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LETTER DATED 15 APRIL 1988 FROM THE ACTING PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE  
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO  
THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On behalf of the Unified Command established pursuant to Security Council resolution 84 (1950) of 7 July 1950, I have the honour to transmit a special report refuting allegations that the United Nations Command has violated the Armistice Agreement of 1953.

I request that this letter, together with the enclosed special report and its attachment, be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Herbert S. OKUN  
Ambassador  
Acting Permanent Representative

Annex

Special report of the United Nations Command to the  
United Nations Security Council

1. The United Nations Command (UNC) was created in response to United Nations Security Council resolution 84 (1950) of 7 July 1950. In that resolution, the Security Council recommended the establishment of a unified command for United Nations forces in Korea, under the United States of America, in order to repel North Korean armed aggression against the Republic of Korea and to restore peace and security. It also requested that UNC "provide the Security Council with reports as appropriate on the course of action taken under the unified command". The Commander-in-Chief, United Nations Command (CINCUNC), signed the 27 July 1953 Korean Armistice Agreement. Pursuant to paragraph 17 of this Agreement, all UNC successors in command are responsible for compliance with, and enforcement of, the terms and provisions of the Agreement. Your attention is invited to the report of the Commander-in-Chief, United Nations Command, to the United Nations Security Council (S/18920), published on 15 June 1987, for further information on the role of the unified command involving the Korean Armistice. UNC continues to carry out its functions and fulfil its obligations under the mandate of the Armistice Agreement to maintain peace and security on the Korean peninsula until a more permanent peace is achieved by the parties directly concerned.
2. On 28 July 1987, North Korea forwarded a report to the United Nations Security Council (S/18998) which contains voluminous fabricated Armistice Agreement violations allegedly committed by UNC. This was a blatant attempt to mislead the community of nations into thinking that heightened tension prevails on the Korean peninsula, where the Seoul Olympic Games are scheduled to be held later this year.
3. On 18 September 1987, the United Nations Command Military Armistice Commission Senior Member wrote the enclosed letter to his North Korean counterpart in which false North Korean charges and allegations were thoroughly refuted and North Korea was clearly warned not to attempt to disrupt the Olympic Games.
4. The United Nations Command reaffirms its readiness and determination, consistent with the provisions of the relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions, to maintain the Korean Armistice and preserve peace and security on the Korean peninsula.

Enclosure

Letter from Rear Admiral William T. Pendley, United Nations Command  
Military Armistice Commission Senior Member, addressed to Major  
General Li Tae Ho, Korean People's Army and Chinese People's  
Volunteers Component Senior Member, Military Armistice Commission

Your recent report to the United Nations which claims that the United Nations Command has committed "ceaseless military provocations and hostilities" and "criminal acts" in violation of the Armistice Agreement on some 44,000 occasions from 1 July 1986 to 30 June 1987 is a calculated misrepresentation of the facts.

Let us examine what these alleged 44,000 cases of "criminal acts" or "military provocations and hostilities" really are.

First, of the 44,000 alleged violations levied against UNC during the reporting period, more than 43,000 violations were passed through the Military Armistice Commission Secretaries, indicating they were either routine administrative issues or minor Armistice infractions such as improper identification. More than 98 per cent of these allegations involve administrative and technical infractions such as a lack of proper armbands on demilitarized zone police personnel. Specifically, 24,789 allegations which you claim as "hostile provocative acts" that were leading to a war, were simply charges of workers and others not wearing proper armbands in the demilitarized zone.

Second, of the less than 1,000 allegations your side made during the period which were not routine administrative issues, the great majority of them (99 per cent) were proven to be false after very thorough investigations on our part.

Third, an analysis of all of your allegations reveals that no act in any of the alleged charges resulted in the injury or death of a single soldier or civilian on either side.

Fourth, your continuing failure since 1967 to participate in joint observer teams to investigate charges of Armistice Agreement violations is just another clear indication of your intention to manipulate alleged violations and avoid investigations which would discredit them.

These outrageous totals your side has alleged in your report, coupled with a sharp increase in the number of charges your side passed to us recently, are obviously designed to mislead world public opinion into thinking that increased tension prevails on the Korean peninsula. Your attempts to paint such a false picture are doomed to failure because the world public will not remain uninformed of the true situation.

It seems, unfortunately, that you have no real interest in decreasing tensions on the peninsula. By your very actions of creating false charges, exaggerating the nature of those charges and constantly adding to the propaganda about tensions, you

demonstrate that it is your side that is attempting to create increased tensions that otherwise would not exist. The vast majority of the people of the world who are looking forward to the Olympic Games in 1988 and wish for peace and stability on the peninsula will not be deceived and can clearly see that UNC obviously has no reason to create an incident or to increase tensions and is, in fact, making every effort possible within the Armistice Agreement to reduce tensions. If acts are created to undermine stability and peace on the peninsula in the days ahead, your side will bear the full responsibility and will not be able to hide behind a smoke screen of exaggerated and false charges.

Therefore, we caution your side against this course of action and urge you to abandon such tactics in the best interest of all concerned.

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