

President's Secretary's

June 28, 1950

Dear Joe:

I certainly did appreciate your letter of the twenty-seventh.

You understand that our arming of Korea was only for internal security and to prevent raids across the Northern border, as I stated in the release which was made yesterday after consultation with a number of Congressional leaders.

I think we have now covered the situation to a point where we will either get results or we will have to go all-out to maintain our position.

I can't tell you how very much I appreciated your thoughtfulness in sending me the information contained in your letter.

Sincerely yours,

HARRY S. TRUMAN

Honorable Joseph C. O'Mahoney
United States Senate
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Dear Mr. President:

This is a hasty note to confirm in writing the message I shall presently telephone to Mr. Connelly for your information.

The testimony which is being offered to the Appropriations Committee indicates that although for more than a year Central Intelligence has been reporting evidence of aggressive preparations in North Korea, no steps have been taken under the Mutual Defense Assistance Program to provide South Korea with any equipment capable of use in resisting an invasion from the north.

The first appropriation to support the Mutual Defense Assistance Program was made in October 1949, but no agreement was made with South Korea until January 1950. As early as December 1949, and on several occasions since, the government of South Korea made request for the delivery of air fighters and other military equipment. None was delivered.

Admiral Hillenkoeter, Head of Central Intelligence, presented the record of his reports, which were sent, according to his testimony, to the President, the National Security Council, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, and others. All of these reports, some of which he read to us, clearly showed preparations for attack. On June 20th, a specific report was submitted, the Admiral testified, warning that the preparations for invasion were in high tempo.

This morning, Mr. Ohly of the State Department told the Committee that the only material shipped to South Korea was that which was intended primarily for internal security, not for resistance to an invasion from the north. General Lemnitzer testified that only a few hundred dollars worth of equipment of any kind has been sent under the Mutual Assistance Program. Except for the internal security equipment in South Korea is that which was left when our troops departed.

You will see that the testimony which I have sketchily

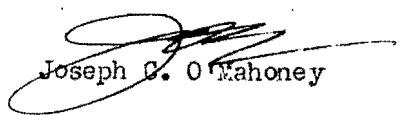
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summarized will undoubtedly be used to support a charge that our policy was soft toward the Communists in Korea.

If I may make the suggestion, it seems to me that now is the time for the President to declare that it will be the policy of the United States government to veto the admission of Communist China to the Security Council of the United Nations.

Sincerely



Joseph C. O'Mahoney

The President
The White House