

UNITED NATIONS COMMAND
MILITARY ARMISTICE COMMISSION
APO 301

TWO HUNDRED FORTY-FIFTH MEETING OF THE SECRETARIES

HELD AT MAC HQ AREA, KOREA

12 JUNE 1962

MEMBERS PRESENT

UNITED NATIONS COMMAND

COLONEL VINCENT F. GOODSELL, USA
LT COLONEL JACK F. BELFORD, 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:

At the 244th Secretaries' meeting held on May 8, 1962, our side lodged a serious protest against the hostile acts committed by your personnel crossing the Military Demarcation Line and intruding into the territory of our side in violation of the Armistice Agreement and demanded your side to take thoroughgoing measures to prevent a recurrence of similar incidents.

However, your failure of taking any measures has caused incessant crossings of the MDL and intrusions by your military personnel into the territory of our side.

That is, around 0930 hours on May 25, 1962, six military personnel of your side came in the vicinity of Military Demarcation Line marker No. 0979. Four of them lay in ambush there and the other two crossed the Military Demarcation Line, intruded into the territory of our side, watched our side for approximately 20 minutes from the spot in the vicinity of 38 degrees 19 minutes 12 seconds North, 127 degrees 59 minutes 08 seconds East and returned to the territory of your side.

Around 1520 hours on the same day, five military persons of your side drove a jeep to the vicinity of the same Military Demarcation Line marker No. 0979, stopped their car, and committed such hostile acts as to intrude into the vicinity of 38 degrees 19 minutes 10 seconds North, 127 degrees 59 minutes 11 seconds East in the territory of our side after crossing the Military Demarcation Line.

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KPA/CPV (CONT'D)

This graphically proves that in disregard of the repeated protests and warnings from our side your side has not taken practical measures to strictly abide by the provisions of the Armistice Agreement but continued to commit provocative acts designed to disturb peace.

I have been instructed by the Senior Member of our side to lodge a serious protest with your side against the hostile act committed again by your personnel crossing the Military Demarcation Line and intruding into the territory of our side in violation of Paragraphs 6, 7, 12 and 14 of the Armistice Agreement.

At the same time, I strongly demand that your side faithfully implement the Armistice Agreement not in words but in deeds, severely punish in accordance with the requirement of the Agreement all the personnel of your side involved in the recent provocative act and take complete measures to prevent a recurrence of similar incidents in the future.

UNC:

I am now the Secretary of the United Nations Command Component of the Military Armistice Commission. On my right is Lt Col Jack F. Belford, who has been appointed as Assistant Secretary.

Here are two copies in English of our credentials.

In accordance with the spirit and intent of the Armistice Agreement, the United Nations Command will conduct an investigation of the charges you have alleged.

KPA/CPV:

I acknowledge receipt of your credentials and your Assistant-Secretary's.

These credentials will be passed to your side through Joint Duty Officers later.

I note your statement that an investigation will be conducted into the hostile act committed by your personnel who crossed the MDL and intruded into the territory of our side in gross violation of the Armistice Agreement.

KPA/CPV: (CONT'D)

I have a statement to make on another subject.

Around 1125 hours on May 25, 1962, two civilian women together with more than 10 persons of your side entered your portion of the DMZ in the vicinity of 38 degrees 12 minutes 35 seconds North, 126 degrees 59 minutes 50 seconds East, moved thereabout for a long time and returned.

Your side has allowed at will the civilians to enter the DMZ. This constitutes a violation of Paragraph 9 of the Armistice Agreement stipulating that "No person, military or civilian, shall be permitted to enter the DMZ except persons concerned with the conduct of civil administration and relief and persons specifically authorized to enter by the MAC."

I have been instructed by the Senior Member of our side to lodge a protest against the violation by your side which allowed the civilians to enter the DMZ without the permission of the MAC.

At the same time, I demand that your side take practical steps so that the personnel of your side who are in charge of control and maintenance of the DMZ may strictly observe the requirements and the provisions of the Armistice Agreement.

UNC:

In accordance with the spirit and intent of the Armistice Agreement, the United Nations Command will conduct an investigation of the charges you have alleged.

KPA/CPV:

I note your statement that your side will conduct an investigation into the violations of the Armistice Agreement committed by your side allowing the unauthorized personnel to enter the Demilitarized Zone.

I have a statement to make on another subject.

As I have already mentioned, your side has not taken effective measures to cease violations by your personnel of the Armistice Agreement. With the result that, violations by your side of the Agreement have occurred in the Demilitarized Zone one after another.

KPA/CPV: (CONT'D)

The violations of the Armistice Agreement and the Agreements and Understandings reached between both sides committed by your side during the period from May 1 to June 7, 1962 in the Demilitarized Zone numbers 50 excluding the violations pointed out in my previous statement.

I now pass you data covering in detail the aforesaid violations by your side.

Particularly, what I want to call your attention is the fact that among the aforesaid violations are 17 violations which your personnel committed by carrying automatic weapons, firing them at random in the DMZ.

