

UNITED NATIONS COMMAND  
MILITARY ARMISTICE COMMISSION  
APO 301

TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-FIRST MEETING OF THE SECRETARIES  
HELD AT MAC HQ AREA, KOREA  
27 OCTOBER 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

LT COL LEE CHONG HAN, KPA

AAD/UNC

Meeting convened at 1000 hours

KPA/CPV:

I have a statement to make on your recent serious violation of the Armistice Agreement in which your side committed hostile acts against our side. Around 1255 hours on October 26, 1962, two F-86 military aircraft of your side flew from the south, intruded as far as into Goonjangsan in the vicinity of 37°53'12" N, 126°38'00" E, passing over Kwansan in the vicinity of 37°47'15" N, 126°39'00" E, in the territory under the military control of our side, and flew away to the south after making reconnaissances.

In disregard of the repeated protests from our side, your side has continuously dispatched its military aircraft to our territory to commit hostile, provocative acts. This is designed to further intensify tension in Korea, seriously disturb peace and further step up the preparations for another war of aggression which has been frenziedly pushed forward by your side in south Korea.

I have been instructed by the Senior Member of our side to lodge a strong protest with your side against its having dispatched its military aircraft to our territory recently again to commit hostile acts in violation of Paragraph 16 of the Armistice Agreement for the purpose of achieving its aggressive aims.

At the same time, I demand that your side severely punish in accordance with the requirements of the Armistice Agreement your personnel involved in the recent provocative acts and take a practical and responsible step to prevent a recurrence of similar incidents.

UNC:

I will present your alleged air violations to the Senior Member of our side for investigation.

KPA/CPV:

I note your statement that an investigation will be made into the air intrusions committed by your side on October 26.

KPA/CPV (CONT'D):

I go to another subject.

Around 2000 hours on October 19, 1962, Destroyer Escort Number 58 of your side intruded into our coastal waters in the vicinity of 38 degrees 38 minutes North, 128 degrees 30 minutes East, in the eastern sea, carried out reconnaissance over the territory of our side cruising thereabout for about 15 minutes and disappeared to the south around 2015 hours.

Furthermore, the afore-said Destroyer Escort Number 58 of your side again intruded into our coastal waters in the vicinity of 38 degrees 39 minutes North, 128 degree 29 minutes East in the eastern sea around 1000 hours on October 20, the following day, cruised thereabout for about two hours to conduct reconnaissance over the territory of our side and returned to the south around 1200 hours.

And around 1405 hours on October 22, 1962, Destroyer Escort Number 56 of your side intruded into our coastal waters in the vicinity of 38 degrees 39 minutes North, 128 degrees 29 minutes East in the eastern sea, veered to the south, then continued its sailing to keep on conducting reconnaissance over our side along the coast of our side and disappeared to the south around 1435 hours on the same day.

As was saliently put on the relevant records, your side has committed on as many as 22 occasions since the beginning of this year alone such provocative acts as to make military reconnaissances, abduct our fishermen assaulting them, and commit gun-firings toward the coastal areas of our side by dispatching various naval craft to our coastal waters.

On each occasion, our side lodged a serious protest against such violations by your side of the Armistice Agreement repeatedly demanding your side to cease committing similar hostile acts.

KPA/CPV (CONT'D):

This notwithstanding, your side has kept on committing such provocative acts instead of taking immediate measures for abiding by the Armistice Agreement.

The recent military reconnaissance made by your naval craft which was dispatched by your side to intrude into our coastal waters constitutes a flagrant violation of the Preamble of the Armistice Agreement and Paragraphs 15 and 17 thereof.

I have been instructed by the Senior Member of our side to lodge a strong protest with your side against the gross violation of the Armistice Agreement in which your side again dispatched, in disregard of the repeated protests and warnings from our side, its naval craft to our coastal waters and made military reconnaissance in order to make preparations for another war.

At the same time, I demand that your side severely punish in accordance with the requirements of the Armistice Agreement all the personnel of your side involved in the recent sea intrusions and take thorough-going and effective measures to prevent a recurrence of similar violations.

UNC:

You have noted our agreement to investigate your alleged claim of a violation. However, as usual you have misquoted my statement.

To set the record straight, and, for your information, I will repeat my statement.

QUOTE: I will present your alleged air violations to the Senior Member of our side for investigation. UNQUOTE.

As regards to the other charges of alleged violations, these too will be referred to the Senior Member of our side for investigation.

KPA/CPV:

Your statement is ridiculous.

There can be no pretext whatsoever in conducting an investigation into the provocative hostile acts committed by your side.

