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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: The Korean Situation

I. Military Situation

Summary

The enemy has launched what appears to be an all-out offensive in the south and center sectors. Along the south sector front the regiments of the 25th Division are maintaining most of their defense positions but the enemy penetrated 2,500 yards in the area near Komam. US 25th Division reserves are moving against this threat. In the lower center sector, the enemy has crossed the Nakdong River in three places. The US 9th Regiment in the Yongsan area was the hardest hit. The situation remains relatively static in the north and east, with the ROK 3rd Division regaining 1,500 yards along the east coast.

UN naval units were hurriedly diverted from a planned strike on the Korean west coast to give close support to the 25th Division in the south. Both naval air and surface fire supported the ground troops.

Air action was limited to close support and interdiction of lines of communication.

South Sector

The enemy's 6th Division, reinforced by elements of the 7th Division, jumped off in an all-out attack along the front defended by the US 25th Division. Although the general line was maintained, the enemy succeeded in penetrating 2,500 yards near the town of Komam. Divisional reserves from the 27th Regiment are moving against this threat. Heavy fighting continues on the entire front.

Center Sector

Strong enemy attacks were launched across the Nakdong River in the 2nd Division zone. Initial gains were made against the 38th Regiment in the north section of the zone and the 9th Regiment in the south. Enemy troops estimated to be three enemy battalions have

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crossed the river. The enemy's badly-mauled 4th Division has probably been reinforced. UN Divisional reserves have been committed to contain these attacks. To the north, an enemy attack near Taksong in the lower part of the US 1st Cavalry Division zone was repulsed by elements of the 23rd Regiment.

North Sector

The front which extends from Waegwan east to beyond Uihung and which is now being held by the US 1st Cavalry and the ROK 1st and 6th Divisions remained static with only light contacts with the enemy.

East Sector

Task Force Jackson continued to defend the east coast. The ROK Capital and 8th Divisions maintained their positions, while the 23rd Regiment of the ROK 3rd Division regained 1,500 yards along the east coast. US units attached to Task Force Jackson remain in reserve.

Navy

A proposed naval strike along the Korean west coast was postponed, and naval air and surface units were diverted to the south coast to support the defending US 25th Division. Additional close support bombardment was provided for the ROK Units along the east coast.

Air

UN air action was limited to close support of ground units and to interdiction of forward and rear area lines of communication. Two North Korean Yak fighters shot down a ROK observation plane in the north sector near Kunwi.

II. General Situation

No significant developments have been reported in the past 24 hours.

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