The President received word of the massive intervention of
the Chinese communists in Korea about 6:15 A.M., Tuesday, November 20.

At the Staff meeting at 10 o'clock that morning, the President told the
members of the Staff of the changed military complexion of the situation
in Korea, and he informed the Staff that he had in mind going up to the
Hill to address the Congress in person on Thursday, November 29. As
the day wore on, however, it became apparent that there was no particular
reason for going to Congress at that point as there were no major recom-
mendations that could be made. The President decided that he would make
a speech instead to the country as a whole, when the situation clarified
a bit, but no date was set.