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The document outlines the US rationale for accepting a UN investigation into allegations of US aggression, emphasizing that blocking such an investigation would provoke controversy and reduce international political support. This document summary was generated by an artificial intelligence language model and was reviewed by a Wilson Center staff member.

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RE URTEL 352 SEP 7. In acceptance UN investigation of charge US aggression, due note was taken that complaint was made by CHI COMMIE regime. Both by precedent and construction of Charter there existed good reason to accept investigation. Any US attempt block consideration of complaint might have been seized upon by CHI COMMIES as pretext either for aggression in Korea to grave detriment UN position there or for early launching attack on Formosa which it is US policy to prevent. Debatable legal points aside, US attempt to interdict investigation WLD have led to open controversy and ~~misapprehension~~ confusion in SC, WLD have reduced our international POLIT support, and in any case WLD not have prevented reference question to GA. Great propaganda value vis-a-vis Asia in particular WLD have been extracted by COMMIE bloc from US opposition to investigation, without any corresponding benefit (outside perhaps Formosa) to US, which is now in position reap some advantage from showing baseless grounds of complaint.

Appointment of commission for investigation, which we advocate, WLD limit debate in SC and perhaps avoid appearance COMMIE REPS before later body.

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Since indications are that Korean hostilities will be prolonged for considerable period, we are not in position to make comments on future developments, which WLD necessarily be speculative and GLD not RPT not constitute a commitment. Matter is now before UN RPT UN and to our own thinking this medium offers best possibility in sight for equitable, pacific solution of/ ~~problem~~ CHI GOVT getting best deal possible in circumstances and SHLD, as we must, address itself to IMMED tasks at hand.

more fully  
Material outlining DEPT'S thinking on problem being pouched for UR background INFO.

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