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FOR TRANSMISSION TO MR. NASROLLAH ENTEZAM, PRESIDENT OF THE FIFTH SESSION
OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND MR. GLADWYN JEBB, PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL
"ACCORDING TO REPORT OF THE PEOPLE'S GOVERNMENT OF NORTHEAST CHINA, THE CHINESE
MERCHANT SHIP "ANHAI 21" BELONGING TO THE ANTUNG HARBOUR ADMINISTRATIVE BUREAU
SAILED ON 20 SEPTEMBER FROM SHIH-TAO ON THE SOUTHEASTERN TIP OF THE CHIAOTUNG
PENINSULA OF CHINA TOWARD ANTUNG, CARRYING PASSENGERS AND FREIGHT. AT 22:45
PEKING TIME ON 21 SEPTEMBER, WHEN THE SHIP CAME TO A POINT OFF CHEN-SHAN-CHIAO,
AT 38 DEGREE 1130" N LATITUDE AND 123 DEGREE 6 E LOG, IT WAS SUDDENLY FIRED AT BY
A UNITED STATES DESTROYER MARKED D29 FROM BEHIND IN THE DIRECTION OF SOUTHWEST
FOR TWENTY-FIVE MINUTES AND FORCED TO STOP. AT 23:10, THE CHINESE SHIP WAS
APPROACHED BY THE DESTROYER, SPOTTED WITH SEARCHLIGHT, AND FORCIBLY INSPECTED.
ALL THE PASSENGERS WERE ORDERED TO LINE UP ON THE DECK AND INTERROGATED. THIS
LASTED FOR MORE THAN TWENTY MINUTES, UNTIL THE DESTROYER FINALLY SAILED AWAY.
THERE WAS ALSO A UNITED STATES AIRPLANE CIRCLING OVERHEAD WHILE THE UNITED STATES
DESTROYER FIRED ITS GUNS AT THE CHINESE MERCHANT SHIP.

THIS WAS ONE MORE PROVACATIVE ACT ON THE PART OF THE UNITED STATES
GOVERNMENT TOWARD THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA FOLLOWING THE REPEATED CRIMES
COMMITTED BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WITH THE MILITARY AIRPLANES OF THE
UNITED STATES AGGRESSION FORCES IN KOREA, OF INVADING CHINA'S TERRITORIAL AIR,
CARRYING OUT WANTON STRAFING AND BOMBING, KILLING AND WOUNDING CHINESE PEOPLE
AND DAMAGING CHINESE PROPERTIES. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, IN THE COURSE OF
THE AGGRESSIVE WAR BEING WAGED BY IT AGAINST KOREA, AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF
EXTENDING THE FLAMES OF WAR, HAS NOW BECOME SO RECKLESS AS TO EMPLOY THE NAVY
OF THE UNITED STATES AGGRESSION FORCES IN KOREA, TO IMPOSE INSPECTION ON THE

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MERCHANT SHIP OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA ON THE HIGH SEAS, AND TO INFRINGE UPON THE RIGHT OF MARITIME NAVIGATION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

IN THE NAME OF THE CENTRAL PEOPLE'S GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, I HEREBY RAISE ACCUSATION BEFORE THE UNITED NATIONS AGAINST THIS FRESH AGGRESSIVE ATROCITY COMMITTED BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IN VIOLATING THE RIGHT OF MARITIME NAVIGATION OF CHINA, AND DEMAND THAT THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY IMMEDIATELY INCLUDE IN ITS AGENDA THE CASE OF 'THE BOMBARDMENT AND ILLEGAL INSPECTION OF A MERCHANT SHIP OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA BY A MILITARY VESSEL OF THE UNITED STATES AGGRESSION FORCES AGAINST KOREA', TOGETHER WITH THE ACCUSATIONS OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AGAINST THE INVASION OF CHINA'S TERRITORIAL AIR BY THE MILITARY AIRPLANES OF THE UNITED STATES AGGRESSION FORCES IN KOREA, AND THEIR WANTON STRAFING AND BOMBING, KILLING AND WOUNDING CHINESE PEOPLE AND DAMAGING CHINESE PROPERTIES. I DEMAND ALSO THAT THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY IMMEDIATELY ACCEPT THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA TO STATE THE CASE AND PARTICIPATE IN THE DISCUSSION. THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHOULD IMMEDIATELY RECOMMEND THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL TO TAKE EFFECTIVE MEASURES TO CONDEMN THE AGGRESSIVE CRIMES OF THE UNITED STATES, AND BRING ABOUT PROMPTLY THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE UNITED STATES AGGRESSION FORCES IN KOREA, INCLUDING AIR AND NAVAL FORCES, SO THAT PEACE IN THE FAR EAST AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD MAY BE RESTORED".

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