

1. The following are my immediate comments on the suggestion that there be added to the Security Council resolution to be considered tomorrow a territorial definition of the area in which the forces placed under unified command in Korea can act under United Nations auspices:

(1) I have heard no suggestion from any source since the President's statement of June 27th that the insulation of Formosa by the United States Navy from attack from the mainland is considered other than a purely United States operation equally as distinct from the Korean venture as the announcement at the same time of accelerated United States military assistance to Indo China and the Philippines. I have detected no confusion on this point in discussions with the State Department and in public comment on the President's decisions. After all, the nearest points of Formosa and Korea are a good 700 miles apart.

(2) I consider it impossible at this late stage to secure an addition of such importance to the draft resolution, which is being put into final form this afternoon at discussions between friendly delegations in New York. I am sure that some members of the Security Council, if it were put forward by the United States, would insist on referring it to their own Governments. Furthermore, even if the United States were ready to entertain this proposal, the Joint Chiefs of Staff would almost certainly wish to secure MacArthur's concurrence before agreeing on any definite demarcation.

(3) Could not the matter be dealt with by means other than a Security Council resolution, perhaps by a directive to MacArthur on the uses to which he could put the naval forces of other members of the United Nations and also by a Canadian order to the senior officer of the Canadian Naval units delimiting the general region within which he is authorized to operate under the unified command? If Security Council action were agreed after consultation with the other Governments concerned, there would be time for another resolution before our ships can reach Korean waters.

2. I have not discussed this proposal with the State Department as I am sure it would be poorly received at this stage and not lead to our wishes being met. I think that it would be interpreted by the United States Government as implying some lack of confidence in their good faith and in the sincerity of their most genuine desire that the Korean operations should be under the aegis of the United Nations. Ends.