

I saw you about this matter at 11:30 and as agreed had a preliminary and informal word with Mr. Drew about the developments outlined above. I told Mr. Drew that after we had heard from Mr. Wrong again you might wish to consult with him and the other Leaders. Mr. Drew expressed satisfaction at my message and my preliminary observations, and said that he would be glad to discuss the matter further with you in the afternoon, if developments made that desirable.

In the afternoon of Tuesday, you saw Mr. Drew, Mr. Knowles, representing the C[oooperative] C[ommonwealth] F[ederation], and Mr. Solon Low, and brought them up-to-date on Korean developments. I was also present.

On Wednesday I made a statement in the House associating the Government with the Security Council resolution which had been passed the previous afternoon by a majority of 7 to 1 (later increased to 8, as India acceded). This statement received the support of the official opposition, the CCF and later, the Social Credit party.

The developments on Thursday were as follows. Cabinet discussed the situation at its 2 o'clock meeting and decided nothing need be said at that time regarding participation in the carrying out of the Security Council resolution. In the afternoon, during the debate on the External Affairs estimates, I was pressed by the opposition to state what we were doing, and replied in general terms that we would do our full duty, but only as a member of the United Nations in concert with other members. I also emphasized that, as the situation was very fluid, it was impossible to say what contribution, if any, Canada could make to United Nations collective action; that we would have to consider the matter in the light of developments. Mr. Drew did not quarrel with this attitude; in fact he supported it. Likewise Mr. Knowles and Mr. Solon Low approved of it, though Mr. Diefenbaker and Mr. Green seemed impatient that we were not able to announce in concrete terms what we were going to do. It was during this discussion that Mr. Pouliot made a somewhat ambiguous statement, the general effect of which was, however, that we should do nothing.

On Thursday evening, Mr. Howe, Mr. Claxton and I met you in your office at 11:30 p.m. when we discussed the whole matter. Mr. Claxton,