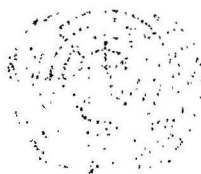


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Letter dated 30 September 1950 from the United States
Representative to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General.

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"I have the honor, on behalf of the Unified Command of the United Nations Forces in Korea, to submit herewith the text of a message which General Douglas MacArthur, the Commander-in-Chief of the United Nations Forces in Korea, is issuing today at 1200 Tokyo time, October 1 (10:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, September 30). I request that you circulate this message to the Members of the United Nations for their information."

(Signed) Warren R. AUSTIN

SPECIAL REPORT OF UNIFIED COMMAND

On October 1, 1200 Tokyo time (10 P.M., September 30, Eastern Standard Time) the following message was broadcast by the Commanding General of the Unified Command:

"To the Commander in Chief, North Korean Forces:

The early and total defeat and complete destruction of your armed forces and war making potential is now inevitable. In order that the decisions of the United Nations may be carried out with a minimum of further loss of life and destruction of property, I, as the United Nations Commander in Chief, call upon you and the forces under your command, in whatever part of Korea situated, forthwith to lay down your arms and cease hostilities under such military supervision as I may direct and I call upon you at once to liberate all United Nations prisoners of war and civilian internees under your control and to make adequate provision for their protection, care, maintenance and immediate transportation to such places as I indicate. North Korean forces, including prisoners of war in the hands of the United Nations Command, will continue to be given the care dictated by civilized custom and practice and permitted to return to their homes as soon as practicable. I shall anticipate your early decision upon this opportunity to avoid the further useless shedding of blood and destruction of property.

(Signed) Douglas MACARTHUR."
