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CABLEGRAM DATED 25 JUNE 1950 FROM THE UNITED NATIONS
COMMISSION ON KOREA TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL CONCERNING
AGGRESSION UPON THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

GOVERNMENT OF REPUBLIC OF KOREA STATES THAT ABOUT 04:00 hrs 25 JUNE
ATTACKS WERE LAUNCHED IN STRENGTH BY NORTH KOREAN FORCES ALL ALONG
THE THIRTY EIGHTH PARALLEL. MAJOR POINTS OF ATTACK HAVE INCLUDED
ONGIN PENINSULA, KAESONG AREA AND CHUNCHON AND EAST COAST WHERE
SEABORNE LANDINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED NORTH AND SOUTH OF KANGNUNG.
ANOTHER SEABORNE LANDING REPORTED IMMINENT UNDER AIR COVER IN POHANG
AREA ON SOUTHEAST COAST. THE LIGHTEST ATTACKS HAVE OCCURRED ALONG THE
PARALLEL DIRECTLY NORTH OF SEOUL ALONG SHORTEST AVENUE OF APPROACH.
PYONGYANG RADIO ALLEGATION AT 13:35 hrs. OF SOUTH KOREAN INVASION
ACROSS PARALLEL DURING NIGHT DECLARED ENTIRELY FALSE BY PRESIDENT AND
FOREIGN MINISTER IN COURSE OF CONFERENCE WITH COMMISSION MEMBERS AND
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY. ALLEGATIONS ALSO STATED PEOPLES ARMY INSTRUCTED
REPULSE INVADING FORCES BY DECISIVE COUNTER ATTACK AND PLACED
RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONSEQUENCES ON SOUTH KOREA. BRIEFING ON SITUATION
BY PRESIDENT INCLUDED STATEMENT THIRTY SIX TANKS AND ARMoured CARS USED
IN NORTHERN ATTACKS AT FOUR POINTS. FOLLOWING EMERGENCY CABINET
MEETING FOREIGN MINISTER ISSUING BROADCAST TO PEOPLE OF SOUTH KOREA
ENCOURAGING RESISTANCE AGAINST DASTARDLY ATTACK. PRESIDENT EXPRESSED
COMPLETE WILLINGNESS FOR COMMISSION BROADCAST URGING CEASE FIRE AND
FOR COMMUNICATION TO UNITED NATIONS TO INFORM OF GRAVITY OF SITUATION.

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ALTHOUGH NORTH KOREAN DECLARATION OF WAR RUMOURED AT 11:00 hrs, OVER PYONGYANG RADIO, NO CONFIRMATION AVAILABLE FROM ANY SOURCE. PRESIDENT NOT TREATING BROADCAST AS OFFICIAL NOTICE. UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR, APPEARING BEFORE COMMISSION, STATED HIS EXPECTATION REPUBLICAN ARMY WOULD GIVE GOOD ACCOUNT OF ITSELF.

AT 17:15 hrs. FOUR YAK-TYPE AIRCRAFT STRAFED CIVILIAN AND MILITARY AIR FIELDS OUTSIDE SEOUL DESTROYING PLANES, FIRING GAS TANKS AND ATTACKING JEEPS. YONGDUNGPO RAILROAD STATION ON OUTSKIRTS ALSO STRAFED.

COMMISSION WISHES TO DRAW ATTENTION OF SECRETARY-GENERAL TO SERIOUS SITUATION DEVELOPING WHICH IS ASSUMING CHARACTER OF FULL SCALE WAR AND MAY ENDANGER THE MAINTENANCE OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY. IT SUGGESTS THAT HE CONSIDERS POSSIBILITY OF BRINGING MATTER TO NOTICE OF SECURITY COUNCIL. COMMISSION WILL COMMUNICATE MORE FULLY CONSIDERED RECOMMENDATION LATER.