

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL
TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MILITARY STAFF COMMITTEE
DATED 24 JUNE 1947 AND REPLY DATED 27 JUNE 1947

24 June 1947

Mr. Chairman:

Following the discussion which took place at the 145th meeting of the Security Council, I have the honour to beg you to let me know as soon as possible the Military Staff Committee's interpretation of Article 18 of the Report of the Military Staff Committee to the Security Council, concerning the employment of armed forces.

I have the honour to be, etc. .

(signed) A. Perodi
President of the Security Council

General Joseph T. McNarney, USAAF
Chairman of the Military Staff Committee

/27 June 1947

27 June 1947

Sir,

In reply to your letter of 24 June 1947, I have the honour to inform you that at the 49th Meeting of the Military Staff Committee on 26 June 1947, the Military Staff Committee unanimously agreed to the following interpretation of Article 18 of the Report of the Military Staff Committee:

"Article 18 of the General Principles was intended to establish the principle that the Armed Forces specified in the special agreements may be called for in whole or in part only by decision of the Security Council for employment under Article 42 of the Charter. When so called, they may be employed by the Security Council only for the period necessary for the fulfillment of the tasks envisaged in Article 42 of the Charter.

"Article 18 of the General Principles cannot be interpreted to impair the right of a Member Nation to use all or any part of its armed forces under Article 51 of the Charter, nor can Article 18 of the General Principles be interpreted to impair the exercise of exclusive command by a Member Nation over its armed forces which have been pledged to the Security Council in the special agreements but not yet called up for employment by the Security Council."

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) JOSEPH T. McNARNEY.
General, USAAF.
Chairman,
Military Staff Committee.

The President of the Security Council.
