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MILITARY ARMISTICE COMMISSION  
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TWO HUNDRED FORTY-THIRD MEETING OF THE SECRETARIES

HELD AT MAC HQ AREA, KOREA

20 MARCH 1962

MEMBERS PRESENT

UNITED NATIONS COMMAND

COLONEL WHEELER G. MERRIAM, USA  
COLONEL VINCENT F. GOODSELL, USA

KOREAN PEOPLE'S ARMY  
CHINESE PEOPLE'S VOLUNTEERS

COLONEL LEE YOUNG IL, KPA  
COLONEL HAN JU KYONG, KPA

Meeting convened at 1100 hours

KPA/CPV:

Recently, your side again committed such a provocative and hostile act as to dispatch its military aircraft into the air space over the territory of our side in gross violation of Paragraph 16 of the Armistice Agreement which prescribes: "air forces shall respect the air space over the Demilitarized Zone and over the area of Korea under the military control of the opposing side and over the waters contiguous to both."

Around 1000 hours on March 16, 1962, two military jet aircraft of your side crossed the Han River Estuary, intruded into the air space in the vicinity of Kwansan (37 degrees 47 minutes 30 seconds North, 126 degrees 38 minutes 30 seconds East) of our side, continued its flight north-west and intruded as far as into the air space in the vicinity of Sawol-dong (37 degrees 48 minutes 30 seconds North, 126 degrees 37 minutes 00 seconds East) of our side. Then they veered to the south-west and flew away in the direction of Kanghwa-do passing through the air space in the vicinity of 37 degrees 47 minutes 00 seconds North, 126 degrees 35 minutes 30 seconds East in the territory under the military control of our side.

This constitutes the 672nd air intrusion committed by your side after the signing of the Armistice Agreement.

These repeated dispatch by your side of various military aircraft into the air space over the territory of our side in disregard of the terms  
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of the Armistice Agreement pursues the aim of conducting reconnaissance so as to further step up the preparations of a new war frantically made in South Korea and of further intensifying tensions in order to expedite a war like atmosphere.

You should know, however, that such an attempt of yours is reckless and that it will serve only to hasten your self-ruin.

I have been instructed by the Senior Member of our side to lodge a strong protest against the serious violations by your side of the Armistice Agreement of having again recently dispatched its military aircraft into our territorial air in disregard of our repeated protests and warnings to achieve its sinister aggressive aims.

At the same time, I demand that your side severely punish all the personnel of your side involved in the recent incident in accordance with Sub-paragraph 13e of the Armistice Agreement and take practical measures to prevent a recurrence of similar incidents.

UNC:

Your charge concerning intrusion into the air space over the territory under the military control of your side constitutes a major violation of the Armistice Agreement. Accordingly I will pass this charge to the Senior Member of our side for investigation and action as prescribed by the Military Armistice Agreement.

I note also your threatening statement which is in fact designed to stir up a war-like atmosphere and instill hatred in your own people.

KPA/CPV:

I have noted your statement that your side will make an investigation into the illegal and provocative intrusion by its military aircraft and take appropriate steps.

The incident brought up by our side at this meeting is a major violation of the Armistice Agreement as has just been admitted by you.

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The demands our side put forward to your side, too, are in full conformity with the provisions of the Armistice Agreement.

Then, is it that you take the terms of the Armistice Agreement signed by your side itself as propaganda materials?

Otherwise, your side should not reiterate the absurd word propaganda any more and desist from the silly performance aimed at evading the discussion of the subject at hand under such pretext.

A war-like atmosphere is created by the aggressive acts of continuously dispatching its military aircraft into the territorial air of our side with hostile purposes as your side has done.

Your side can never reverse this glaring fact.

UNC:

I go to a new subject.

An investigation into the charges of Armistice violations in the Demilitarized Zone passed by your side at the 242nd Secretaries' Meeting has been completed. The investigation revealed that the charges have no basis in fact and are therefore rejected as being falsely made.

Do you have anything else for this meeting?

KPA/CPV:

While admitting the violations by your personnel of the rules of the agreements and understandings reached between both sides at the 242nd Secretaries' Meeting held some time ago, you attempted to deny 1,713 cases of the ground violations offering an utterly contradictory argument that they did not constitute any violation since they are possible. And, today, you have attempted to deny flatly the violations by the personnel of your side.

These facts once more graphically show the shamelessness of your side and its insincerity in the implementation of the Armistice Agreement.

I again emphasize that the ground violations by your side against which

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our side lodged a protest at the 242nd Secretaries' Meeting were all undeniable facts which were personally observed and confirmed by our personnel in the field.

This notwithstanding, you have talked as if such violations had never occurred.

Then, do you think that you could deny those hard, unshakable facts with a few such absurd words?

No matter what quibble you may use, therefore, the violations of the Armistice Agreement and the agreements and understandings between both sides deliberately committed by your personnel will stand forever in the record as proof of your criminal acts,

On account of the fact that your side thus has not taken any action to comply with the Armistice Agreement denying the solid facts, violations by the personnel of your side have continued to occur recently in the Demilitarized Zone. Namely, during the period of February 21 through March 9, 1962 the personnel of your side committed 50 violations of the Armistice Agreement and terms of the Agreements and understandings between both sides in the Demilitarized Zone.

I now pass your side a list containing the above-stated violations. This list includes 13 cases of firings in the Demilitarized Zone of automatic weapons which your side introduced and allowed your personnel to carry in the Zone. To this your attention is invited.

The above violations continually committed by your side are proof of its disregard of the Armistice Agreement and terms of the agreements and understandings between both sides and of total lack of its concern about the compliance with them.

