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July 24, 1953

My dear Mr. Secretary:

We understand that the truce is about to be signed. Before deciding the position of my Government, it is of the utmost importance to have your answers to two vital questions which at present remain in an uncertain status:

First, in the proposed mutual security pact, may we count upon inclusion of a provision for immediate and automatic military support in case the Republic of Korea should be attacked by an external enemy? As you know, a pact that is sufficient for a nation not in our position would not be adequate to our needs.

Second, when the political conference fails in ninety days, may we count upon the United States joining with us to resume the military efforts to drive the Chinese Red invaders from our land? If this joint effort to achieve our common objective is beyond your present ability to promise us, can we count upon the United States for moral and material support, in addition to general economic assistance, for our own military efforts to eject the invaders from Korea?

In our conversations with Mr. Robertson, he promised to send me answers to these questions after his return to Washington, but thus far we have not received any assurances on these points.

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When we have received your replies to these questions, we shall be enabled fully to formulate our own governmental policies in regard to the truce.

With sentiments of high esteem, I am,

Sincerely yours,

The Honorable
John Foster Dulles,
Secretary of State,
United States of America,
Washington, D. C.

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