

UNITED NATIONS COMMAND  
MILITARY ARMISTICE COMMISSION  
APO 301

TWO HUNDRED FORTY-EIGHTH MEETING OF THE SECRETARIES

HELD AT MAC HQ AREA, KOREA

7 AUGUST 1962

MEMBERS PRESENT

UNITED NATIONS COMMAND

COLONEL VINCENT F. GOODSSELL, USA  
LT COL KENNETH P. BURNS, USA

KOREAN PEOPLE'S ARMY  
CHINESE PEOPLE'S VOLUNTEERS

COLONEL HAN JU KYONG, KPA

Meeting convened at 1000 hours

KPA/CPV:

Around 1054 hours on August 1, 1962, two F-86 military jet aircraft of your side flew from the direction of the south-west and intruded into the airspace in the vicinity of Hajokang-ri (37 degrees 46 minutes 40 seconds North, 126 degrees 35 minutes 30 seconds East).

After that, the afore-said aircraft of your side continued their flight in the airspace over Wolam-ri (37 degrees 48 minutes 50 seconds North, 126 degrees 35 minutes 40 seconds East) and in the airspace in the vicinity of Kwansan (37 degrees 47 minutes 20 seconds North, 126 degrees 39 minutes 10 seconds East) of our side to make reconnaissance, and then flew away in the direction of Kimpo around 1057 hours on the same day.

At the 247th Secretaries' Meeting held on July 31 last, our side lodged a stern protest with your side against its serious violation of the Armistice Agreement of having dispatched its military aircraft into the airspace over the territory of our side, and demanded that your side take thorough-going steps to prevent a recurrence of similar incidents.

If your side had had the slightest intention to comply with the Armistice Agreement, your side should have given heed to the demand of our side and taken practical measures to prevent a recurrence of similar incidents.

On the contrary, however, your side again committed such hostile

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KPA/CPV (CONT'D):

acts as to dispatch its military aircraft into the airspace over the territory of our side on the day following the 247th Secretaries' meeting.

This fact saliently proves that the intrusion by your military aircraft can never be regarded as an irresponsible act of your reckless pilots but be regarded as a deliberate hostile act systematically committed under the direct command of the responsible personnel of your side.

And, this also unequivocally proves that your side has not taken the position at all to implement the Armistice Agreement to which it attached its signature pledging itself to comply with it and that it has been refusing to fulfill its obligation.

At the direction of the Senior Member of our side, I lodge a strong protest with your side against the intrusion by your military aircraft again dispatched into the airspace over the territory of our side in gross violation of the Preamble of the Armistice Agreement and paragraphs 12, 16 and 17 thereof.

At the same time, I strongly demand that your side severely punish those involved in the recent incident and take practical measures to prevent a recurrence of similar violations of the Armistice Agreement.

UNC:

The air intrusion which your side has alleged to have occurred in the Han River Estuary concerns a major violation of the Armistice Agreement.

Presentation of this type of charge would be more proper at a meeting of the Military Armistice Commission. However, I will refer your charges to the Senior Member for investigation.

KPA/CPV:

I have noted your statement that your side will make an investigation into the violation of the Armistice Agreement committed by its military aircraft which intruded into the airspace over the territory of our side.

KPA/CPV (CONT'D):

Your side should take a responsible step to prevent a recurrence of similar violations of the Armistice Agreement as intended by the Armistice Agreement.

UNC:

What other business do you have?

KPA/CPV:

Our side has nothing further to take up now.

Have you anything further to offer?

UNC:

On 26 July I sent a message to you requesting that the dike in the vicinity of Tae Song Dong be repaired.

Our side has received no answer to this request. What is your answer?

KPA/CPV:

Our side received your telephone message dated July 26, 1962 requesting our side to close the dike of the Sachun-River.

Our side understands that the dike your side referred to in your telephone message was destroyed by the rain-fall repeated for a long while in the past.

In this way, the dike was destroyed by the force of nature. Therefore, our side cannot understand the intention of your side which requested our side to close it.

UNC:

Is the request of our side unreasonable - that the dike be repaired to prevent possible damage to the rice paddies of the Korean farmers? The dike was not constructed originally by nature.

KPA/CPV:

Your logic is fully untenable that our side must repair the dike since the dike in the north of the Military Demarcation Line was destroyed by the force of nature.

KPA/CPV (CONT'D):

If your side has any intention to relieve the people in distress from the flood, your side should take in the territory of your side measures to prevent the possible damage by nature in the territory of your side, shouldn't it?

It is a matter of concern of your side to prevent by its own exertion the damage by nature in the territory of your side. You need not request anybody to repair the dike. Yet, you have done so. This is utterly ridiculous.

I can hardly understand the reason why you insist on the request.

Give up making the request which does not deserve even a passing note.

UNC:

The request our side has made seems to be reasonable and proper. The dike is open. Is it not possible that the dike can be closed?

KPA/CPV:

I once again clearly state that if you had really the slightest intention to protect the farmers in the vicinity of Panmunjom from the natural calamity, take necessary measures by its own exertion in the territory under its control.

Have you anything further to discuss?

UNC:

The unreasonable attitude of your side to fail to repair a simple break in a dike which causes flooding of the rice paddies of the Korean farmers is an excellent example of your side's sincerity.

I have no further business.

KPA/CPV:

It is all too obvious that the telephone message of your side dated July 26, 1962 and the charge you have just made are nothing but a wile trick designed to turn elsewhere the attention of the farmers who blame you for the flood falling upon their fields in the rainy season.

KPA/CPV (CONT'D):

Therefore, the trick you have recently invented is a good example showing that you are quite indifferent about the calamities suffered by the South Korean farmers and revealing the true anti-popular nature of you, colonial plunderers.

Since your side has nothing further to bring up, I propose to recess.

UNC:

The best information available indicates that for many years the dike or embankment along this stream has not been broken or opened. Recently the eastern portion of the embankment has been opened allowing great quantities of waters, following the recent heavy rains, to flow into the area of our side. This flooding, if permitted to continue, will eventually damage the rice crop which has been planted. There is no reason why your side should not repair the dike.

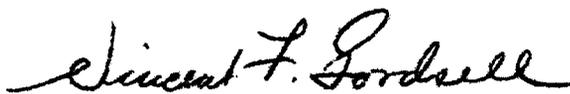
I agree to your proposal to recess.

The meeting recessed at 1041 hours.

FOLLOWING UNC ADVISORY GROUP MEMBERS ATTENDED:

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GREECE	MAJOR MICHAEL S. ROUFOCALIS
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	COLONEL <u>CHOI</u> DUK BIN
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	MAJOR WILLIAM C PETERS

This record of the 248th Secretaries' Meeting is prepared from verbatim statements in English by the Secretary, UNCMAC, and from English translations of Korean statements provided by the Secretary, KPA/CPV MAC.



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