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*Note du secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures*¹¹*Memorandum by Secretary of State for External Affairs*¹¹

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DRAFT SECURITY COUNCIL KOREA RESOLUTION

The United States and United Kingdom first reaction to our suggested resolution for bringing action in Korea under United Nations auspices seems to be as follows.

They have no comments on the first two paragraphs.

On paragraph 3, Mr. Holmes feels that the British would wish to amend this resolution to avoid embarrassing the French and other countries which may have sound reasons for not sending forces to Korea. This might be done by inserting after the word "assistance", the words "and which are in a position to do so".

This seems to be a sensible suggestion, though it will, of course, give the Latin American states an excuse for doing nothing. However, as there are only two or three of them which could be of any assistance in any event, this might not matter so much. Mr. Hickerson on Saturday informed Mr. Wrong that they were considering approaches to Latin American states for concrete assistance, and that he himself would like to see such assistance despatched, even though it was of little military value. Certainly, we have some right to expect that such countries as Argentina, Brazil, Mexico and Chile should do something.

Neither the British nor the Americans like paragraph 4 of the resolution. The British would like to delete it, as they are afraid that its specific reference to "United Nations forces" might be interpreted to mean that Article 42¹² has been invoked. They are anxious to avoid this because it would mean invoking also the military staff machinery, which might bring the U.S.S.R. into the picture. The Americans do not object to the paragraph as such, but do not wish any reference to be made to "United Nations forces"; partly because of the reasons advanced by the British, and partly because of their special congressional difficulties.

We might meet these objections by altering paragraph 4 so that it would read, "Consider that it is urgent that provision be made for a commander to take command of forces made available by members of the United Nations ... etc."

In paragraph 5, the Americans also would prefer to have "the commander" rather than "a commander" designated, to avoid the possibility of a further resolution of the Security Council being necessary if a change in command had to be made. This seems to be a sensible amendment. Paragraph 5 might now read,

¹¹ Cette note a été écrite mais non signée par L.B. Pearson.

This memorandum was drafted but not signed by L.B. Pearson.

¹² En vertu de l'article 42, le Conseil de sécurité peut prendre des mesures militaires pour maintenir la paix et la sécurité internationales lorsque les sanctions pacifiques ont échoué.

Article 42 permits the Security Council to take military action to maintain international peace and security when peaceful sanctions have failed.