I have noted your statement that an investigation will be conducted into the sea intrusions.

I go to another subject.

Around 0710 hours on October 10, 1962, two U.S. Army soldiers appearing in the vicinity of 37 degrees 59 minutes 26 seconds North, 126 degrees 48 minutes 45 seconds East, in your portion of the Demilitarized Zone fired four shots of direct fire with small arms at the civil police personnel of our side who were in the vicinity of 38 degrees 00 minutes 05 seconds North, 126 degrees 48 minutes 15 seconds East in our portion of the Demilitarized Zone. And, around 0804 hours on October 12, one U.S. Army soldier appearing in the vicinity of 37 degrees 54 minutes 30 seconds North, 126 degrees 42 minutes 30 seconds East, in your portion of the Demilitarized Zone, fired two shots with small arms toward the vicinity of 37 degrees 54 minutes 35 seconds North, 126 degrees 41 minutes 10 seconds East, in our portion of the Demilitarized Zone, thereby endangering the lives of our personnel.

Such deliberate provocative acts again recently committed by your side with the hostile purposes not only constitute a flagrant violation of the Armistice Agreement, but also a serious provocation which might entail extremely dangerous consequences. And, this is a salient proof showing your disregard of the spirit and letter of the Armistice Agreement and the savage nature of the U.S. imperialist soldiers who are accustomed with aggression.

At the direction of the Senior Member of our side, I lodge a serious protest with your side against the provocative firings

KPA/CPV (CONT'D):

your side has committed against our side in violation of Paragraphs 6, 12, 14, and 17 of the Armistice Agreement.

At the same time, I demand that your side severely punish in accordance with the requirements of the Armistice Agreement your personnel who took part in the recent provocative acts and take complete and responsible measures to prevent a recurrence of similar incidents in the futures.

UNC:

My statement regarding the referral of your charges of alleged violations to the Senior Member of our side is clear and direct. Surely you can understand this statement.

The United Nations Command will conduct an investigation into your alleged violations.

KPA/CPV:

You are the criminals who have dispatched in succession your naval craft to our coastal waters in flagrant violation of the Armistice Agreement.

This notwithstanding, what complaint can you file?

What you have to do is not to reiterate such ill-advised nonsense but to punish the criminals of your side in accordance with the requirements of the Armistice Agreement and to take an immediate step to cease provocative acts.

I have noted your statement that an investigation will be made into the incident in which your personnel fired small arms toward our side.

I have a statement to make on another violation committed by your side.

Around 0845 hours on October 4, 1962, four U.S. Army soldiers without wearing any distinctive insignia and one person in civilian dress in the vicinity of 37 degrees 59 minutes 15 seconds North, 126 degrees 48 minutes 15 seconds

KPA/CPV (CONT'D):

East, in your portion of the Demilitarized Zone observed our side to make reconnaissance. And around 1340 hours on October 9, 1962, three U.S. Army soldiers with no distinctive insignia and one person in civilian dress in the vicinity of 37 degrees 59 minutes 25 seconds North, 126 degrees 49 minutes 25 seconds East, in your portion of the Demilitarized Zone made reconnaissance over the territory of our side through observation.

In addition, around 1115 hours on October 11, 1962, seven U.S. Army soldiers without wearing distinctive insignia and one person in civilian dress also carried out reconnaissance over the territory of our side through observation at the spot in the vicinity of 37 degrees 57 minutes 45 seconds North, 126 degrees 44 minutes 35 seconds East, in your portion of the Demilitarized Zone.

In disregard of the repeated protests from our side, your side has continuously allowed civilians to illegally enter the Demilitarized Zone. This is a vivid illustration of your insincerity toward the Armistice Agreement.

On the order of the Senior Member of our side, I lodge a protest against your having arbitrarily allowed in another violation of Paragraph 9 of the Armistice Agreement civilians to enter the Demilitarized Zone without specific authorization by the Military Armistice Commission.

At the same time, I demand your side to take practical steps to prevent a reiteration of similar violations.

UNC:

Our side will investigate to determine the validity of your so-called charges.

I go to a new subject.

Reports broadcast by your side some time ago, announced that 143 south Korean fishermen and their boats were being

UNC (CONT'D):

returned to their homes as soon as possible. These boats had taken shelter near and in your port of Haeju during typhoon Opel, which swept through the Western Sea. However, not all of the 143 peaceful fishermen of our side were returned. Specifically, KIM, Choon Bok, who died about 0120 hours, on 28 August 1962, in the Che-Il Hotel in Haeju. The family of fisherman KIM, Choon Bok, the widowed wife and two daughters, request the return of the remains for burial in accordance with Korean custom. Upon notification of the date, time, and place for delivery of the remains and the personal effects, we will arrange for acceptance and receipt.

