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REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED NATIONS, ADDRESSED TO THE
SECRETARY-GENERAL

New York, 18 September 1953

On the instructions of the Secretary of State, I have the honor to enclose a copy of a message which my Government has today requested the Government of Sweden to transmit to the Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China and to the People's Republic of North Korea.

I should be grateful if you would circulate copies of this message to the Members of the United Nations for their information.

(Signed) James J. WADSWORTH
Acting United States Representative
to the United Nations

18 September 1953

The United States Government has requested the Government of Sweden to transmit the following message to the Chinese and North Korean Communists:

"The United States Government, acting under the authority of paragraph 5 (b) of the United Nations General Assembly's resolution of 28 August 1953, has noted (1) the communication of the Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China dated 13 September 1953 addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations in reply to our communication transmitted through the Swedish Government on 5 September 1953; (2) the communication of the People's Republic of North Korea dated 14 September 1953 in reply to our communication dated 5 September 1953 likewise addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, each of which has been transmitted to the United States Government by the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

"The United States wishes to state as follows:

"1. It reminds the Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China and the Government of the People's Republic of North Korea the date of the signing of the Armistice Agreement is 27 July 1953, and that, according to the recommendation of paragraph 60 thereof, the political conference should be held before 28 October 1953.

"2. The resolutions already adopted by the General Assembly as to the composition of the conference speak for themselves and there is nothing further to add on that subject. We remind your governments again of the adoption by the General Assembly of section B of its resolution of 28 August 1953, a copy of which was sent to each of your governments under date of 28 August 1953 by the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

"3. On behalf of the representatives of the Member nations contributing armed forces to the Unified Command of the United Nations, together with the Republic of Korea and, as stated in our communication to you of 5 September 1953, transmitted through the courtesy of the Government of Sweden, we are willing to have the political conference meet on 15 October 1953 at San Francisco, Honolulu or Geneva, Switzerland. We request an early reply as to place and time acceptable to each of your governments since it is essential that preparations for the conference start immediately."