I have been instructed by the Senior Member of our side to lodge a protest with your side against the fact that your side has not complied with the repeated protests and warnings from our side but kept on committing violations of the Armistice Agreement and the Agreements and Understandings reached between both sides.

At the same time, I demand that your side punish your personnel involved in the recent incidents and take thoroughgoing measures to prevent a recurrence of similar incidents.

UNC:

Again I state: In accordance with the spirit and intent of the Armistice Agreement, the United Nations Command will conduct an investigation of the charges you have alleged.

I go to another subject.

At the 244th Secretaries meeting your side charged the United Nations Command with eighty ground violations in the Demilitarized Zone during the period 11 March to 29 April 1962. Of these, two major charges were investigated and denied by our side at the 152nd meeting of the Military Armistice Commission. A thorough investigation into the remaining 78 minor charges proves that they, too, were made without factual basis. Therefore, they are also denied.

KPA/CPV:

I have noted your statement that an investigation will be conducted

into the gross violations by your personnel of the provisions for the control and maintenance of the DMZ.

All the violations by your side of the Armistice Agreement and the Agreements and Understandings contained in the list presented by our side at the 24th Secretaries meeting are undeniable facts exactly confirmed by our personnel in the field.

This notwithstanding, you have also denied them today. This only shows that your side did not make any sincere investigation into the incidents charged by our side and that your unconditional denial of all the iron-clad facts is your established policy to cover up your criminal acts.

I resolutely denounce such an unwarrantable attitude taken by your side which has been insincere in the implementation of the Armistice Agreement.

Your side should give up at once its old position of flatly denying the hard facts to cover up its criminal acts, punish all the personnel of your side involved in the incidents charged by our side and, at the same time, take positive measures for preventing a recurrence of such violations of the Armistice Agreement and the Agreements and Understandings.

I go to another subject.

At the 24th Secretaries meeting held on May 8, 1962, your side submitted a list of the alleged violations by our side in the Demilitarized Zone.

In accordance with the requirement and spirit of the Armistice Agreement, our side has conducted thoroughgoing and careful investigations into all the incidents charged by your side.

It has been, however, established that all the incidents charged by your side have no factual grounds.

Therefore, our side denies all the charges of your side.

KPA/CPV: (CONT'D)

At the same time, I demand that your side desist from such shameless acts as to fabricate false charges with a view to slander the other side and be faithful to the requirement and spirit of the Armistice Agreement.

UNC:

The United Nations Command conducts an honest and factual investigation into each and every charge alleged by your side.

I have reported the results of these investigations honestly and factually.

KPA/CPV:

I have a further statement to make.

During the proceeding of this meeting, one of your personnel entered this conference room to take pictures.

I call your attention to the fact that ever since the signing of the Armistice, no person with a camera has been allowed to enter this conference room and take pictures without reaching an agreement between both sides.

Have you anything further to discuss at this meeting?

UNC:

Action will be taken to prevent such occurrences in the future.

I go to another subject.

I now pass you a list of 68 Demilitarized Zone violations which personnel of your side have committed between 3 May 1962 and 31 May 1962.

I invite your attention to the fact that 22 of these violations involve the carrying of automatic weapons by your personnel in the Demilitarized Zone. Since the first of this year 106 automatic weapon violations have been committed by personnel of your side. The possession of automatic weapons in the DMZ is a violation of the Armistice Agreement.

KPA/CPV:

Regarding the so-called list your side has submitted, our side will make a comment after conducting an investigation as has been done.

UNC:

I note your statement that your side will conduct an investigation into our charges.

UNC: (CONT'D)

I have no further business.

KPA/CPV:

Since you stated your side has nothing further to discuss at this meeting, I propose to recess.

UNC:

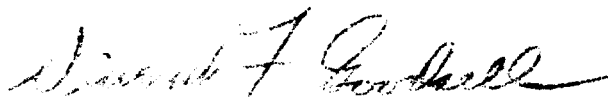
I agree to recess.

Meeting recessed at 1137 hours

Following UNC Advisory Group Members attended:

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>
Ethiopia	Major Makonnen Assefa
France	Major Henri R.P. Bernard
Greece	Major Michael S. Roufogalis
Thailand	Major Songkrohphand Dej
United Kingdom	Major Kenneth Scragg
United States of America	Lt Colonel Jack F. Belford

This record of the 245th Secretaries Meeting is prepared from verbatim statements in English by the Secretary, UNCMAC, and from English translations of Korean statements provided by the Secretary, KPA/CPV MAC.


VINCENT F. GOODSELL
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Secretary, UNCMAC

The list of 68 KPA/CPV DMZ violations passed by the UNC is retained in the files of the Armistice Affairs Division, United Nations Command Headquarters, APO 301, San Francisco, California

The list of 50 DMZ alleged violations passed by the KPA/CPV is retained in the files of the Armistice Affairs Division, United Nations Command Headquarters, APO 301, San Francisco, California