

done so, as it seemed to me that Mr. Wrong was in much better position to explain our point of view and secure results.

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*Le secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures  
à l'ambassadeur aux États-Unis*  
*Secretary of State for External Affairs  
to Ambassador in United States*

TELEGRAM EX-1037

Ottawa, July 1, 1950

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Following for the Ambassador from Heeney, Begins: I have now had an opportunity of discussing with the Minister your telegrams WA-1444 and 1447 of June 30 concerning command of United Nations forces in Korea.

2. As you are aware, we attach the greatest importance to having operations brought as soon as possible under the aegis of the United Nations. At the same time, we understand the importance of avoiding constitutional difficulties and congressional embarrassments in Washington.

3. We are not satisfied with the proposed resolution referred to in paragraph 2 of your telegram WA-1447, as suggested by Hickerson. However, we think that, combined with the solution described in paragraph 6(a) of your telegram WA-1444, something might be drafted which would fill the bill. We try our hand at a draft on this basis in my next following paragraph.

4. The operative part of the Security Council's resolution might read somewhat as follows.

Draft resolution begins: The Security Council requests the United States to designate a commander (or commander-in-chief) of the forces made available by members of the United Nations under the Security Council resolutions; and, Recommends that all members providing forces under the said resolutions place such forces under the United Nations commander so designated. Draft resolution ends.

5. It seems to us that such a resolution would give to the Korean operations a genuine United Nations character. At the same time we cannot see that it would impinge upon the rights of Congress or the freedom of action of MacArthur, as commander of the predominant United States forces involved.

6. We would hope that such a resolution would be agreeable to the United Kingdom as the largest contributor of forces other than the United States. If so, it would seem to us appropriate that the United Kingdom representative should introduce the resolution in the Security Council.

7. We are sending you this message at once so that you can take the matter up this morning with Hickerson. Later we will send on a full draft resolution which will include the kind of preamble we think would be desirable. Ends.