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To: The Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission

I have received from the Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission a copy of the letter of February 9 from Major-General J.A. Lacey, United Nations Command side, to the Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission. In that letter, Major-General Lacey alleged that our side violated the Armistice Agreement and requested the Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission to dispatch three mobile teams to conduct observations, inspections and investigations. This is another out-and-out fabrication and slander of the United Nations Command side which is entirely void of factual grounds. -- It is known to the whole world that the United Nations Command side has violated the Armistice Agreement and forcibly retained the captured personnel of our side. In order to cover up its monstrous crime condemned by people throughout the world, the United Nations Command side has unscrupulously and recriminatively charged our side with retention of prisoners of war in violation of the Armistice Agreement. After I made a relentless exposure and refutation in my letter of January 27 to Major-General Lacey, such base and despicable practice of the United Nations Command side has been stripped to its real intent and cannot be continued. Therefore, on February 9, Major-General Lacey turned to a new pretext in the form of slanderous charges that our side had, in violation of the Armistice Agreement, introduced reinforcing combat materials, thus attempting to divert the attention of the people throughout the world and cover up its crimes of violating the Armistice Agreement, and disrupting the discussion between the sides on questions of the Political Conference, so as to hoodwink the people throughout the world, and thereby create international tensions.

As a matter of fact, it is precisely the United Nations Command side that has been introducing reinforcing combat materials in violation of the Armistice Agreement. The Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission, in its analytical report on the supervision observations and replacements, has explicitly pointed out the following facts of violation of the Armistice Agreement by the United Nations Command side: the United Nations Command side has illegally introduced one hundred and six (106) pieces of 4.2 mortars, and contravening the stipulation for piece-for-piece replacement, has introduced more of certain types of combat aircraft than it shipped out. These are all facts of violation of the Armistice Agreement by the United Nations Command side, which have been verified by the Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission, but for which the United Nations Command side has as yet failed to render an account. Merely according to the incomplete figures reported by the Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission since the Armistice up to the end of 1953, the United Nations Command side has already introduced more than four hundred and sixty thousand (460,000) pounds of spare parts of combat aircraft, while the United Nations Command side has deliberately procrastinated at the Staff Officer's meetings on the question of spare parts, thereby refusing to submit reports to the Military Armistice Commission and the Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission. This is an open violation of the Armistice Agreement. Now the United Nations Command side even attempts to suspend the discussion on spare parts unilaterally so as to evade altogether the obligations prescribed in the Armistice Agreement, and has openly declared at the Staff Officers Meetings on the question of spare parts that it was not

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necessary to report on dismantled combat aircraft and weapons introduced into Korea, and that this would not constitute a violation of the Armistice Agreement, intending thus to legalize the introduction of reinforcing combat materials by the United Nations Command side. This precisely indicates that the United Nations Command side is deliberately violating the Armistice Agreement by introducing reinforcing combat materials.

Our side has all along been strict in the observance and implementation of the Armistice Agreement. This has been openly acknowledged by the Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission and the Neutral Nations Inspection Teams, and this is also known to the whole world. The United Nations Command side had falsely charged our side with introducing reinforcing combat aircraft at Uiju Airfield. However, the result of investigations by the mobile Neutral Nations Inspection Team proved that the charge by the United Nations Command side was utterly unfounded and was an out-and-out fabrication.

At present, the important concerns in stabilizing the Korean armistice are that the United Nations Command side must first of all account for the more than 20,000 captured personnel of our side whom it has forcibly retained; that it must account for the large amount of reinforcing combat materials which ~~it~~ it has introduced into Korea in violation of the Armistice Agreement, a fact which has already been verified by the Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission; and it must immediately cease the introduction of reinforcing combat materials to equip Syngman Rhee forces in violation of the Armistice Agreement. The United Nations Command side itself has violated the Armistice Agreement, nevertheless, it wilfully slanders our side and requests the Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission to conduct investigations in our area, with the intent to divert the attention of the people throughout the world, escape from the responsibility for violations of the Armistice Agreement, and create international tension. Our side resolutely will not agree to such a practice of the United Nations Command side of making a mockery of and thus insulting the Armistice Agreement and the Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission. The charge made by the United Nations Command side on February 9 has no factual basis whatsoever, and is not at all tenable. Our side which has always been observant of the Armistice Agreement resolutely will not agree to investigations being conducted in our area on the basis of the slanderous charges of the United Nations Command side; nor will our side permit the United Nations Command side to continue to violate the Armistice Agreement under the cover of endless fabrications and slanders, and render no account for its own violations of the Armistice Agreement.

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