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*Le délégué permanent par intérim auprès des Nations Unies
au secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures*

*Acting Permanent Delegate to United Nations
to Secretary of State for External Affairs*

TELEGRAM 446

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Repeat Washington No. 48.

Following for Heeney, Begins: Your telegram No. 327 of 5th July — proposed Security Council resolution on Korea.

1. Following LePan's telephone conversation with Carter and the subsequent conversation on this subject which I had on the telephone with Mr. Pearson, we communicated with the United Kingdom delegation to find out exactly how the preamble was worded. The delegation pointed out that the preamble to the draft resolution did no more than repeat the text of the Security Council Resolution of June 27th, the relevant portion of the draft of the preamble being "having recommended that the members of the United Nations furnish such assistance to the Republic of Korea as may be necessary to repel the armed attack and to restore international peace and security in the area".

2. I spoke to Cordier about your anxieties on this matter. He admitted that this "could be a problem", although he believed there was a firm understanding at the time the resolution was passed that it was intended to apply to Korea only. He was about to go to a meeting, but told me that he would look into this question as soon as possible and let me know if anything could be done.

3. Subsequently I spoke to Jebb on the subject. Jebb recognized the difficulty but thought that in view of the clear understanding of the meaning of the resolution, we were unnecessarily concerned over possible complications. He stressed the fact that the draft resolution did no more than "the previous resolution" which had already been accepted.

4. I also talked to the acting Australian representative, Shann. He told me that the Australian Ambassador in Washington had been making representations to the State Department against the proposal that the Security Council should directly appoint the United States as its agent, and that they too had objected to the phrase "under the United States" in the third paragraph. He implied, however, that they had met with no success and reconciled themselves to the draft resolution. He recognized the ambiguity in the reference to the area of Korea and thought that his Government like ours would not wish to be committed in this way to supporting United States policy in general in the Far East. He was going to discuss this aspect of things with Canberra.

5. It seems to me that in view of the fact that the preamble is a direct quotation from the Security Council resolution, we could hardly ask that it be altered, and