KPA/CPV:

With no attempt can you defame even a bit the humanitarian steps as taken by our side which rescued south Korean fishermen who were in distress due to the storm which arose in August last, even cured their chronic diseases, to say nothing of their wounds, repaired the damaged fishing boats and tackle and provided a new for lost ones and returned them to their homes after giving them new clothes, footwear and other daily necessities.

I note your statement that your side will make an investigation into the incident in which your side allowed civilians to enter the Demilitarized Zone without any specific authorization by the Military Armistice Commission.

I go to another subject.

In disregard of the repeated protests and warnings from our side, the violations by your side of the Armistice Agreement and the Subsequent Agreements on the Rules for control and maintenance of the Demilitarized Zone have continuously occurred.

During the period from September 11 to October 20, 1962

KPA/CPV (CONT'D):

alone, the violations of the Armistice Agreement and the Subsequent Agreements committed by your personnel in the Demilitarized Zone amount to as many as 195 cases.

I now pass your side two copies each of the Korean and English versions of the data containing the details of the above-mentioned violations of your side.

These violations incessantly committed by your personnel are entirely attributable to your disregard to the Armistice Agreement and the Agreements reached between both sides on the Rules for control and maintenance of the Demilitarized Zone and to your lack of severe punishment to and control over your personnel in compliance with the provisions of the Armistice Agreement.

I demand that your side strictly control your personnel who have habitually committed the violations of the Armistice Agreement and the Subsequent Agreements on the Rules for control and maintenance of the Demilitarized Zone and take thorough-going steps to prevent a recurrence of similar violations.

UNC:

Perhaps my statement was not clear to you. I will repeat:

The family of KIM Choon Bok, the widowed wife and two daughters, request the return of the remains for proper burial in accordance with Korean custom.

At these meetings your side has been loudly proclaiming your concern for the welfare of the Korean People.

Yet, a request for the return of the remains by the family of the fisherman is not answered.

Your so-called concern is a farce.

I have another statement on a related subject.

Upon return to our side, three of the fishermen reported

UNC (CONT'D):

that three of the fishing craft which were returned were not the same craft that had originally sailed from their home port prior to the storm.

Instead, three very old, poorly furnished boats were substituted in their place, the names of the original boats were painted on them, and they were dispatched from the port. The three original craft, named Bando-ho, Yongin-ho, and Shinsung-ho are still in the custody of your side.

The fishermen of our side have requested that the three original boats be returned at the earliest possible time. Arrangements can be made to exchange the boats at a point near Yonpyong-do within the next week.

Our side will inquire into the so-called list of violations you have presented.

KPA/CPV:

I have noted your statement that your side will conduct investigations into the violations by your personnel of the Armistice Agreement and the Agreements and Understandings on the Rules for control and maintenance of the Demilitarized Zone.

You can by no means defame the humanitarian and compatriotic steps taken by the authorities concerned of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea which rescued the south Korean fishermen in distress owing to the high seas, repaired their fishing boats, healed their wounds and returned them to their homes.

As to your statement on the south Korean fishermen, I will make a comment after looking into the matter.

Have you anything further to discuss at this meeting?

UNC:

I have another statement on the same general subject.

UNC (CONT'D):

Of the 142 fishermen who returned, most of them returned with their personal belongings.

However, the owner of Shinsung-ho, one of the boats replaced by an older craft, reports that the following personal effects were not returned to him:

- a. One transistor radio, "National", Japanese made, 7 transistor.
- b. One table clock, "Seiko", Japanese made.
- c. 15,400 Won, new currency.

Arrangements can be made to accept the return of these items here at Panmunjom.

KPA/CPV:

As to the matter of the south Korean fishermen, you are requested to study my previous statement.

Have you anything further to discuss?

UNC:

Our side has just requested the return to our side of the body of one deceased fisherman, KIM, Choon Bok, for decent burial, the return of the three boats belonging to our fishermen which are still in the custody of your side and the return of the personal effects and money withheld from the owner of SHINSUNG-HO.

I note that you will inquire into these matters and give our side a reply.

I go to a new subject.

The Senior Member of our side has instructed me to request information as to when and where will your side return the four personnel of our side that have been in your custody since 14 July?

KPA/CPV:

With such quibblings your side has fabricated, it can not succeed at all in turning falsehood into truth.

