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CABLEGRAM DATED 27 JUNE 1950 FROM TOKYO, ADDRESSED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF
THE UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON KOREA TO THE SECRETARY-
GENERAL FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Was informed this morning at 0720 hours by Acting Prime Minister and Defense Minister Shin that the Republic of Korea Government was leaving Seoul and that decision has been made to defend Seoul city. At emergency meeting Commission decided that in order to preserve its freedom of action it should leave Seoul for some point further South. In making decision, Commission took into account the bitter and unswerving hostility towards itself of the Communist-created regime of North Korea. It felt no useful purpose would be served by remaining in a city where it would no longer have contact with the legitimate Government of Korea. The intention of the Northern regime to ignore the Security Council resolution of 25 June was fully evident in continuously pressed attacks against capital of the Republic of Korea.

The Commission and its Secretariat left Seoul at 1030 hours for Suwon which it had been informed would be temporary capital. It was accompanied there by Colonel Limb, Foreign Minister. On reaching Suwon the Mission was unable to make contact with any other member of the Republic of Korea Government nor was it able to learn definitely where the temporary capital of the Republic was being established.

Facilities were being made available at nearby airfield by the US Military for air evacuation. At the second emergency meeting the Commission, mindful of its telegram of 26 June to Security Council, in which it included a warning expressing fear of the Commission that actual progress of hostilities would in matter of days prove cease-fire and withdrawal of Northern forces in accordance with Security Council resolution an academic question, decided to evacuate to Japan, there to hold itself ready to return to Korea subject to developments or fresh instructions from the Security Council.

Delegates and male Secretariat now at Camp Hakata, Kyushu near Fukuoka waiting arrival by ship of dependent female personnel. Proceeding Tokyo 28 June.
