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Confidential for Mr. Petitpierre. My No 250. Mr. Hickerson Undersecretary of State for United Nations informed me this afternoon that Ridgway received instructions to make proposal to the communists that the carrying out of cease fire be supervised by representatives of from 4 to 6 impartial countries of which one half designated by each party. If cease fire is accepted the United Nations would propose : Norway, Sweden and Switzerland. Each country's team (équipe) would include 40 officers having at least the rank of major or "assimilé". Ten officers would be stationed at certain points in North Korea, ten on various points in South Korea, 20 would be at disposal for general inspections (Depending on) (roving inspectors). According to number of impartial countries, each group would include 4 or 6 inspectors. Duration of mission uncertain but Mr. Hickerson mentioned 6 months or more. Official request will be sent to us only after the (accord de principe) negotiators of the armistice have reached an agreement, the chances of an armistice being still uncertain. Inasmuch as the Press knew that three diplomats were called at the State Department, appointments being posted up there, it reached certain conclusions, by the way correct. Department refused to confirm these conclusions and begs of you to do the same.

Bruggmann

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