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In accordance U.S. Government decision United Nations Command Member (UNCMAC) will make early statement Military Armistice Commission that in view of fact Communist side has flagrantly, repeatedly and willfully violated reinforcement provisions paragraph 13(d) Korean Armistice Agreement United Nations Command considers it is entitled be relieved corresponding obligations under provisions this paragraph until such time as relative

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military balance has been restored and Communist side by its actions has demonstrated willingness comply. Statement would also make clear (1) only purpose UNC action is restore relative balance military strength Armistice intended preserve, (2) replacement weapons being deployed for defensive purposes only, and (3) UNC intends to continue as in past fully observe cease fire and all other provisions of Armistice Agreement except to extent entitled be relieved from compliance because of Communist violations 13(d) and provisions covered in UNC statement MAC May 31, 1956 (i.e. those applying to Neutral Nations Inspection Teams). UNCMAC statement will also be released Washington.

U. S. forces Korea will thereafter be provided more modern and more effective weapons including certain weapons of dual conventional and nuclear capability but not including primarily nuclear purpose weapons. Certain types dual capable weapons in hands of U. S. forces even prior to Armistice such as aircraft and large-size howitzer. Information this paragraph should be given only limited number those officials who can be most trusted and only after MAC statement made.

Problem modernization U. S. forces Korea has been discussed with representatives UK Australia Canada New Zealand France Turkey Thailand on highly confidential basis in advance U. S. Government decision. Plan to inform representatives other members Sixteen of UNCMAC statement just before it is made and will also inform Swiss and Swedes. Japanese will be informed Tokyo day statement made. Ambassador and CINCUNC will consult with President Rhee. Action will also be reported to UN in regular UNC report series.

Should you be questioned regarding U. S. action following UNCMAC statement you should stress:

(1) Communist frustration peaceful political settlement Korea and flagrant

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violation reinforcement provisions Armistice;

(2) Continued build-up Communist forces without corresponding reinforcement UNC strength has created military imbalance fraught with grave danger for Free World and world peace. In any event UNC can no longer expose its forces to dangers inherent in such situation.

(3) Rapid technological advances in design and production of weapons have caused many weapons in hands U.S. forces become obsolete. Replacement and spare parts for much of this equipment and weapons therefore creating serious practical problem;

✓(4) More efficient weapons may be expected provide savings in manpower and equipment costs;

⊗(5) UNC action restricted to paragraph 13(d) and every intention observe ceasefire and other provisions;

(6) New weapons will not include any designed primarily for nuclear warfare and are for defensive purposes only.

Since there may be some delay in calling MAC meeting doubly important there be no leak meanwhile.

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