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NOTE DATED 28 SEPTEMBER 1951 FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TRANSMITTING THE TEXTS OF DOCUMENTS ISSUED ON 17 AND 23 SEPTEMBER 1951, AND RECEIVED FROM THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND, RELATING TO THE CEASE-FIRE NEGOTIATIONS

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 refer to Paragraph 6 of the Resolution of the Security Council of July 7, 1950, requesting the United States to provide the Security Council with reports, as appropriate, on the course of action taken under the United Nations Command.

In compliance with this Resolution, there are enclosed herewith, for circulation to members of the Security Council and to the other Members of the United Nations, the following documents:

1. Message from General Ridgway to Generals Kim Il Sung and Peng Teh-huai, September 17, 1951.
2. General Ridgway's message to Generals Kim Il Sung and Peng Teh-Huai via Liaison Officers at Pan Mun Jom, September 23, 1951, Korean time.

The Representative of the United States has the honor to advise further that these documents are being transmitted to the Chairman of the Good Offices Committee and that the United States Government will keep the Secretary-General informed of developments in this matter.

MESSAGE FROM GENERAL RIDGWAY TO GENERALS KIM IL SUNG AND PENG TEH-HUAI
17 SEPTEMBER 1951

"Generals Kim Il Sung and Peng Teh-huai:

"This acknowledges receipt of your letter of 12 Sep.

"Each of the allegations contained in your letter has been thoroughly investigated. These investigations established that the forces of the United Nations Command were not, I repeat not involved in any violation of the neutral zone except for the one incident occurring on 10 Sep. These thorough investigations, the results of which have been furnished to you previously, demonstrate the objective and responsible attitude of the UNC towards violations of the agreements concerning the neutral zone.

"In your msg you have inferred a desire that negotiations be resumed. I must remind you that negotiations have been suspended by your direction since 23 Aug. I again emphasize my concern in the achievement of a just and honorable military armistice. If you are now disposed to terminate the suspension of the armistice negotiations which you declared on 23 Aug. I am still prepared to order my Liaison Officers to a meeting at the bridge at Pan Mun Jom to discuss conditions that will be mutually satisfactory for a resumption of the armistice talks. Signed Ridgway."

GENERAL RIDGWAY'S MESSAGE TO GENERALS KIM IL SUNG AND PENG TEE HUAI
VIA LIAISON OFFICERS AT PAN MUN JOM 23 SEPTEMBER, 1951
KOREAN TIME

Your message of 19 September, received 20 September 1951, has been noted.

Your suggestion therein that there are instances of alleged violations of the Kaesong Neutral Zone which remain unsettled is rejected. Each of the several cases wherein you reported an alleged violation was fully investigated. Where UNO Forces were responsible, that fact was reported. Where UNO Forces were not involved you were so advised and the cases closed. I have so instructed my representatives. I likewise reject the charges repeated in your letter that alleged violations of the Neutral Zone by UNO Forces made it impossible to continue the negotiations. The responsibility for the unnecessary interruption in the armistice conference is yours.

In your message you have dismissed the need to discuss conditions incident to the resumption of negotiations, in spite of the fact that the armistice discussions have been interrupted for prolonged periods because of incidents or alleged incidents. I have therefore given instructions to my Liaison Officers to insure that this vital subject receives careful attention in any future discussions with your Liaison Officers in order to minimize the likelihood of further interruptions.

Since you are now ready to terminate the suspension of armistice talks which you declared on 23 August, my Liaison Officers will be at the bridge at Pan Mun Jom at 1000 hours on 24 September to meet your Liaison Officers and to discuss conditions mutually satisfactory for a resumption of armistice talks.

