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COMMUNICATION DATED 22 DECEMBER 1958 ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-  
GENERAL BY THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA ON BEHALF OF HIS GOVERNMENT IN ITS CAPACITY AS THE  
UNIFIED COMMAND

22 December 1958

The Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to transmit on behalf of the United States Government, in its capacity as the Unified Command, a copy of the note which the United Kingdom Government transmitted on 5 December 1958, to the Chinese Government authorities on behalf of the Governments of the countries which have contributed forces to the United Nations Command in Korea. The note of the United Kingdom Government was in response to the Chinese Communist communication of 10 November 1958, which concerned matters contained in the note of the United Kingdom Government of 2 July 1958, and other previous exchanges.

It is requested that this communication and the enclosed copy of the note of 5 December 1958, be circulated to all Members of the United Nations.

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The Office of Her Britannic Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires present their compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and, on instructions from Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, have the honour to refer to the Ministry's Note of 10 November 1958, communicated to the Governments of the countries which have contributed forces for the United Nations Command in Korea, who, after consultation, have requested Her Majesty's Government to reply again on their behalf.

The Governments concerned have noted the various questions raised in the Note under reference and wish to call to the attention of the People's Republic of China and the North Korean authorities the Notes delivered by Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires on 9 April 1958 and 2 July 1958 in which these questions were answered in detail. Answers to all the questions raised in the Ministry's Note again were given in detail and were restated and reaffirmed in the resolution on Korea which was endorsed at the conclusion of the United Nations General Assembly discussion on 14 November 1958, by the overwhelming vote of 54 to 9. The text of that resolution<sup>1/</sup> is as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Having received the report of the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea, 2/

"Reaffirming its resolution 112 (II) of 14 November 1947, 195 (III) of 12 December 1948, 293 (IV) of 21 October 1949, 376 (V) of 7 October 1950, 811 (IX) of 11 December 1954, 910 A (X) of 29 November 1955, 1010 (XI) of 11 January 1957 and 1180 (XII) of 29 November 1957,

"Noting the exchange of correspondence between the communist authorities and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on behalf of the Governments of countries which have contributed forces to the United Nations Command in Korea, in which these Governments expressed their wish to see a genuine settlement of the Korean question

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1/ G.A. resolution 1264 (XIII).

2/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirteenth Session, Supplement No. 13 (A/3865).

in accordance with United Nations resolutions, their willingness at all times to further the consideration of measures designed to effect reunification on this basis, and stated that, in accordance with the existing recommendations of the General Assembly of the United Nations, the Governments concerned are prepared to withdraw their forces from Korea when the conditions for a lasting settlement laid down by the General Assembly have been fulfilled, 1/

"Noting further that in this exchange the Governments concerned, observing that the greater part of the forces sent to Korea in accordance with resolutions of the United Nations have already been withdrawn, welcomed the announcement that the Chinese communist troops were also to be withdrawn from North Korea.

"1. Calls to the attention of the communist authorities concerned the continued determination of the United Nations to bring about by peaceful means establishment of a unified, independent and democratic Korea under a representative form of government, and the full restoration of international peace and security in the area;

"2. Calls upon these authorities to accept the established United Nations objectives in order to achieve a settlement in Korea based on the fundamental principles for unification set forth by the nations participating on behalf of the United Nations in the Korean Political Conference held at Geneva in 1954, and reaffirmed by the General Assembly;

"3. Urges these authorities to agree at an early date on the holding of genuinely free elections in accordance with the principles endorsed by the General Assembly;

"4. Requests the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea to continue its work in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly;

"5. Requests the Secretary-General to place the Korean question on the provisional agenda of the fourteenth session of the General Assembly."

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