The Korean Ambassador called upon Mr. Nixkerson at 3 o'clock this afternoon in lieu of Mr. Rusk, who had requested him to come in. Mr. Nixkerson explained that Mr. Rusk had suddenly been called to an urgent meeting at the Pentagon but that he himself was personally conversant with the subject which Mr. Rusk had intended to raise with the Ambassador.

Mr. Nixkerson further explained that the Department wished to keep the Ambassador and his Government up to date on the latest developments concerning current moves leading toward a cease-fire in Korea, and showed the Ambassador the original texts of the Department's telegram to Moscow 631, June 26 and Moscow's reply 2101, June 27. Mr. Nixkerson explained to the Ambassador that these two telegrams constituted the sum total of our information concerning the Russian proposal and he gave the Ambassador paraphrased copies of these portions of the telegrams which contained the questions raised by the Department by way of seeking clarification, and Mr. Kupchinsky's answers. Mr. Nixkerson pointed out that was the same procedure which we were currently following with the 10 other UN members having military forces in Korea. He particularly wanted to stress that the United States Government at this point had not formulated a definitive attitude toward the Russian proposal but that stage was giving it every consideration and studying it from all angles. Mr. Nixkerson wished to impress upon the Ambassador that the Department is making...
making every effort to keep the Korean Government informed concerning all developments.

The Ambassador expressed his great appreciation for the kindness of the Department in making available to him all the peace proposals. He expressed the hope that the Department would see fit to keep him posted on the latest developments in order that he might be able to make the Government fully informed of all developments.

The Ambassador also stated that the Korean Government had not yet made any final decisions with respect thereto.

The Ambassador then raised the question of his attendance at the periodic briefings of the other UN ambassadors and pointed out the problem raised for him by the press, which was persistent in its demands to know when the Korean Government was going to attend the meetings. Mr. Nixson replied that he was particularly pleased to be able to tell the Ambassador that not only had the Department given every consideration to his request for such attendance but that he had actively raised the matter with the other members of the Group on the basis that, unless there were strong objection raised to the attendance of the Korean Ambassador, the Department would invite him to attend these meetings. Mr. Nixson indicated that although this question had been put before the other members of the Group some time ago, there had thus far been no such objection. He explained that tomorrow a further meeting was scheduled and if no objection were raised in this meeting which would not be occupied by the Department, he would give the Ambassador an interview to attend this meeting. The Ambassador expressed his deep appreciation of the action taken by the Department in this regard and stated that he knew that if the NK could be represented at these briefings it would be a source of great reassurance and satisfaction to his Government.

Mr. Nixson then stated that while these briefings sessions were primarily concerned with the military situation in Korea, one matter which was occupying his attention concerned a British proposal to send a communication to the Secretary General of the UN requesting him to bring before the Chinese Communist and the North Koreans a request that, in accordance with the Geneva Convention on Prisoners of War, a neutral State be appointed to assume certain responsibilities for the welfare of UN prisoners of war in Communist hands. Mr. Nixson explained that a draft of a formalized communication to the Secretary General along these lines had been worked out through consultations among the 16 UN participating nations, a copy of which he gave to the Ambassador. He stated that individual communications to the Secretary General by the 16 countries were contemplated, and that the Department had considered it most desirable
that an opportunity be provided the USSR Government to associate itself with this move in a similar communication. He explained that the matter would again be discussed in the first briefing meeting next week in order to work out final details in this regard, and he thought the ambassador might wish to study the draft and take any action which might be desirable in regard thereto.

The ambassador thanked Mr. Nickerson for his kindness in making available to him the various items of information and documents which Mr. Nickerson had provided, and assured him of the desire of the Korean people and their Government to continue full cooperation with the United States.