June 21, 1950 - Saturday

Subject: Telegram from Ambassador McColl in Seoul, Korea.

McCulloch's telegram, number 925, was sent from Seoul at "10:00 A.M., June 22" (8:00 P.M., E.D.T., June 21).

It was received at the Department of State at 9:26 P.M., E.D.T., June 21.

According to a footnote on the copy of the telegram sent to the White House and relayed to Kansas City, Brad Connors, from the Far Eastern Division of State Department, was notified at 1:15 P.M., E.D.T., June 21, as was Lincoln White of McLaughlin's office.

According to the same source, the text of the telegram was relayed to the Army at 10:30 P.M., E.D.T., June 21.

Johnson phoned the President to tell him about this telegram, exact time unknown.

The text of the telegram was sent from the White House Signal Center to the White House Signal Center group at the Hotel Missouri in Kansas City under a time date group of 250152, which was 1:15 A.M. E.D.T.

As noted elsewhere, telegram was delivered by Ben Ayers to the President on Sunday about noon.

JUNE 28, 1950

Subject: Acheson’s Phone Call to the President.

State Department records indicate that Acheson phoned the President shortly after 11 p.m., e.d.t., and obtained the President’s approval for presentation of a resolution on Korea in the United Nations Security Council if Acheson decided that that course of action was indicated.

Source: O. Bernard Noble’s memorandum to O. W. Elsey, June 29, 1951.
June 21, 1950 - Saturday

Subject: Acheson's phone call to the President

There is no record through the White House switchboard of a phone call from Acheson to the President on Saturday night. If Acheson called, the call must not have gone through the White House switchboard.

Source: Miss Nachmeister's records.

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Dudley says he did; a call came from the W.h. switchboard at K.E.
June 21, 1950 - Saturday

Subject: Muscio's first telegram

"A telegram arrived at the Department of State at 9:26 p.m., E.D.T., from Ambassador Muscio at Seoul, reporting an attack by North Korean forces, and concluding that it was an off-cut offensive.

Assistant Secretary Dean Rusk and Secretary of the Army Frank Pace met at the Department during the evening. The Secretary of State was informed.

Arrangements were made by Rusk and associates in State for an emergency meeting of the Security Council of the United Nations the following afternoon, and a draft resolution was prepared for introduction in the United Nations Security Council."

Source: Secretary Auchincloss's Briefing Book, borrowed by G.W.E. from Averell Harriman.
June 25, 1950 - Sunday

Subject: Muccio telegram.

Eben Ayers was asked Saturday evening by the White House reporters who were staying at the Mushellebach Hotel in Kansas City, what the President's reaction to Korea was. Ayers said he did not know, nor did he propose to call the President because, he said, he did not wish to disturb him. Ayers did not know that the President had discussed the matter with Acheson, as he had no contact with the President Saturday evening.

When the (Muccio) telegram was delivered to Ayers about 1:30 A.M., C.S.T., he still did not call the President, as the matter did not seem to him important enough to waken the President in the middle of the night. He still did not realize that the President already knew the contents of the telegram from Acheson's phone call.

On Sunday morning, June 25, Ayers drove from Kansas City to Independence. He found the President had driven to Grandview, and he decided to await his return rather than follow him. He handed the President the telegram when the latter returned to Independence from Grandview about noon.

Actually, no harm was done by this tardy delivery of the telegram because the contents were known to the President. Ayers, however, had made no effort to ascertain that fact and was unaware of it.

SOURCE: C.M.E. discussions with Ayers, June and July 1951.
June 24, 1950 - Saturday

The President was scheduled to leave Washington on the Independence at 30x35 A.M., E.D.T., and arrive at Friendship International Airport at 11:30 A.M., E.D.T. With him were the Governor of Maryland, the Mayor of Baltimore, two Maryland Congressmen, and various other local people.

About 15 newspapermen, radio correspondents, and photographers were scheduled to continue with the President from Baltimore to Kansas City.

Source: Dewey Long's itinerary.
June 24, 1950 - Saturday

Subject: Arrival at Kansas City.

The President landed at Municipal Airport, Kansas City, at 2:00 P.M., C.S.T. With him were Vaughan, Landry, Ayers, Graham, and Conway.

The President was met by Fred Canfil, Tom Evans, Ted Marks, Miss Mary Jane Truman, and local press.

The President arrived at his home in Independence at 2:15 P.M., C.S.T.