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au secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures*

*Ambassador in United States
to Secretary of State for External Affairs*

TELEGRAM WA-1544

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PERSONAL AND SECRET

Following for Pearson from Wrong, Begins: Your message EX-1118 of July 13th and our telephone conversation of the same date.

1. When seeing Hickerson yesterday afternoon I took up with him some points mentioned in your message and in our discussion. In particular, I told him that I was thinking of approaching the Secretary of State to see whether he or the President would consider making a further statement clearly separating the action in Korea from the neutralization of Formosa and defining the position along the lines suggested at the end of paragraph 3 of your message. He expressed much interest in this suggestion and said that he would be glad himself to discuss it with Mr. Acheson and to give him some of the background which led you to advance it. I asked him to do this and to tell Mr. Acheson that I had been thinking of approaching him myself and would be glad to talk the matter over with him if he thought it would be profitable.

2. I also mentioned the suggestion made by Senator Ferguson²⁴ that Romulo might be appointed Deputy Commander to MacArthur. Hickerson agreed with me that this would be most undesirable. He is himself seeing Senator Ferguson immediately "to put him right". I went on to observe, making clear that this was a personal idea of my own, that if the structure of the field command were changed in some important respects, such as by the appointment of Deputy Commanders from other countries, it seemed to me that the Governments which were making forces available in the field should have some say in the matter and that possibly some arrangements might be required in Washington to permit consultation between these Governments on such matters.

3. I then asked him whether any other countries had as yet offered to contribute ground forces. He said he knew of no offer other than the rejected one from Chiang Kai Shek, but the United States Government was very anxious that such offers should be made as the public questioning on the share of the load carried by the United States was growing intense. He illustrated by remarking that they would welcome even quite impossible offers such as a camel corps from Yemen. I urged that any appeals for further material assistance should come from the United Nations and not from the United States Government no matter how intense the public pressure might grow, and he appeared fully to agree with this. At the time

²⁴ Sénateur Homer Ferguson (républicain), Michigan.
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