I have been instructed by the Senior Member of our side to lodge a protest with your side against the repeated violations of the Armistice Agreement and terms of the agreements and understandings between both sides in the Demilitarized Zone.

At the same time, I demand that your side punish severely those personnel

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of your side who have willingly committed the Armistice Agreement and rules of the Agreements and understandings between both sides and that your side place its personnel under strict control so that similar violations may not recur.

UNC:

Your list of violations alleged to have occurred in the Demilitarized Zone will be investigated in accordance with the terms of the Armistice Agreement and a report made at a future meeting.

I now pass you a list of Armistice violations committed by the personnel of your side in the Demilitarized Zone during the period 7 February through 16 March 1962.

Included in these charges are 27 separate incidents in which your personnel were observed carrying automatic weapons in the Demilitarized Zone in flagrant and open violation of the Armistice Agreement.

At the 240th Secretaries' Meeting on 16 January, the list of Demilitarized Zone violations passed to your side showed that on eleven occasions your personnel were carrying automatic weapons. Again at the 241st Secretaries Meeting there were twenty similar occasions in the list of charges made against your side. Thus in a four month period there have been 58 specific instances in which the personnel of your side have openly violated the terms of the Armistice Agreement or the Subsequent Agreements.

Based only on the evidence available it becomes unmistakably clear that your side has no intention of complying with the terms of the Armistice Agreement with any honesty and sincerity. We are fully aware of the fact that your side will deny these latest Armistice violations with the same lack of sincerity and truthfulness as you have on more than 1,300 other violations which your side has committed in the past eight and one-half years of the Korean Armistice.

KPA/CPV:

I note your statement that your side will conduct investigations into the violations by its personnel of the provisions for the control and maintenance of the Demilitarized Zone.

Today again, your side has reiterated the allegation that our personnel have committed some sort of violations in the Demilitarized Zone.

It is quite clear why you are intent on heaping up such slanders.

It is a rule for a habitual liar to talk much nonsense. But such slanders will never help you defame our side which always remains faithful in the implementation of the Armistice Agreement.

Our side can fully guess the nature of the list\* your side has just submitted, but holding the Armistice Agreement in regard, it will inquire into it before making comment.

Your side has alleged that our side has no sincerity toward the Armistice Agreement. This sophistry of yours is based on the fact that our side has not admitted the \*incidents framed up by your side.

As is shown by the records of all the previous meetings, the \*incidents\* alleged by your side were all either those trumped up by your side or those **distorting facts** for the purpose of slandering our side.

Isn't it all too obvious that our side cannot admit such \*incidents\*?

Then do you mean that such conduct as to slander at random the other side either by trumping up groundless incidents or **distorting iron-clad facts** as your side has done with a view to **covering up** its violations of the Armistice Agreement is an indication of your "sincere" attitude toward the Armistice Agreement and that the disclosure of the facts as they **stand** and the denunciation of shameless people as has been done by our side which has been consistent and strict in **observing** the Armistice Agreement should be regarded as an insincere attitude toward the Armistice Agreement?

If you had no intention to deliberately reverse black and white, you can by no means deny the fact that it is precisely your side that has been insincere toward the Armistice Agreement and that it is our

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side alone that has been sincere toward it.

Your side should cease talking nonsense and comply strictly with the Armistice Agreement.

Has your side any other matter to offer at this meeting?

UNC:

You have again charged the United Nations Command with lack of regard for the Armistice Agreement in an attempt to cover your own carefully premeditated violations. Agreements and the truth are disregarded whenever it fits the communist master plan. This fact is well documented in the writings of your own leaders and is well illustrated by your own statements here at Panmunjom.

I have nothing further.

KPA/CPV:

Since the criminal acts of your side have been disclosed and you have run out of logic and arguments, you have resorted to your usual anti-communist propaganda in an attempt to get out of your present awkward position.

Aggression and pillage, fraud and deceit, subversion and intrigue, perfidy to the international commitments and obligations under agreements, are the very practices and tactics of imperialists.

These sordid practices of imperialists are being frustrated all over the world by communists who are opposed to war, safe-guarding peace and fighting for human progress.

You should realize that however desperately you may try, you can no longer deceive the honesty-minded people with the musty imperialist tricks by which the civilization and the ethics of mankind have been trodden under foot for centuries.

UNC:

Do you have any further business appropriate to the meeting?

KPA/CPV:

Your side must thoroughly comply with all of the provisions of the Armistice Agreement.

Since you have stated you have nothing further to take up, I suggest a recess.

UNC:

I accept your proposal to recess.

Meeting recessed at 1212 hours

FOLLOWING UNC ADVISORY GROUP MEMBERS ATTENDED:

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>MEMBERS</u>
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
NEW ZEALAND	CAPTAIN RICHARD M. BURROWS
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	CAPTAIN <u>LEE</u> , Bok Hyung
THAILAND	MAJOR SONGKROHPHAND DEJ
TURKEY	COLONEL MEHMET ATACERI
UNITED KINGDOM	MAJOR KENNETH SCRAGG
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	LT COL JACK F. BELFORD

AUTHENTICATED:

WHEELER G. MERRIAM  
Colonel, GS  
Chief

The list of 50 DMZ alleged violations passed by the KPA/CPV is retained in the files of the Armistice Affairs Division, United Nations Command Headquarters, APO 301, Seoul, Korea.

The list of 36 KPA/CPV DMZ violations passed by UNC is retained in the files of the Armistice Affairs Division, United Nations Command Headquarters, APO 301, Seoul, Korea.