

UNITED NATIONS COMMAND
MILITARY ARMISTICE COMMISSION
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TWO HUNDRED FORTY-FIRST MEETING OF THE SECRETARIES

HELD AT MAC HQ AREA, KOREA

7 FEBRUARY 1962

MEMBERS PRESENT

UNITED NATIONS COMMAND

COLONEL WHEELER G. MERRIAM, USA
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 have been directed by the Senior Member of our side to make a statement on the violation by your side of the Armistice Agreement which has again occurred of late.

Some time ago, your side admitted its own guilt of having dispatched its military aircraft into the air space over the territory of our side on January 9, 1962 to perpetrate hostile acts, stating that appropriate action has been taken.

Notwithstanding, such a pledge on part of your side, however, another violation of the Armistice Agreement by its military aircraft has occurred.

Around 1037 hours on January 27, 1962, one SC-47 military aircraft of your side which had been flying over the line along the southern boundary of the Demilitarized Zone veered northeast over a spot in the vicinity of 38 degrees 35 minutes 45 seconds North, 128 degrees 22 minutes 20 seconds East, crossed an extension of the Military Demarcation Line over a spot in the vicinity of 38 degrees 36 minutes 50 seconds North, 128 degrees 22 minutes 43 seconds East, intruded as far as into the air space over the territory of our side in the vicinity of 38 degrees 39 minutes 50 seconds North, 128 degrees 23 minutes 48 seconds East, and circling there once, flew away southwards.

Your side has dispatched both at sea its various naval craft into our coastal waters and in the air its military aircraft into

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our territorial air space, repeatedly violating the Armistice Agreement. This clearly demonstrates how frantically your side is intent on intensifying tensions and preparing for another war in Korea.

I seriously protest with your side against this fresh intrusion by its military aircraft into the air space over the territory of our side in gross violation of Paragraph 16 of the Armistice Agreement in disregard of the reiterated protests and warnings from our side.

At the same time, I strongly demand that your side severely punish in accordance with Sub-paragraph 13e of the Armistice Agreement all the personnel of your side involved in the recent incident and take practical steps to prevent a recurrence of similar violations.

UNC:

Your charge concerning intrusion into the air space over the territory under the military control of your side, constitutes a major violation of the Armistice Agreement and as such is a matter properly handled at Military Armistice Commission level. Accordingly, I will pass this charge to the Senior Member of our side for investigation and action as prescribed by the Military Armistice Agreement.

KPA/CPV:

Your side has alleged that its violation of the Armistice Agreement brought up by our side at today's meeting is inappropriate to be discussed at the Secretaries meeting. Such a sophistry has been refuted repeatedly and thoroughly by our side.

Your side should take thorough-going measures to carry out at once the demand presented by our side at today's meeting desisting from the indiscreet act which does in no way serve for observance of the Armistice Agreement.

UNC:

I have already stated that your charges will be referred to the Senior Member of our side for investigation and action as required by the Armistice Agreement.

Do you have any further business to bring up at this meeting.

KPA/CPV:

I note your statement that your side will make an investigation into the intrusion by its military aircraft brought up by our side.

Have you any subject to present for discussion today at this meeting?

UNC:

I now pass you a list of Armistice violations committed by personnel of your side in the Demilitarized Zone during the period 11 January through 2 February 1962.

I especially call attention to the fact that on 20 occasions during the period your personnel were observed carrying automatic weapons in the Zone in flagrant and open violation of the Armistice Agreement.

At the 240th meeting of the secretaries on 16 January in a list of violations passed to your side, I mentioned the fact that during the period 16 November 1961 through 10 January 1962 your personnel were observed carrying automatic weapons in the Demilitarized Zone on 11 occasions. Less than a month later the frequency of these violations has more than doubled.

The fact that the frequency of this particular violation has increased so greatly in recent weeks provides clear and unmistakable evidence that your side has no intention of carrying out even its basic responsibilities toward the Armistice Agreement with honesty and sincerity.

