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LETTER DATED 24 JULY 1950 FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF LIBERIA ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL IN REPLY TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S CABLEGRAM OF 14 JULY 1950 (S/1619) CONCERNING THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS OF 25 AND 27 JUNE, AND 7 JULY 1950 (S/1501, S/1511, S/1588)

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your radiogram of 14 July 1950, referring to the question of the assistance which the Liberian Government is willing to give to the efforts of the United Nations in the existing Korean situation.

My Government has noted with concern that you have been advised that the Unified Command (USG) is in urgent need of additional effective assistance; that in giving consideration to assistance, it is desired that the possibility of providing combat forces, particularly ground forces, be taken into account.

I should like to call to your attention the Department's despatch No. 1581/DA dated 17 July 1950 (S/1658) in which you were assured of Government's willingness to support the measures outlined in the resolution of 25 June of the Security Council, and informed of its offer to contribute ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) in natural rubber as concrete evidence of its determination to effectively assist in the Korean situation. This contribution, I am pleased to state, is being expedited with the hope that shipment of the rubber should reach New York before long.

While Government is willing to further implement the position already taken by her with reference to the problem now confronting the United Nations in providing combat forces as desired, it is regretted that, because of the fact that the Government maintains only a small military force, mainly police, which is neither sufficiently trained nor adequately equipped; and because of the further fact that the Government's financial position is not capable of supporting such a programme, it finds it impracticable at this time to despatch and maintain a combat unit to and at the Korean front.

Nevertheless, my Government will explore the possibilities of effecting arrangements whereby Liberians may be trained, equipped, transported and maintained for combat purposes in the Korean theatre. You will be informed of the results of what progress is made in this respect.

(Signed) Gabriel L. DENNIS  
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