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Subject: Korean Situation

References: 3D Nr. 944

Conferences:

Washington (CSA) Tokyo (CSA)
Gen Wade H. Haaslip (ac) Maj Gen B M Almond
Lt Gen M B Ridgway Maj Gen C A Willoughby 02
Maj Gen Charles L. Bolte 03 Maj Gen O L Egerle 04
Brig Gen James E. Moore Brig Gen H E. Wright 03
Col J F. Novell 03
Col M F Gilchrist 03

Washington: DA-1

Where is Gen Roberts now? (2nd DA-1)

Tokyo: FEO Item 1, rear DA-1:

Robert is on high seas enroute to the U.S. aboard USNS Sulten. ETA San Francisco 4th July. (End Item 1).

Washington: DA-2

Following for your information in two parts:

Part 1:

Subject is possible course of military action as result of Korean situation.

1. At State - Defense meeting Sunday morning the following possible courses of military action open to us in current Korean crisis were discussed and will be taken up with the President later today.

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A. CINCPFE be authorized to send to Korea any military equipment recommended by U. S. mission to Korea (AMIK), regardless of current programs.

B. That U. S. military advisors remain with South Korean forces as long as they are with an effective combat unit.

C. To extend CINCPFE's area of responsibility in this emergency to assume operational control of all U. S. military activities in Korea.

D. To employ forces from CINCPFE's Command (principally Navy and Air) to establish protective zone to include the area Seouk Kimpo Air Base-Inchon for the purpose of assuring safe evacuation from Korea of U. S. nationals. Such action seeks, in addition, to gain time for reaction to political measures now before United Nations. (See State message to Muccio info to CINCPFE).

E. In event Security Council UN calls on member nations to take direct action in Korea, to authorize and direct you to employ forces of your Command, plus units from Seventh Fleet, to Stabilize the combat situation including if feasible the restoration of original boundaries at 38 degree parallel.

2. Above tentative considerations are forwarded for your info and as basis for planning.

3. The substance this message will be closely held and disseminated to minimum your staff planners.

Part two:

State Department has concurred in authorizing you to send survey group from your staff to South Korea at once to

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consult with AM0X and to report soonest estimates of the minimum amounts and types of aid within your capability of supplying, even including the possible use of military forces of your Command, which would insure retention and control of the Seoul-Kimpo-Inchen area. (End DA-2)

Tokyo: FEC Item 3, rer DA-2:

Lines of action are clear and plans will be initiated at once.

Reference sending survey group to Korea in connection with the Seoul-Kimpo-Inchen area. This will require air cover to protect landing and departure. Can be dispatched without delay. Request early decision on authority to implement. (End of Item 3)

Washington: DA-3

Foregoing matters are not be regarded as decisions. (End of DA-3)" /" Washington: DA-8

Decision on survey group (FEC Item 3) will be sent soonest. (End DA-8)

Washington: DA-5

Have you received Muccio's MR 944 asking for 10 F-51's and artillery? (End DA-5)

Tokyo: FEC Item 4:

Our part 3 of FEC 2 answers DA-5. (End of Item 4)

FEC Item 5: For 0-21:

North Korean invasion estimated to be a major effort against South Korea. Reports indicate that North Korea

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employed an estimated four divisions with about 70 tanks, and all or elements of three border constabulary brigades in principal attacks along the 38th parallel, and an amphibious attack on the South Korean East Coast. Intermittent air attacks by three or four planes were made on Kimpo airfield.

North Korean line of contact from West to East as of 260730 is reported as follows: Onjin Peninsula, (855-1674) to (870-1685); from Tonjin (960-1667), Solmar-Ri (995-690); Songu-Ri (1015-1676) to Toda-Ri (1047-1688); Chunchon (1070-1682); Wondae-Ri (1119-1697); Ruyon-Dong (1157-1681). Beachhead established along general line (1190-1668) Sinsung-Ri (1125-1630) to Samchok (1209-1631). Third Border Constabulary Brigade on Onjin Peninsula; an estimated division located general area Chotan (970-1685), possibly 1st Division; an estimated division located general area Songu-Ri (1015-1676), possibly 3rd Division; an estimated division located general area Chunchon (1070-1682), possibly 2nd Division an estimated unidentified division and elements 1st Border Constabulary Brigade located general area Ulan (1144-1695); Chuminjin (1177-1685); elements of 1st Border Constabulary Brigade reported in beachhead area.

South Korean Army elements defending from West to East as previously reported except 2nd Division moved into position East of 7th Division within Uljeongbu-Pochon corridor.

South Korean GHQ and armed forces reported by KWAG to be directing operations creditably. Initial impetus of enemy attack reported to have been slowed. Morale very good.

Tank obstacles, 57mm anti-tank guns reported now in position against the principal threat 17 mi north of Seoul. Demolitions prepared. Onjin bridge fell intact to enemy hands yesterday. 14 to 20 North Korean tanks reported destroyed North of Uljeongbu (1005-1665). First unconfirmed report of Russian military participation came from F-6 source alleging three Russian soldiers emerging from disabled tank. Little activity reported during night 23-26 June, however, it is expected that attack will be resumed.
Last 0-2 item 251,000 IDST.

From 0-2 (telephone call from Korea 0910)

1. Chunchon not taken by NK forces as originally reported. Several tanks penetrated city. Army & police now counterattacking.

2. N. on Uijongbu NK tanks and troops reportedly moving North. Evaluation at the Tokyo and difficult. We report all latest items.

Women and children dependents of U.S. nationals totalling some 500 persons will load out of Inchon under air cover and naval escort on two freighters at approximately 1200 today on decision of American Ambassador, Korea.

Loading of freighters will be covered by fighter planes of Far East Air Force during loading and lightening operations at Inchon. Freighter ships will be set off Inchon by two destroyers of NAFPE and escorted to Sasebo or Koshu on Kyushu.

Part 3.

Korea has requested supplies and equipment as follows:

A. 10 days of 105MM M3, 81MM mortar, 60MM mortar, carbine cal 30. Eighth Army has been directed to load and ship expeditiously ammunition requested except that M-3 105MM not available here, therefore M2 155MM is being substituted.

Info indicated 10 days of supply on hand at start of operation. Resupply action will occur before 10 days expire.

B. Separate message 26 Jun from Embassy Korea requested 10 aircraft F-51's with bombs and bazookas be delivered to Taegu where Korean pilots waiting.

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In addition requested 36 howitzers 105mm, 30 AT guns 57mm, and 36 howitzers 155mm.

With respect to aircraft, Korea has been informed that 10 will be made available at Itazuke Japan to be flown off by Korean pilots who will be brought from Kimpo by air by FRAF if Seoul agrees and can provide the pilots.

As to artillery available serviceable pieces in stock of calibers requested will be shipped direct loaded on ammo ships mentioned in A. Above. (End of Item 2)

Washington: DA-5

Fine job. Your info being passed to President now.

Have you anything further? (End DA-5)

Washington: DA-4

Now meeting with President are JCS and State. This telex has to let you know current thinking here. And that the situation is regarded of great consequence. (End DA-4)

Tokyo: FEC Item 5:

What is estimate on General Keatings earliest arrival? (End Item 5)


Keating due to sail 25 July. (End DA-7)

Tokyo: FEC Item 6:

Willoughby asks in view of coverage this telex do you still desire telex sent to-night 10PM. (End Item 5)

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Yes may have important decisions for you. (End DA-9)

Tokyo: FEC Item 8:

Nothing further. Come over and join the fight. We are delighted with your lines of action and this aid should turn the trick.

Best wishes to you and your group.

Thank you

Ned. (End Item 8)