



대통령기록관 1층 기획전시실
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Dear Mr. President;

이승만 대통령 서한문으로 살펴보는 한미동맹의 시작

As I said in my message of October 17 by Ambassador Briggs, because of their sufferings and sacrifices in the common cause of the Korean people, the Korean people never forget Korea or ce...
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Also, as you well know, I am deeply sympathetic with the aspirations of yourself and the Korean people to bring an end to the artificial and unnatural division of your country and to expel the Chinese aggressors from all of Korea.
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However, I would be lacking in candor if I did not state that I was deeply disturbed at the implication of your letter of April 9, not only for Korea but for the efforts being made to deal with the problem of Communist aggression by the collective action of free peoples.

I think it important that we identify certain fundamental facts inherent in the situation.

First, the action taken by the United States in Korea was to assist your valiant country in repelling the armed attack directed against it initially by the North Korean regime and subsequently by the Chinese Communists. This has successfully been accomplished.

Second, the task of repelling the armed attack having been accomplished it would not be defensible to refuse to stop the fighting on an armistice basis as a prerequisite to working out the remaining issues by peaceful means.

Third, the United States and the United Nations have consistently supported the unification of Korea under conditions which would assure the freedom and independence. Neither the United States nor the United Nations has ever committed itself to resort to war to achieve this objective. To do so would be a complete negation of the basic tenets of this country and the United Nations.

