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NOTE DATED 8 AUGUST 1951 FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TRANSMITTING THE TEXTS OF DOCUMENTS ISSUED BETWEEN 31 JULY AND 6 AUGUST 1951, AND RECEIVED FROM THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND, RELATING TO THE CEASE-FIRE NEGOTIATIONS AT KAESONG

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. Text of a Communiqué Issued July 31 by the United Nations Command after the Fifteenth Session of Cease-Fire Negotiators in Kaesong.
2. Text of a Communiqué Issued August 1 by the United Nations Command after the Sixteenth Session of Cease-Fire Negotiators in Kaesong.
3. Text of a Communiqué Issued August 2 by the United Nations Command after the Seventeenth Session of Cease-Fire Negotiators in Kaesong.
4. Text of a Communiqué Issued August 3 by the United Nations Command after the Eighteenth Session of Cease-Fire Negotiators in Kaesong.
5. Text of General Matthew B. Ridgway's Broadcast on August 5, 1951.
6. Unofficial Text of August 6, 1951, of the Communist Reply to General Ridgway's Protest.

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.

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TEXT OF A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED JULY 31 BY THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND
AFTER THE FIFTEENTH SESSION OF CEASE-FIRE
NEGOTIATORS IN KAESONG

There was no perceptible change in the expressed viewpoints of the two delegations for item number two /armistice demarcation line/ of the agenda of the military armistice conference during the fifteenth session at Kaesong today.

The first half of today's session, which lasted an hour and thirty-four minutes, was devoted to a further effort by Admiral Joy to clarify the United Nations position and the mutual benefit to be derived from acceptance of this view.

The latter portion of the session consisted of a reiteration by the senior Communist delegate of his previously stated stand. No progress can be reported as a result of today's conferences.

The sixteenth session will be held tomorrow at 1100 hours.

TEXT OF A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AUGUST 1 BY THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND
AFTER THE SIXTEENTH SESSION OF
CEASE-FIRE NEGOTIATORS
IN KAESONG

The sixteenth session of the military armistice conference failed to make progress toward an agreement on item number two of the agenda, the only substantive point thus far discussed. The basic views of both the United Nations Command and the Communist delegation remained unchanged.

Admiral Joy, in an hour and 13 minute statement, made a detailed analysis and refutation of the Communist contentions. He again restated the United Nations Command's position with respect to the establishment of a realistic demilitarized zone, equitable to both belligerents:

The seventeenth session will be held tomorrow at 1100 hours.

TEXT OF A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AUGUST 2 BY THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND
AFTER THE SEVENTEENTH SESSION OF CEASE-FIRE NEGOTIATORS
IN KAESONG

Fundamental differences between the United Nations Command and Communist delegations on item number two of the agenda remained unresolved today at the close of the seventeenth session of the military armistice talks.

Admiral Joy in a further effort to keep the negotiations focused on pertinent military matters, twice attempted to secure an expression of opinion from the senior Communist delegate on the basic responsibilities of military commanders to their respective forces during a military armistice. Neither time did General Nam Il respond directly.

At the Communist delegate's suggestion, the talks recessed at 1220 to be resumed tomorrow at 1100 hours.

TEXT OF A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AUGUST 3 BY THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND
AFTER THE EIGHTEENTH SESSION OF CEASE-FIRE NEGOTIATORS
IN KASSONG

No progress was made during the eighteenth session of the military armistice conference on a mutually acceptable solution of item number two on the agenda.

In a brief opening statement of the morning Admiral Joy emphasized that the United Nations Command would not relinquish its present military defensive positions "to satisfy political desires to sub-divide Korea".

The senior Communist delegate then spoke for nearly two hours, attempting to justify his previously expressed view that the military demarcation line should be fixed along a parallel of latitude rather than following significant terrain features which are militarily important to the security of the United Nations forces.

In the closing statement of the day Admiral Joy proposed several searching questions in an effort to establish the general attitude of the Communist delegation towards a truly military armistice and the resultant cease fire.

The conference will convene tomorrow at 1100 hours.

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THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF GENERAL MATTHEW B. RIDGWAY'S
BROADCAST ON AUGUST 5, 1951

It has been officially verified by eye witnesses, confirmed with still and movie photography, that on or about 1345 hours 4 August, armed military forces not belonging to the United Nations Command, were observed in Kaesong within approximately 100 yards of conference house. These forces, approximating an Infantry Company, were proceeding in an easterly direction on foot and were armed with rifles, pistols, grenades, automatic weapons and mortars.

Your attention is invited to the following: On 13 July 1951, I broadcast a message addressed to you which contained the following passages:

"The assurances which I require are simple and few. They include as primary pre-requisites the establishment of an agreed conference area, of suitable extent, completely free of armed personnel of either side."

In the same message I stated:

"I therefore now propose that a circular area with its center at approximately the center of Kaesong, and with a 5-mile radius, be agreed upon as a neutral zone. The eastern limit of the neutral zone shall be the present point of contact of our forces at Pan Mun Jom. I propose that we both agree to refrain from hostile acts of any kind within this zone during the entire period of our conference. I propose that we agree that the area of the conference site and the roads leading thereto used by personnel of both delegation parties be completely free of armed personnel."

On the 14th of July 1951 you broadcast to me a reply to this message which stated among other things:

"We have received the proposition dated 13th July and have agreed to make Kaesong the neutral zone as you have proposed."

I now invite your attention to this flagrant violation of the assurances which I required and which you promised. The UNC delegation is prepared to continue conversations as soon as satisfactory explanation of this violation and assurances of non-recurrence are received. Meanwhile the UNC delegation will remain within United Nations lines. I await your reply.

M.B. RIDGWAY
General United States Army,
Commander in Chief United Nations Command

UNOFFICIAL TEXT OF AUGUST 6, 1951, OF THE COMMUNIST REPLY
TO GENERAL RIDGWAY'S PROTEST

We have received your message.

On the matter concerning our Kaesong area guards entering the conference area armed with inappropriate weapons in violation of our agreement at 1300 4th August, the Chief Delegate on our side ordered our Liaison Officer, Col. Chang Chun San at 0930 5th August, to notify your Delegation the details of the incident which was in violation of our agreement.

At the same time, the Liaison Officer was ordered to notify your Delegation that our Chief Delegate has carefully reminded the Kaesong neutral area guards that they must not enter the vicinity of the Conference area, and that they have been ordered to strictly follow this order and see to it that such an incident will not reoccur.

In order that our conference will not be obstructed by such trivial accidental incidents, we have again ordered the guards of the Kaesong neutral zone to adhere strictly to the agreement of 14th July and to assure that such a violation of the agreement will not occur again.

We desire that you order your delegation to proceed to Kaesong to resume negotiations immediately upon receipt of this reply.

Kim Il Sung, Supreme Commander,
the Korean People's Army

Peng Teh-Huai, Commander-in-Chief,
Chinese Volunteer Forces