KPA/CPV:

As has been exposed again today at this meeting, it is none other than your side that has continuously violated the Armistice

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Agreement. Nevertheless, your side has again today submitted a so-called list of the alleged violations of the Agreement by our side in an attempt to cover up its own guilt even slightly and slander our side.

But, what the so-called list which your side has customarily submitted has been clearly shown by the records of the past meetings.

Your side should stop such a foolish indiscreet act.

Being always faithful to the obligations under the Armistice Agreement our side will make comment after making inquiries about the list you side has just submitted.

UNC:

I note your statement that our charges will be investigated.

I go to another subject.

On 20 September 1961, I sent the following message to you through the Joint Duty Officers. I quote: A recent inspection of the Military Demarcation Line by the Joint Observer Team from our side reveals that the Military Demarcation Line markers 0205 through 0225 are deteriorated and in need of immediate maintenance. The Military Demarcation Line is not distinguishable because of the overgrowth in this area.

As agreed upon at the Staff Officer's meetings on 24 August, 31 August, and 17 September 1954, and approved at the 124th meeting of the Secretaries on 21 January 1955, your side is responsible for the maintenance of this area. Request that action be taken to renovate the markers that are not legible and clear the underbrush from the markers that are obscured. UNQUOTE

At the 237th Secretaries meeting I stated: QUOTE At this time we call your attention to that portion of the Military Demarcation Line between markers 0205 and 0225 for which your side is responsible. Most of these markers are missing or in need of repair. Also in this area, the heavy undergrowth around and between markers needs to be removed to facilitate the

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identification of the Military Demarcation Line. UNQUOTE At the 237th Secretaries meeting you stated, and I quote again: The Military Demarcation Line markers, the maintenance and repair of which are in the charge of our side, have been maintained by our side and will be properly maintained in the future as well. UNQUOTE

It has now been more than four months since we informed you that markers 0205 through 0225 are in dire need of repair and it has been almost three months since you stated that your side would properly maintain the markers for which it is responsible. In the meantime your side has failed to make the slightest effort to effect the necessary repairs and replacement of markers 0205 through 0225, and the condition of these markers has gone from bad to worse.

Now I ask you, does your side refuse to live up to its basic responsibilities toward Paragraph 4 of the Armistice Agreement by refusing to maintain the Military Demarcation Line markers, while at the same time, repeating the worn-out phrase that you live up to your Armistice responsibilities? Does your side have any intention of bringing the condition of these markers up to an acceptable standard so that the Military Demarcation Line is clearly defined?

What is your answer?

KPA/CPV:

As has been repeatedly made clear by our side, the Military Demarcation Line markers under the control of our side have been and will be maintained by our side.

Your side should cease its absurd, rash act.

UNC:

I note your statement that you will look after your markers. I suggest that you or your representative personally inspect this area of which I speak. You will find that these markers of yours are not in a condition to be proud of.

Do you have any further business?

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I have nothing more.

KPA/CPV:

As for the Military Demarcation Line markers which our side is responsible for their maintenance, they will be maintained by our side as has been already stated by our side.

What matters now is the Demilitarized Zone, a buffer zone, is not the problem of the Military Demarcation Line markers but the fact that the violations of the Armistice Agreement by your side have been sharply increased.

You should cease the crafty device to camouflage this essential aspect of the matter.

Since your side has stated that it has nothing further to discuss, I propose to recess.

UNC:

I accept your proposal to recess.

Meeting recessed at 1143 hours

Following UNC Advisory Group Members attended:

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>
Australia	Major Richard D. G. Rolfe
France	Major Henri R. P. Bernard
Greece	Major Michael S. Roufogalis
Republic of Korea	Captain <u>LEE</u> Bok Hyung
Thailand	Major <u>DEJ</u> Songkrohphand
United Kingdom	Major John H. Vaughan-Johnson
United States of America	Lt Col Jack F. Belford

AUTHENTICATED:

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Chief

The list of 29 KPA/CPV DMZ violations passed by UNC is retained in the files of the Armistice Affairs Division, United Nations Command, Headquarters, APO 301, Seoul, Korea.