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CABLEGRAM DATED 8 AUGUST 1950 FROM THE UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON KOREA TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL CONCERNING ADHERENCE TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE RED CROSS CONVENTION ON THE TREATMENT OF PRISONERS OF WAR

COMMISSION TODAY UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO SECRETARY-GENERAL:

"REQUEST THAT YOU BRING FOLLOWING TO NOTICE OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL:

- (1) SINCE NOTIFICATION RECEIVED BY SECRETARY-GENERAL FROM NORTH KOREAN AUTHORITIES OF THEIR INTENTION ADHERE PROVISIONS OF RED CROSS CONVENTION ON TREATMENT OF PRISONERS OF WAR NOTHING FURTHER HEARD HERE OF MEASURES TAKEN BY THEM TO GIVE EFFECT TO THIS ASSURANCE.
- (2) REPORTS CONTINUE TO CIRCULATE THAT UNCIVILIZED AND UNHUMAN PRACTICES EXTEND BY NORTH KOREANS TO WOUNDED AND OTHERS. UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON KOREA HAS INSTRUCTED ITS MILITARY OBSERVERS TO CHECK UPON THESE REPORTS AS FAR AS POSSIBLE AND TO ESTABLISH AUTHENTICITY AND FACTS WHICH CAN BE BROUGHT TO NOTICE OF THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS AND OTHERS CONCERNED.
- (3) SOUTH KOREAN AUTHORITIES HAVE GIVEN PRACTICAL DEMONSTRATION THEIR INTENTION ABIDE BY BOTH SPIRIT AND LETTER OF CONVENTIONS INCLUDING ARTICLE 3 OF 1949 SIGNED BY THEM ON 4 JULY BY THE PROVISION OF FULL SUPERVISORY FACILITIES TO THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS REPRESENTATIVE BOTH BY SOUTH KOREAN AUTHORITIES AND UNIFIED COMMAND.
- (4) SIMILAR INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS SUPERVISORY FACILITIES WILL PROVIDE ONLY ASSURANCE THAT NORTH KOREANS IMPLEMENTING THEIR EXPRESSED INTENTIONS NOT ONLY TOWARD PRISONERS HELD CAPTIVE BY THEM BUT ALSO IN RESPECT TO THE TREATMENT OF WOUNDED AND OTHERS.
- (5) UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON KOREA URGES SECURITY COUNCIL TO OFFER TO ASSIST INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS FURTHER AS ONLY DULY AUTHORIZED AND INDEPENDENT INTERNATIONAL BODY RESPONSIBLE FOR SUPERVISION OF RED CROSS CONVENTIONS WITH ANY EFFORTS IT MAY HAVE INITIATED TO SECURE NORTH KOREAN AGREEMENT TO ACCEPTANCE OF INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS REPRESENTATIVES IN NORTH KOREA AS DIRECT INTERMEDIARIES IN THIS MATTER.

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(6) UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON KOREA FURTHER URGES THAT STRONGEST POSSIBLE VOICE SHOULD BE RAISED THROUGHOUT WHOLE CIVILIZED WORLD IN PROTEST AGAINST DELAY IN GIVING RED CROSS SUPERVISORY PROTECTION TO PRISONERS OF WAR, NON-COMBATANT CAPTIVES AND WOUNDED AND REQUESTS SECURITY COUNCIL TO SEEK POSITIVE ASSISTANCE FROM THOSE COUNTRIES ABLE TO INFLUENCE NORTH KOREAN AUTHORITIES TO THIS."
