

UNITED NATIONS COMMAND  
MILITARY ARMISTICE COMMISSION  
APO 301

TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-NINTH MEETING OF THE SECRETARIES

HELD AT MAC HQ AREA, KOREA

28 DECEMBER 1961

MEMBERS PRESENT

UNITED NATIONS COMMAND

COLONEL VINCENT F. GOODSSELL, USA

KOREAN PEOPLE'S ARMY

CHINESE PEOPLE'S VOLUNTEERS

COLONEL LEE YOUNG IL, KPA  
COLONEL HAN JU KYONG, KPA

Meeting convened at 1100 hours

KPA/CPV:

I will refer you to the continued intrusions by your naval craft into our coastal waters.

Around 1100 hours on December 15, 1961, your side infiltrated Destroyer Escort number 53 into our coastal waters in the vicinity of 38 degrees 40 minutes North, 128 degrees 29 minutes East, and around 1445 hours on the same day it dispatched Rocket Gunboat number 311 into our coastal waters in the vicinity of 38 degrees 40 minutes North, 128 degrees 29 minutes East.

On December 16, 1961, such intrusions by your naval craft occurred three times in succession.

Your side dispatched around 0955 hours on December 16 Destroyer Escort number 53 of your side intruded into our coastal waters in the vicinity of 38 degrees 40 minutes North, 128 degrees 29 minutes East; around 1025 hours on the same day Rocket Gunboat number 311 of your side into our coastal waters in the vicinity of 38 degrees 40 minutes North, 128 degrees 29 minutes East; around 1845 hours on the same day Escort vessel number 66 of your side into our coastal waters in the vicinity of 38 degrees 39 minutes North, 128 degrees 30 minutes East respectively.

Around 1305 hours on December 18, 1961, your side infiltrated Rocket Gunboat number 311 into our coastal waters

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in the vicinity of 38 degrees 40 minutes North, 128 degrees 29 minutes East.

Around 0945 hours on December 19, 1961, your side dispatched Sub-chaser number 706 into our coastal waters in the vicinity of 38 degrees 40 minutes North, 128 degrees 30 minutes East.

Around 1005 hours on December 21, 1961, your side infiltrated Destroyer Escort number 55 into our coastal waters in the vicinity of 38 degrees 39 minutes North, 128 degrees 30 minutes East.

At about 0845 hours on December 22, 1961, your side's Rocket Gunboat number 311 intruded into our coastal waters in the vicinity of 38 degrees 39 minutes North, 128 degrees 34 minutes East.

On December 23, 1961, illegal intrusions by the naval vessels of your side occurred on four consecutive occasions: around 1100 hours on the day Rocket Gunboat number 311 intruded into our coastal waters in the vicinity of 38 degrees 40 minutes North, 128 degrees 31 minutes East; around 1110 hours Destroyer Escort number 55 into our coastal waters in the vicinity of 38 degrees 40 minutes North, 128 degrees 28 minutes East; around 1145 hours Escort vessel number 66 into our coastal waters in the vicinity of 38 degrees 39 minutes North, 128 degrees 29 minutes East, and around 1445 hours Torpedo boats number 23 and 25 into our coastal waters in the vicinity of 38 degrees 40 minutes North, 128 degrees 33 minutes East respectively.

Around 1100 hours on December 24, 1961, your side dispatched Destroyer Escort number 55 into our coastal waters in the vicinity of 38 degrees 40 minutes North, 128 degrees 28 minutes East, and around 1145 hours on the same day Escort vessel number 66 into our coastal waters in the vicinity of 38 degrees 39 minutes North, 128 degrees 29 minutes East.

And on December 26, 1961, around 0930 hours your side

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dispatched Sub-chaser number 707 into our coastal waters in the vicinity of 38 degrees 38 minutes North, 128 degrees 30 minutes East.

As you know too, recently at the 146th and 147th meetings of the Military Armistice Commission and at the 237th and 238th Secretaries' meetings, our side lodged strong protests with your side against its having incessantly dispatched various naval craft into our coastal waters, and demanded that your side take responsible steps to prevent a recurrence of similar hostilities in the future.

