these charges to the Senior Member of our side for investigation and action as prescribed by the Military Armistice Agreement.

KPA/CPV:

With a such crafty action, it is impossible for your side to evade the responsibility for the aggressive acts of your side having dispatched two military aircraft into air space over the territory of our side to commit provocative and hostile acts.

Your side should frankly admit its guilt and take responsible action to prevent a recurrence of such criminal acts.

You have again offered the worn-out allegation which has already been thoroughly refuted by our side in an attempt to

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evade the discussion on the serious violations of the Armistice Agreement by your side.

Such an attitude of your side completely runs counter to the requirement and the spirit of the Armistice Agreement only showing once again that your side is insincere in the implementation of the Armistice Agreement.

As is clear for everybody to see, it is a design to effectively carry out the general mission enumerated in Paragraph 24 of the Armistice Agreement for the Military Armistice Commission to have established various subordinate organs under its command.

Accordingly, there can be no reason whatsoever, why the Secretaries of both sides, directly helping the Military Armistice Commission in its work, should not assist in accomplishing the main mission of the Military Armistice Commission which supervises the implementation of the Armistice Agreement and settles through negotiation the reported violations of the Armistice Agreement.

That is why both sides of the Military Armistice Commission have discussed reported violations of the Armistice Agreement at the Secretaries' meetings as well for nearly 9 years since the signing of the Armistice Agreement.

The discussions of the reported violations of the Armistice Agreement at the Secretaries' meetings have never caused any hindrance or obstruction to the Military Armistice Commission in carrying out its mission but rather made it possible for the Commission to normalize and more expedite its activities.

Despite these facts, your side reject the discussion of the reported violations of the Armistice Agreement at the Secretaries meeting. What is the reason for this conduct of yours?

It only shows that there is some sinister aim hidden

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behind your attempt for your side to unilaterally undermine the practice which is not only in full accord with the requirement and spirit of the Armistice Agreement, but has been followed by the Military Armistice Commission for years.

Our side can never tolerate such an unreasonable attitude of your side but firmly denounces it.

UNC:

Our side has agreed to investigate your charges of alleged violations.

Do you have any further matters to bring up today?

KPA/CPV:

I have noted your statement that your side will conduct investigations into the intrusions by the naval craft of your side.

I demand that your side carry out responsible investigations and report the results at an earliest possible date.

Does your side have any subjects to offer at this meeting?

UNC:

I now pass you a list of violations committed by personnel of your side in the Demilitarized Zone during the period 16 November 1961 through 10 January 1962. I especially call your attention to the fact that on eleven occasions during the period your personnel were observed carrying automatic weapons in open and flagrant violation of the Armistice Agreement. We expect that in the future your commanders in the field will exercise more rigid control over their soldiers.

KPA/CPV:

Today, your side has again reiterated the same practice as it did in the past of submitting a list of the so-called QUOTE violations UNQUOTE by our side.

The true nature of the list your side has repeatedly submitted is clearly described in the records of the Secretaries'

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meetings over the past several years.

As has been pointed out many times by our side, it is precisely your side that has violated "the Rules for the Control and Maintenance of the Demilitarized Zone." Your side can in no way explain away this. I demand that your side cease in future practicing frauds designed to cover up its criminal acts and slander the other side arbitrarily.

Regarding the QUOTE list UNQUOTE your side has just submitted, our side will make a comment after inquiring into it as has usually been done.

UNC:

Do you have any further business to be conducted by the Secretaries'? If not, I propose that this meeting recess.

KPA/CPV:

I agree to your proposal to recess.

Meeting recessed at 1144 hours.

Following UNC Advisory Group Members attended:

| <u>COUNTRY</u>           | <u>MEMBER</u>                 |
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| Australia                | Major Richard D. G. Rolfe     |
| Canada                   | Major John C. Whalley         |
| Ethiopia                 | Major Makonnen Assefa         |
| France                   | Major Henri R. P. Bernard     |
| Greece                   | Major Michael S. Roufogalis   |
| Republic of Korea        | Captain <u>OH</u> Myong Kyoon |
| Thailand                 | Major Dej, Songkrohphand      |
| United States of America | Lt Col Jack F. Belford        |

AUTHENTICATED:

WHEELER G. MERRIAM  
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Chief

The list of 44 DMZ alleged violations passed by the United Nations Command is retained in the files of the Armistice Affairs Division, United Nations Command Headquarters, APO 301, Seoul, Korea.