3. Burmese Ambassador comments on Korean settlement:

The Burmese Ambassador to Communist China, who left Peiping in mid-June, has informed the US Consul General in Hong Kong that he believes the Peiping regime "really would like" to end the fighting in Korea, as the Chinese Communists have taken a "heavy beating" and find it "increasingly difficult" to explain to the Chinese people the inadequacy of Soviet aid. He adds that Peiping will, however, continue to insist on the withdrawal of all foreign forces from Korea.

Comment:

Peiping appears genuinely desirous of an end to the Korean conflict at this time.

4. Nam II comments on cease-fire negotiations:

A North Korean message to the "Commander-in-Chief," signed "Nam II," reporting on the 10 July afternoon meeting of the cease-fire negotiators, stated that "we refused their
propositions and proposed ours, "and concluded that the meeting "was going nicely for our side."

Comment: The North Korean message presumably refers to presentation of the Communist demands summarized by Peiping Radio on 10 July: (a) "cessation of hostile military actions of...every sort..."; (b) simultaneous withdrawal of Communist and UN armed forces to a distance of 10 kilometers from the 38th Parallel, and, at the same time, discussion of exchange of prisoners; and (c) the withdrawal from Korea, "in the shortest possible time," of all foreign forces. Peiping Radio has emphasized the last of these demands for several months.