Your side, however, has not taken any practical measures to prevent the gross violations of the Armistice Agreement which have incessantly occurred. Owing to such insincere attitude on your part, the total illegal intrusions committed by your naval craft number 46 cases in the recent two months alone.

All these facts demonstrate that your side has not the slightest concern for the implementation of the Armistice Agreement, but is bent only on intensifying tension in Korea.

I have been instructed by the Senior Member of our side to lodge a strong protest with your side against its grave violations of the Armistice Agreement by having illegally dispatched various naval craft into our coastal waters recently.

At the same time, I demand that your side punish severely in accordance with Sub-paragraph 13e of the Armistice Agreement all the personnel of your side who took part in the hostile acts and take responsible steps to prevent a recurrence of similar incidents.

UNC:

I have noted your charges.

Do you have any other charges to present at this meeting of the Secretaries?

KPA/CPV:

Our side has lodged a protest against the intrusion by the

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naval craft of your side and demanded that your side punish the offenders and take action to prevent a recurrence of such incidents.

You should give a responsible answer to our demand.

What is your reply?

UNC:

I have a statement to make concerning the appropriateness of the charges made by your side for consideration at a Secretaries meeting.

Paragraph 22 of the Military Armistice Agreement provided for the establishment of the Secretariat and charged this agency with "assisting the Commission by performing record-keeping, secretarial interpreting, and such other functions as the Commission may assign to it."

The Tentative Rules of Procedure of the Military Armistice Commission which were approved at the 9th meeting of the Military Armistice Commission on 8 August 1953 states in paragraph seven "The Secretariat is the executive organ of the Military Armistice Commission for handling the daily routines of that Commission."

These two basic documents prescribe the procedures for the conduct of meetings of the Military Armistice Commission and its agencies.

Since the charges you have made against the United Nations Command concern naval violations, they are not proper subjects to be handled at a meeting of the Secretaries.

Accordingly, I have been directed by the Senior Member of our side to inform you that a meeting of the Military Armistice Commission will be proposed for 1100 hours on 4 January 1962.

The Senior Member of our side has further authorized me to state that the United Nations Command will investigate your charges in accordance with the spirit and letter of the Armistice Agreement, but that the report of the outcome of these

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investigations will be made at a meeting of the Military Armistice Commission.

KPA/CPV:

As regards our position on the operation of the Secretaries' meeting, the Senior Member of our side clarified it already at the 124th meeting of the Military Armistice Commission.

As you also know, the Secretaries' meeting is the meeting of one of the subordinate agencies of the Military Armistice Commission.

Accordingly, it is to cooperate with the Military Armistice Commission in its work, and not in the least against the provisions of the Armistice Agreement for the Secretary of either side to offer at the Secretaries' meetings on the authority of the Senior Member of his side reported violations of the Armistice Agreement and settle them through negotiation.

Despite that, you have made an issue of the operations of the Secretaries' meeting which has been conducted for the past eight odd years since the cease-fire.

This is nothing but erecting an obstacle to the work of the Military Armistice Commission.

I categorically deny your unreasonable charge.

I have noted your statement that your side will make investigations into the illegal intrusions by your naval craft protested against by our side at this meeting and that it will take appropriate action concerning them.

I have a statement to make on another subject.

At the 237th Secretaries' meeting held on November 18, 1961, your side charged our side with a total of 151 cases of QUOTE ground violations UNQUOTE allegedly committed by our side during the period from September 2 to November 15, 1961.

Our side which has been consistent in faithfully fulfilling the obligation assumed under the Armistice Agreement has conducted detailed and thorough investigations into all of the

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aforesaid cases charged by your side.

Though our side made such sincere effort, no ground could be found to prove your charges. Therefore, your charges are denied.

As is patently proved by the records of the past meetings as well as by the numerous fresh data available to our side, it is precisely your side that has violated the Rules for the Control and Maintenance of the Demilitarized Zone. This fact was already made unmistakably clear to you at the 237th Secretaries' meeting.

For the very purpose of covering up its ceaseless violations of the Armistice Agreement and of creating confusion in the minds of the world public, your side has frequently distorted facts, or fabricated incidents so as to pile up preposterous charges against our side.

