MINUTES OF THE 59th MEETING
of the
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
held on Thursday, June 28, 1950
in the Conference Room at The White House

MEMBERS PRESENT
Harry S. Truman, President of the United States, Presiding
Dean Acheson, Secretary of State
Louis Johnson, Secretary of Defense
W. Stuart Symington, Chairman, National Security Resources Board

OTHERS PRESENT
W. Averell Harriman, Special Assistant to the President
George W. Ball, Administrative Assistant to the President
Philip C. Jessup, Ambassador-at-Large
John Foster Dulles, Special Assistant to the Secretary of State
E. Freeman Matthews, Deputy Under Secretary of State
Dean Bark, Assistant Secretary of State
Frank Pace, Jr., Secretary of the Army
Francis P. Matthews, Secretary of the Navy
Thomas K. Finletter, Secretary of the Air Force
General Omar N. Bradley, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
General J. Lawton Collins, Chief of Staff, U. S. Army
Admiral Forrest P. Sherman, Chief of Naval Operations, U. S. Navy
General Hoyt S. Vandenberg, Chief of Staff, U. S. Air Force
Maj. General J. H. Burns, USA (Ret.), Assistant to the Secretary of Defense

SECRETARY
James S. Lay, Jr., Executive Secretary

DECISIONS
1. THE SITUATION IN THE FAR EAST
(The President participated in the following actions of the Council.)
   a. Discussed and amended a proposed directive to General MacArthur,
      and agreed that the final wording should be worked out between
      the Departments of State and Defense in the light of the discussion
      at the meeting.
   b. Noted the Soviet reply to the U. S. note on the Korean situation
      and the Chinese Communist statement on this situation, both of
      which were read by the Secretary of State.
c. Noted the President's agreement to the public release, by the
Department of State, of the U.S. note to the U.S.S.R. regarding
Korea and the Soviet reply.

d. Noted the President's desire that all offers by other members
of the United Nations to place contingents of their armed
forces under the command of General MacArthur for use in the
Korean situation, should be accepted, in order that the forces
assisting South Korea may be truly representative of the
United Nations.

e. Noted that the President desired a directive issued in his
name to General MacArthur to make a full and complete report
on the situation in the Far East each day.

NOTE: The wording of the directive referred to in (a) above subseq-

tually agreed upon by the Departments of State and Defense.

The diplomatic notes referred to in (c) above subsequently

were released to the public by the Department of State

The directive referred to in (d) above subsequently to be is-

sued by the Department of Defense.