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Summary:

Minister Lee Sung Yong states that the Government is willing to send additional policemen north, but do not have finances to cover their expenses.

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HOME MINISTRY
REPUBLIC OF KOREA
大韓民國內務部

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Dear General Coulter:

I am informed that the Eighth Army Headquarters requested additional 30,000 policemen for the service in the north.

This Government shall be glad to furnish 30,000 organized and disciplined young men who have been trained for military service. Since they have been prepared for such public service, they can be ready for police work with only a short term of training.

However, the matter of equipments and supply of food and so forth will require a large sum of money. As you are aware of our financial situation we have no special fund for such undertaking. We are doing our best to check the inflationary tendency. If we can be assured of some financial aid to meet this expenditure we will start to enlist our men at once.

May I ask you to take it up with the UN authorities and secure some financial assistance in this matter?

With assurances of high esteem,

Sincerely yours,

Lee Sung Yong
Minister

Lt Gen. John B. Coulter,
Deputy Army Commander,
Eighth United States Army