But, however hard your side may slander our side reversing right and wrong, it can never keep in the dark its true color as violator and betrayer of the Armistice Agreement.

I now present you other evidences proving that your side is violator and betrayer of the Armistice Agreement.

In nine cases out of ten, your personnel who have been active in the Demilitarized Zone during these few months, either did not wear prescribed distinctive insignia or carried automatic weapons. And they made no scruple to commit even provocative firings toward our side. According to data available to our side alone, the number of violations by your personnel of the Rules for Control and Maintenance of the Demilitarized Zone during the period from September 1, to December 20, 1961 runs up to as many as 1,713 cases.

I now pass your side two copies each of Korean and English versions of the data concerning the violations by your side of the Armistice Agreement and Agreements and Understandings which occurred in the Demilitarized Zone during the period from

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September 1 to December 20, 1961 so as to enable your side to take appropriate measures as required by the Armistice Agreement.

As is proven by the document passed to your side, your side daily committed over 15 ground violations on an average in these few months, and as many as 752 ground violations especially in a single month of October last.

This fact is an eloquent proof that your side has completely disregarded the Armistice Agreement and Agreements and Understandings reached between both sides.

I have been instructed by the Senior Member of our side to lodge a serious protest with your side against the violations of the Rules for Control and Maintenance of the Demilitarized Zone which your side has kept on committing in flagrant violation of the Armistice Agreement and, furthermore, strongly demand that your side punish those involved in them, and take responsible measures to prevent recurrence of similar violations in the future.

UNC:

The list of alleged violations will be investigated by the United Nations Command.

I now go to another subject.

At the 237th meeting of the Secretaries on 18 November 1961, we stated that our side is conducting a detailed inspection of Military Demarcation Line Markers across the entire Demilitarized Zone.

I now pass to you a list of Sector "B" Military Demarcation Line Markers that require repair and/or replacement. It is requested that your side initiate action to accomplish the required repair or replacement of these markers. This list was compiled as the results of a recent on-the-ground survey conducted by the United Nations Command component of the Joint Observer Teams.

This request is in keeping with the agreement reached

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between both sides at Staff Officers' Meetings held on 24 August, 31 August, and 17 September 1954 which were later approved at the 124th Secretaries meeting held on 21 January 1955. At these meetings, both sides agreed to the division of responsibility for maintenance of Military Demarcation Line Markers into Sectors "A" and "B." Your side further agreed to maintain the Military Demarcation Line Markers in the "B" Sectors so that the Military Demarcation Line will remain clearly defined.

KPA/CPV:

I have noted your statement that your side will make investigations into its violations of the Rules for Control and Maintenance of the Demilitarized Zone committed by your personnel.

The Military Demarcation Line Markers under our responsibility will be properly repaired and maintained by our side.

Has your side anything further to present at this meeting?

UNC:

Our side has no further business appropriate to a Secretaries meeting.

KPA/CPV:

Since your side has nothing further to report, I propose to recess.

UNC:

I agree to your recess.

Meeting recessed at 1201 hours

Following UNC Advisory Group Members attended:

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>
Australia	Major Richard D. G. Rolfe
Canada	Major John C. Whalley
Ethiopia	Major Assefa, Makonnen
France	Major Henri R.P. Bernard
Greece	Major Michael S. Roufogalis



Following UNC Advisory Group Members attended: (Contd)

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>
Republic of Korea	Captain <u>OH</u> Myung Kyoon
Turkey	Colonel Mehmet Ataceri
United Kingdom	Major John H. Vaughan-Johnson
United States of America	Lt Col Jack F. Belford

AUTHENTICATED:

VINCENT F. GOODSELL  
Colonel, USA  
Acting Chief

The list of 1713 DMZ alleged violations passed by the KPA/CPV are retained in the files of the Armistice Affairs Division United Nations Command, Headquarters, APO 301, Seoul, Korea.

A list of Sector "B" Military Demarcation Line markers in need of repair or replacement passed by the United Nations Command are retained in the files of the Armistice Affairs Division, Headquarters, United Nations Command, APO, 301, Seoul, Korea.