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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: The Korean Situation

I. Military Situation

Summary

Substantial elements of four ROK divisions have now crossed the 38th Parallel attacking northwards. Although the advance of the ROK 3rd Division deep in North Korean territory on the east coast continued, the ROK 6th Division is reported to have met determined resistance in the North Korean border town of Hwachon. The US I Corps continued to assemble north of Seoul and to relieve US I Corps units which revert to reserve status. In the south, the US IX Corps and attached units are establishing security and eliminating remaining enemy pockets. UN naval forces maintained constant patrols along the Korean coast line. UN air units again gave close support to ROK troops on the east coast, while B-29's for the second day hit the arsenal-ammunition supply area of Kan-ri.

Ground

As the ROK I Corps reduced enemy resistance in its northward drive and continued to advance past Tongchon along the North Korean east coast, elements of two divisions of the ROK II Corps crossed the 38th Parallel north of Seoul and north of Chunchon. The US I Corps and ROK II Corps have relieved the US I Corps, now in reserve, in the Seoul area. Elements of the US 1st Cavalry Division expanded their bridgehead across the Injin River north of Seoul, as the balance of the division and the US 24th and ROK 1st Divisions continued to assemble for an attack to the north. The US IX Corps continued aggressive patrols throughout southeastern Korea in eliminating remaining enemy pockets and securing the main supply route.

Naval

UN naval units continued patrolling Korean waters and standing by for on-call fire missions by ground troops. However, no calls for gun fire support were received.

Air

UN air forces flew 292 combat sorties in close support of ground troops. Fighter-bombers and heavy bombers attacked lines of communication

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and military installations. For the second consecutive day, B-29's hit the Kan-ni arsenal-ammunition storage area.

II. General Situation

No significant developments were reported during the past 24 hours.

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