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LETTER DATED 25 JUNE 1951 FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL  
TO THE SECRETARIAT OF THE UNITED NATIONS

New York, 25 June 1951

I would ask the United Nations Secretariat to publish as a Security Council document a letter dated 21 June 1951 which I have received, in my capacity as President of the Security Council, from the Executive Committee of the Women's International Democratic Federation. (The text is annexed).

(Signed) Y. MALIK

President of the Security Council

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AT ITS MEETING IN SOFIA ON 21 JUNE 1951 THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL DEMOCRATIC FEDERATION (WIDF) HEARD THE REPORT OF THE "WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE INVESTIGATION OF THE ATROCITIES COMMITTED BY UNITED STATES AND SYNGMAN RHEE TROOPS IN KOREA", WHICH VISITED KOREA BETWEEN 16 AND 27 MAY 1951. IT TOOK NOTE OF THE REPORT, THE TEXT OF WHICH WAS SENT TO YOU ON 11 JUNE 1951. IT EXAMINED ALL THE DOCUMENTS COLLECTED ON THE SPOT BY THE COMMISSION, INCLUDING PHOTOGRAPHS OF GRAVES WHICH HAD BEEN OPENED IN THE COMMISSION'S PRESENCE AND IN WHICH MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN HAD BEEN BURIED ALIVE, PHOTOGRAPHS OF BUILDINGS AND OF CAVES IN WHICH ENTIRE FAMILIES HAD BEEN TORTURED AND KILLED ALIVE, AND PICTURES OF VILLAGES AND TOWNS COMPLETELY DESTROYED BY INDISCRIMINATE BOMBING. IT ALSO EXAMINED INSTRUMENTS WHICH THE COMMISSION HAD BROUGHT BACK AND WHICH THE AMERICANS HAD USED FOR THE SAVAGE TORTURE OF MEN WOMEN AND CHILDREN. THE PHOTOGRAPHS WERE TAKEN BY THE COMMISSION ITSELF AND THE LATTER VOUCHES FOR THE AUTHENTICITY OF THE INSTRUMENTS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HEARD STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION WHO UNANIMOUSLY CONFIRMED THE FACTS RECORDED IN THE REPORT. IT ALSO HEARD STATEMENTS BY WOMEN REPRESENTING VARIOUS COUNTRIES WHO HAD SEEN FOR THEMSELVES THE DESTRUCTION AND ATROCITIES COMMITTED BY THE AGGRESSOR FORCES IN KOREA WHEN THEY VISITED THAT COUNTRY TO HAND OVER (word mutilated? TOKENS) OF POPULAR SYMPATHY TO THE KOREAN PEOPLE. ALL THE PERSONS WHOSE EVIDENCE IS REPORTED ARE PERSONS OF HIGH STANDING IN THEIR OWN COUNTRY AND ENJOY THE ENTIRE CONFIDENCE OF THE WOMEN OF OTHER COUNTRIES. ON THE BASIS OF THE OBSERVATIONS AND IRREFUTABLE EVIDENCE REPORTED BY THE COMMISSION, THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL DEMOCRATIC FEDERATION REPRESENTING MORE THAN 91 MILLION WOMEN UNHESITATINGLY DECLARES THAT THESE CRIMES WHICH WILL END IN THE EXTERMINATION OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE HAVE BEEN COMMITTED PRINCIPALLY BY THE AMERICAN FORCES AND ALSO BY THE UNITED KINGDOM, CANADIAN, TURKISH AND OTHER FORCES UNDER COVER OF THE UNITED NATIONS. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTS THE ACTION OF THE WIDF SECRETARIAT WHICH SENT THE COMMISSION'S REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARIAT AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL ASKING THAT IT BE EXAMINED BY THE ORGANS OF THE UNITED NATIONS. IT CALLS UPON THE UNITED NATIONS: 1. TO STOP THE BOMBING OF KOREAN TOWNS AND VILLAGES IMMEDIATELY; 2. TO WITHDRAW FOREIGN TROOPS FROM KOREA AND TO ALLOW THE KOREAN PEOPLE TO DECIDE ITS OWN DESTINY AND SETTLE ITS DOMESTIC

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AFFAIRS BY ITSELF; 3. TO EXPEDITE THE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE KOREAN QUESTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROPOSALS OF THE WORLD PEACE CONGRESS. IT ASKS THAT THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CRIMES AGAINST THE KOREAN PEOPLE, AND GENERAL MACARTHUR AND GENERAL RIDGEWAY IN PARTICULAR, BE PROSECUTED AS "WAR CRIMINALS" AS DEFINED BY THE ALLIED DECLARATION OF 1943, AND BE TRIED BY THE PEOPLES AS STATED IN THAT DECLARATION. ON BEHALF OF ALL WOMEN AND MOTHERS WE APPEAL TO YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, TO SUBMIT THE DOCUMENTS TO THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR DISCUSSION, SO THAT ALL ITS MEMBERS MAY TAKE COGNIZANCE OF THE FACTS, THAT NO ONE MAY BE ABLE TO IGNORE THEIR GRAVITY AND THAT EACH MAY BE AWARE OF HIS RESPONSIBILITY BEFORE HISTORY. WE HOPE THAT OUR REQUEST WILL BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION AND THAT A WIDE DELEGATION WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY DURING THE DISCUSSION OF THIS QUESTION. THIS DELEGATION WILL BE ABLE TO PRODUCE THE DOCUMENTS AND OBJECTS CONSTITUTING THE INCRIMINATING EVIDENCE. WE BEG YOU TO REPLY TO OUR REQUESTS AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT. WE ALSO WISH TO INFORM YOU THAT WE CONSIDER THE EVIDENCE TO BE SO IMPORTANT AND ACTION BY THE UNITED NATIONS TO BE SO NECESSARY THAT WE ARE NOT HESITATING TO GIVE WIDE DISSEMINATION TO THE REPORT, THE DOCUMENTS AND THE CONTENTS OF THIS LETTER. THEY WILL BE SENT TO THE GOVERNMENTS IN THE WORLD PEACE CONGRESS, TO ALL INTERNATIONAL DEMOCRATIC ORGANIZATIONS OF LAWYERS, JOURNALISTS, TRADE UNIONS AND YOUTH, TO ALL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS, TO THE PRESS AND TO ALL PERSONS WHO ARE KNOWN TO HAVE AT HEART THE DEFENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND OF PEACE.

ON BEHALF OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(Signed) EUGENIE COTTON  
PRESIDENT

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