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Summary:

Chairman of the International Human Rights League of Korea Hwal Lee warns against the withdrawal or reduction of United Nations forces in Korea.

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Dear Mr. Lee,

On behalf of the Secretary-General I acknowledge your letter to him dated December 12. The Secretary-General has taken note of the contents of your letter. I am also sending a copy of your letter to the Principal Secretary of the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea for his information.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Secretary General:

Taking this opportunity, I together with our League wish to extend our hearty appreciation and respect to you who are exerting noble efforts for the cause of world peace and well-beings of all humanity including all the member nations of the United Nations. I especially am extending my good wish to you who also has been doing your very best for the prosperity and development of the Republic of Korea.

It is already nineteen years past since the north Korean communists made a sudden and unlawful aggression toward Republic of Korea. The conflict happened, as well known, in June 25th 1950. And, it is already fifteen years past since the Armistice has been signed between the communists and the United Nations Forces in the land. During the time, the northern regime has repeatedly cried for "Withdrawal of the U.N. Forces from south Korea", while they on the other hand insisted upon "Peaceful Reunification of Korea". However, their cry or insistence always contradicts their actual conducts. Incessantly, the northern communists have been provoking and threatening the peace and well-beings of our people in south. They have been mad about their military build-up, a primary emphasis being placed on it. As a result, they have maddingly prepared themselves for the possible attack toward the south any time in future. During recent time, they had sent numerous armed bandits or spies into the south.

The existence of the United Nations Forces in Korea is a symbolic fact. And, its function in Korea is to maintain the balance of military strength in this part of world and to prevent any provokation or aggression by the northern communists.

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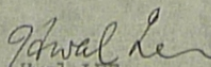
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As we all are aware of such a great and precious role of the United Nations Forces in Korea, we are deeply concerned about talk of earlier withdrawal or reduction of the United Nations Forces in Korea recently raised by some people outside Korea. In October 7th 1950, General Assembly of the United Nations had adopted a resolution that " the member nations shall consider the significance of the fact that the United Nations has given the necessary assistance to Republic of Korea for the purpose of restoring peace and order and striking back any aggression in the area, and further the fundamental goal of the General Assembly's resolution is to establish an independent, unified, and self-sustaining government in that area".

A true implication of the said resolution is that the aggression by the northern communists concerns not only people of Korea but also all the peace and freedom loving people of the world. It is a vital problem to us Koreans as well as all the people of the world interested in preservation of mankind's freedom and world civilization and justice. So, the defence of Korea by the United Nations Forces is the obligation or duty of the United Nations. It has much to do with the prestige of the U.N. We are earnestly wishing that your United Nations shall fulfill its responsibility and mission to defend our country against the outside aggression. It will be in accord with the noble ideal of the United Nations and also the U. N. spirit stipulated in the U.N. Charter. At the same time, in this connection, we hope there be no more talk about withdrawal of the U.N. Forces from Korea or reduction of its Forces hereinafter.

We trust that the spirit and prestige of the U. N. shall be glorified around the world when the U. N. realizes its goal and objective toward Korea including the protecting the security of our country.

With the very best wishes, I respectfully remain.


Hwal LEE
Chairman