

7. I understand from our telephone conversation a few minutes ago that you will tell the State Department at once of the action which is being taken here and explain the reasons for it. Please keep A.V.M. Campbell informed, particularly in view of his conversations earlier this week with United States service authorities. Ends.

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Following for Heeney, Begins: Your telephone call this morning. I have not been able to communicate with the Secretary-General as yet, but I have told Cordier that I have been asked to communicate to the Secretary-General as quickly as possible the very strong view of both the Prime Minister and Mr. Pearson on the importance of giving full and ostensible United Nations aegis to the operations against the North Koreans. I said that the Canadian Government attached the highest importance to this aspect of the present endeavour. I indicated that we were not proposing any particular formula and that we knew that this matter was under urgent consideration, but that the Prime Minister and Mr. Pearson thought it particularly desirable to clothe General MacArthur immediately with a United Nations authority. Cordier said "we agree with you a hundred percent". He seemed very pleased to know at this time that the thinking in Ottawa was along these lines. He said that they were working hard on the question at the moment and hoped that it might be possible for the Security Council to take action about MacArthur's position this afternoon.

2. Cordier said that he would convey the Prime Minister's and the Minister's views to the Secretary-General immediately. Nevertheless I will endeavour to speak personally to the Secretary-General as soon as possible. I understand that he is at the moment engaged on this very question.

3. Cordier did not imply in any way that there was a dispute with the Americans or anyone else on this issue, and I should like to emphasize, as I said on the telephone, that I believe the Americans to be quite as anxious as we are to make this a United Nations rather than a United States operation. I have been discussing this question with both the British and Americans for the past thirty-six hours, and both are obviously bending as far as possible to give this all the characteristics of a United Nations project. For a short time they considered working through the