

"In July, 1950, as a means of assuring necessary military solidarity with the United Nations effort in repelling aggression, you undertook to place the land, sea and air forces of the Republic of Korea under the "command authority" of the United Nations Command. Your action referred to above violates that undertaking.

"As President of the General Assembly of the United Nations, I feel it my duty to bring to your attention the gravity of this situation. I hope and trust that you will cooperate with the United Nations Command in its continuing and determined efforts to obtain an early and honourable armistice.

"I should like to take this occasion to express, as President of the United Nations General Assembly, my profound sympathy for the sufferings of the people of Korea during the past three years, and my admiration for the valiant efforts of the R.O.K. Army in its co-operation with the forces of the United Nations. It is my earnest hope that this co-operation will continue, not only in the immediate task of obtaining the armistice but in assuring that the armistice is thereafter faithfully observed, in order that we may jointly proceed toward our common objective of the unification of Korea by peaceful means. If this co-operation were ended, it would be the Korean people who would suffer first and suffer most."

L.B. Pearson,  
President of the United Nations General Assembly.