MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: The Korean Situation

I. Military Situation

SUMMARY

The principal enemy activities during the past 24 hours were concentrated in the south sector where the enemy 6th Division is exerting heavy pressure in the direction of N'ang and in the center sector where heavy fighting continues 15 miles north of threatened Yeong. There was little action in other sectors except where US forces advanced one to two miles on the east coast north of Pohang and Kijong.

South Sector

The enemy 6th Division, probably reinforced by the 7th Division, is exerting heavy pressure against the entire front held by the US 25th Division west of Haeng. North Korean forces have forced US elements from several advantageous terrain positions and have penetrated the area of one US company. US counter-attacks have failed to restore positions lost yesterday. Enemy forces also attacked the South Korean Marine unit holding Tongyeong.

Center Sector

There was little activity and no change in the positions held by the US 24th Division and the US 1st Cavalry Division along the Han River. Northeast of Weapan, however, an enemy battalion has penetrated to the rear of the US 27th Regiment and is hampering action by the regiment. Both the US 27th Regiment and the South Korean 1st Division repelled heavy enemy attacks that were supported by tanks and artillery.

North Sector

South Korean troops continued to report no enemy contact in the

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East Sector

On the east coast enemy resistance was light as South Korean troops advanced an additional one or two miles north of Kijje and Pohang. Resistance is stiffening, however, and the North Korean 5th Division has probably joined the 12th in defense of this sector.

Navy and Air

There was no significant enemy naval or air action. US planes continued to fly night intruder missions against enemy troops and lines of communications. A major B-29 group which was scheduled to make a visual strike against Wajin on the east coast near the North Korean-Manchurian border encountered poor visibility and bombed Cheongjin by radar instead.

II. Other Developments

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

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