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LETTER DATED 26 SEPTEMBER 1950 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE  
OF CANADA ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL IN REPLY TO  
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S CABLEGRAM OF 14 JULY 1950 CONCERNING  
THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS OF 25 AND 27 JUNE, AND  
7 JULY 1950 (S/1501, S/1511 AND S/1586)

I have the honour to refer to my note of 14 August 1950, transmitting a copy of the Prime Minister's statement of 7 August 1950, concerning the recruitment of the Canadian Army's special force which would be specially trained and equipped to be available for use in carrying out Canada's undertakings under the United Nations Charter or the North Atlantic Treaty. The Prime Minister also indicated that subject to the approval of the Parliament of Canada, this special force would be available for service in Korea as part of the United Nations forces, if it could be most effectively used in this way when it was ready for service.

I am instructed to inform you that this special force has now been recruited and is undergoing training and that its use for service with the United Nations forces in Korea has been authorized.

The special force consists of a brigade group, including three infantry battalions, one field regiment of artillery, one squadron of self-propelled anti-tank guns, together with engineer, signal, medical, ordnance and other services, with appropriate reinforcements.

Upon reaching a state of training satisfactory to the Canadian Government, this force will be made available for combat service with the United Nations forces in Korea as required. Arrangements for advanced and final training of the force and for its subsequent service in Korea will be made with the Unified Command. Informal discussions to this end have already been held with the Unified Command.

(Signed) R. G. RIDDELL