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SIXTH STAFF OFFICERS' MEETING ON RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE MILITARY ARMISTICE COMMISSION AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF FACILITIES REQUIRED IN THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE BY THE MILITARY ARMISTICE COMMISSION AND THE AGENCIES ESTABLISHED BY THE ARMISTICE, HELD AT PANMUNJOM, KOREA

4 AUGUST 1953

Members Present:

UNITED NATIONS:

COL J K WEBER, USA  
COL S L METCALFE, USA  
COL E J BRUGGER, USA

KOREAN PEOPLE'S ARMY  
CHINESE PEOPLE'S VOLUNTEERS:

COL JU YON, NKA  
COL HSU MING, CPV

Meeting convened at 1335 hours.

COL WEBER: I have a statement to make.

In order that the minutes of this Staff Officers' Meeting reflect the proceedings, our side suggests that the record of minutes show that, since the last meeting, our side and your side have agreed substantially that the locations of the Headquarters of the Military Armistice Commission, the Headquarters of the Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission, and the Headquarters of the Neutral Nations Repatriation Commission should be located astride the Military Demarcation Line; that this agreement was reached by the Staff Officers, without referring such matter to the Military Armistice Commission; that, since the last Staff Officers' Meeting, your side and our side have presented to each other the technical officers for dispatch to the spot for a survey of the terrain features. This meeting of the technical officers took place at the conference site at approximately 1515 hours. The technical officers for our side were Colonel R. W. Biggs and Colonel E. J. Brugger. The technical officers from your side were a Lieutenant Colonel and a Lieutenant. After being

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presented to each other, the technical officers departed to the site.

If your side agrees that these minutes are correct, our side suggests that you say in the record the name of your two technical officers.

COL JU:

In order to speedily complete the construction of the Headquarters, our side, after consideration, substantially agreed to your proposal for changing the place from Panmunjom, which is where the negotiations have been going on for more than two years and where there are already buildings and which is convenient for the communications, to another area.

Since both sides are in agreement as to the site of the Headquarters of the Military Armistice Commission, the Headquarters of the Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission, and the Headquarters of the Neutral Nations Repatriation Commission, the remaining question is how both sides should share the buildings of the Headquarters. And, if that question is settled, I consider that we can immediately start the work.

I would like to hear from your side how both sides should bear the expense.

COL WEBER:

One method would be for your side to build one building or tent, and our side build one building or tent. Our side believes that the engineers of both sides should meet and disclose to each other the proposed plans of each side and seek to work-out the technical details, and report to this Staff Officers' Committee.

If possible, both sides should have the same type of buildings or tents.

COL JU:

I think if the number of the buildings to be jointly

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I would like to ask your side if you have ever thought of how many of the buildings to be used by both sides should there be? I would like to know your views.

COL WEBER: Our side considers six buildings or tents - one for the Military Armistice Commission meeting place, one for the Joint Secretariat, one for the Prisoner of War, Displaced Civilians and Red Cross, two for the Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission, and one for the Neutral Nations Repatriation Commission.

COL JU: We mean to construct the six buildings in accordance with the diagram you have given to me and can you think of any other diagrams?

COL WEBER: Our side has no other plan at this time. That was one reason for our suggestion that the engineers on both sides should meet and seek to work out similar types of buildings or tents.

COL JU: I want to say one thing more to leave it for the record. We agree to this area, but later if we want to make roads which run across the Military Demarcation Line, but in case we will have to cross the Military Demarcation Line, we will have to make a road crossing the Military Demarcation Line. Do we agree?

COL WEBER: We understand that that was agreed yesterday by the technical men.

COL JU: If the number of the buildings to be used jointly is six, and if the principle is established that three of them will be built by your side and three by our side, then we can reach an agreement substantially on the questions which are to be settled by the technical persons. And, of course, as to the use of the buildings, they can be jointly used. Our side proposes such a principle.

COL WEBER: We are in agreement on six buildings.

COL JU: It seems to me that you haven't quite understood my view. I said if six buildings are required. The principle I proposed was that; and, I didn't mean that six buildings are necessary. The six building proposal is a proposal proposed by your side.

As to the question of how many buildings there should be, we will first hear the views of our technical personnel, and then will give you our final views.

Apart from the buildings to be used jointly, each side can build the buildings required by that side in accordance with the number required by that side. Is your understanding the same?

COL WEBER: That is correct.

COL JU: I suggest that we recess.

COL WEBER: For the day?

I want to ask one question. Our side has studied the proposal made by your side, that definite areas be decided upon for the Headquarters of the Military Armistice Commission and for the meeting place and the camps for the Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission.

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and for the meeting place and camps of the Neutral Nations Repatriation Commission.

In the discussion at the Staff Officers Meeting between your side and our side on Friday, 31 July, 1953, your side clarified to our side your proposal that the Civil Police be excluded from the area for the Headquarters of the Military Armistice Commission, and for the meeting place and the camps for the Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission, and the meeting place and the camps of the Neutral Nations Repatriation Commission. As our side now understands your proposal, your side suggests that the security of these definite areas be made the responsibility of a security force to which each side contributes officers and enlisted men. Your side suggested ten officers and ninety enlisted men be contributed by each side.

Your side proposed that the security personnel contributed by your side and our side have the same complete freedom of movement in the definite areas as those in Paragraph 11 of the Military Armistice Agreement.

Is our understanding of your proposal correct?

COL JU:

Your understanding of my statement is correct.

COL WEBER:

The Middle Teams of the Joint Red Cross wishes to meet at 0830 hours tomorrow morning. Our side suggests that the camp, south of the Military Armistice Commission conference building, be assigned to them for this meeting. Does your side agree?

COL JU:

As to the question of the time of the meeting, we will let your side know through the Security Officer.

(CONT'D) Does your side agree in increasing to ten security officers and ninety security personnel?

COL WEBER: Our side is merely getting your proposal fixed in our minds. Our side is giving consideration to your proposal.

Our side would like to ask one question with reference to the ninety personnel and ten officers.

Does your side contemplate that the 100, that is, ten officers and ninety enlisted men, shall be security guards, or shall be security guards and other support personnel such as mess personnel and communications personnel?

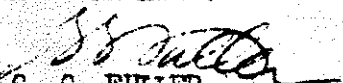
COL JU: Ten security officers and ninety security personnel, are armed personnel who would be charged with the maintenance of security and order, and such miscellaneous personnel as the communications personnel and mess personnel are included. But as for the miscellaneous personnel, if your side wants, they can be eliminated.

Meeting adjourned at 1450 hours.

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Secretary.

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Chief Ship's Clerk, USNR.