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NOTE DATED 18 OCTOBER 1950 FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TRANSMITTING A COMMUNIQUE FROM THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND IN KOREA

The Representative of the United States to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honor to transmit herewith, for the information of the Security Council, the following communique issued by General Douglas MacArthur, Commander-in-Chief of United Nations Command, during the last twenty-four hours:

Release 564, issued at 4 P.M., October 17, 1950 (2 A.M., Eastern Standard Time)

Enclosure:

One communique from
the Commander-in Chief
of United Nations Command.

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RELEASE 564, ISSUED AT 4 P.M., TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1950
(2 A.M., EASTERN STANDARD TIME)

Yesterday was a day of spectacular gains along the entire United Nations front in Korea.

Elements of the United States First Cavalry Division swept through Sinmak and Schung and advanced to within forty air miles of Pyongyang. The division was reported to be taking prisoners numbering into the hundreds.

Leading elements of the United States Twenty-fourth Division advanced up to twenty-five miles, reaching the vicinity of Mukpang and Okhyon and are within forty-four air miles of Pyongyang.

Heavy enemy resistance temporarily slowed the northward drive of the Republic of Korea First Division south of Suan. The division overcame the resistance and captured Suan yesterday afternoon. The enemy was reported to be withdrawing north of the city, which is about thirty miles southeast of Pyongyang. Three hundred and forty-four prisoners were captured during the day's action.

On the east coast, elements of the Republic of Korea First Corps drove to within six miles of the industrial center of Hamhung against light resistance. Other corps troops continued mopping up in the Wonsan-Yonghung area.

U. N. units continued to mop up and reduce enemy groups trapped behind the fast-moving forward elements. One patrol engaged an enemy force of about 300 southwest of Mungyong. Other groups were dispersed and many prisoners taken.
