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LETTER DATED 12 JULY 1950 FROM THE ACTING PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF CANADA
TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL CONCERNING THE
SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION OF 27 JUNE 1950 (S/1511)

Sir,

With my letter to you dated June 30th I enclosed the text of a statement which was made by the Right Honourable Louis S. St. Laurent, Prime Minister of Canada, in the House of Commons in Ottawa on June 30th. In the course of that statement Mr. St. Laurent declared that "if we are informed that a Canadian contribution to aid United Nations operations under a United Nations Commander would be important to achieve the ends of peace which is, of course, our only purpose, then the Government wishes Parliament to know that it would immediately consider making such a contribution."

2. General MacArthur has now been designated by the United States as the Commander of the forces of the United Nations for the defence of the Republic of Korea, in accordance with the Security Council's resolution of the 7th of July. The Canadian Government has, furthermore, been informed that destroyers can be of assistance in United Nations operations for the defence of Korea.

3. Three Canadian destroyers sailed last week from the Pacific coast of Canada for western Pacific waters. These vessels are hereby made available to the United Nations and appropriate action is being taken by the Canadian Government to place them at once under the operational control of the Commander-in-Chief of the forces made available by members of the United Nations for the defence of the Republic of Korea against the aggression committed by North Korean forces.

4. The Commanding Officer of these vessels is being instructed to report to the headquarters of General MacArthur and is being authorized to use the United Nations flag, in accordance with the Security Council's resolution of the 7th July.

The Secretary-General
of the United Nations,
Lake Success, New York.

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5. It would be appreciated if you would bring this decision of the Canadian Government to the attention of General MacArthur as quickly as possible.

Please accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) John W. Holmes,
Acting Permanent Delegate of Canada
to the United Nations.