I resolutely denounce the shameless conduct of your side which has again come out with the groundless incident at this meeting to heap up malicious slanders with a view to covering up its criminal acts.

UNC:

As I stated, the Senior Member of our side requested to know when and where will your side return the four personnel of our side that have been in your custody since 14 July?

If you cannot give our side an answer or you will not reply, say so!

KPA/CPV:

Today, you have again come out with the matter which your Senior Member brought up only to become a laughing stock. This is indeed ridiculous.

Has your Senior Member instructed you to refer to the matter on behalf of him, since he is too ashamed of referring personally to the matter?

Stop talking stuff and nonsense!

On December 19, 1960, your side dispatched its naval craft to our coastal waters to make surprise attack upon and forcibly abduct our fishermen who were engaged in fishing operation. And then, your side has not yet returned our side the ten fishermen of our side until now.

Furthermore, your side forcibly detained our fishermen who were drifting during their fishing operation in the Eastern Sea in January 1961, and then has not returned two of them up to this date.

And, on June 26, 1962, your side dispatched its naval craft to our coastal waters to forcibly abduct our fishermen

KPA/CPV (CONT'D):

and has not returned our side three of them to this date.

And on August 7, 1962, your side dispatched its naval craft to our coastal waters in the western sea to forcibly abduct the five fishermen of our side who had been engaged in fishing, and has not returned them up to now.

What is more, on September 5 last, your side made a surprise attack upon and abducted our civil police personnel who had been on routine patrol duty, mercilessly killed three and has kept two of them under its illegal detention until now.

I demand that your side immediately return our side the afore-said personnel of our side whom your side forcibly abducted and has detained without any reason.

Our side is always prepared to receive them.

I demand that we discuss today the date, place and procedure to deliver and receive our personnel.

JNC:

For such a simple question I get such a lengthy reply! Unfortunately for your side, it is not true!

I will advise the Senior Member of our side that your side has no intention of replying to our request.

KPA/CPV:

You had better report to your Senior Member that the truth about the incident you have invented has been thoroughly exposed to the whole world, advising him not to commit such acts again in the future.

You have clung to such a base tactic as to remain mute in regard to the matter raised at this meeting, following the example of your Senior Member.

You have forcibly abducted and detained our personnel in a burglarious manner. In spite of this, do you believe that

KPA/CPV (CONT'D):

with such tricks can you extricate yourself from your due responsibility?

You should desist from such ill-advised attempt and immediately return our side our personnel whom your side forcibly abducted and has kept under its illegal detention.

When and where will you return our personnel?

Make a reply!

UNC:

I have no further business.

KPA/CPV:

What is your reply to my demand concerning the delivery and receipt of the 22 personnel of our side who had been forcibly abducted and continuously detained by your side without reason during the period from December 19, 1960, to September 5, 1962?

Don't evade but make a clear-cut answer.

UNC:

I ask you a simple question but so far you have refused to give me a reply.

I will so inform the Senior Member of our side as I have already stated.

I have no further business.

KPA/CPV:

Don't evade but make a clear-cut answer.

When will your side return our personnel to our side?

UNC:

I ask you the same question - when and where will your side return the personnel of our side which you have held since 14 July?

KPA/CPV:

Even though you are unable to make a reply, you need not behave in such a rash manner, need you?

Your quibblings are nothing but an ill-advised attempt designed to extricate even a bit yourself from the awkward position in which you are placed because of the criminal acts you have committed.

I again ask you:

When will your side return our personnel?

UNC:

Your repetitious statements are both illogical and meaningless.

I have no further business.

KPA/CPV:

You have refused to comply with our demand for an immediate return of our personnel whom you have forcibly detained, thereby revealing once again the brigandish nature of the U.S. imperialists to the whole world.

Your side can by no means extricate itself from the responsibility for the return of our personnel to our side.

Our side will call your side to account, until it returns our personnel.

UNC:

Your manner of speaking makes me realize you do not believe these repetitious falsehoods yourself.

I have no further business.

KPA/CPV:

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

UNC:

I agree to your proposal to recess.

The meeting recessed at 1234 hours.

FOLLOWING UNC ADVISORY GROUP MEMBERS ATTENDED:

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AUSTRALIA	SQJ LDR JOHN S. PULESTON-JONES
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GREECE	MAJOR MICHAEL S. ROUFOGALIS
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THAILAND	MAJOR RATANAUBOL AMNUAY
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	LT COL CARL J. HELTON

The list of 195 DMZ alleged violations passed by the KPA/CPV is retained in the files of the AAD, HQ. UNC, APO 301.

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This record of the 251st 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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