

Optional Source 2: JCS UN Reports Memo

Source Information: Joint Chief of Staff Memo issued July 28, 1950, requesting all Reports on the Korean conflict are filed in Washington D.C. prior to delivery to the UN.

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From JCS

1. Under the UN Security Council resolution of 7 July 50, the United States Govt is required to transmit reports to the Security Council, as appropriate, on the operations of United Nations forces in Korea. The first report, which was prepared in Wash and upon which your comments were obtained, was submitted to the Security Council on 25 July.

2. For obvious political and psychological reasons, it is considered desirable that your Hq prepare future periodic reports for transmittal to the Security Council by the United States govt, covering mil operations of forces of the United Nations.

3. It is visualized that such reports will be considerably briefer than the initial report of 25 July and will be of such a nature as to permit publication without danger of security violation.

4. You will appreciate that certain political factors which must be determined in Wash may from time to time indicate the desirability of certain alterations in your reports. In all such cases, any proposed changes will, of course, be cleared with you before transmission of your reports to the UN.

5. It is requested that your first report, under this procedure, be transmitted to the JCS prior to 4 August and thereafter at intervals of approximately two weeks.

Using Optional Source 2

Sourcing Questions	Who wrote this document? When was the document written? Why was it written?
Contextualization Questions	How might this document, when compared to previous documents, be more meaningful when understanding the U.S. and U.N. roles with the Korean conflict?
Corroboration Tasks	In what ways does this document reflect the United States role in the U.N. action in Korea?
Close Reading Questions	According to the document, how are the U.S. commanders to report the actions in Korea? Why might that be a concern?