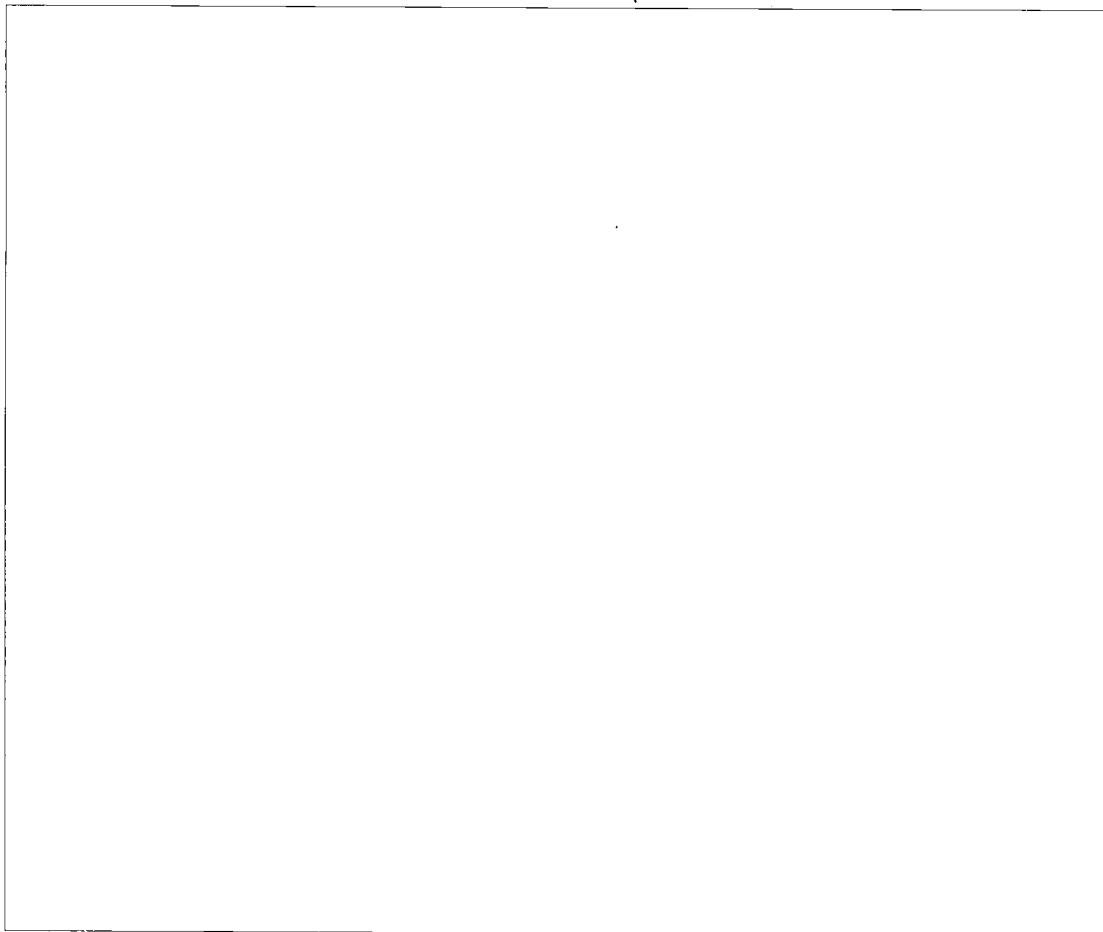


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2. Comment on Communist letter of 20 June on Korean talks:

The Communists in effect have now suggested to the UN Command in Korea two alternative courses of action toward Syngman Rhee, both of which would prove difficult to carry out. They clearly believe themselves to be in a strong position to await developments.

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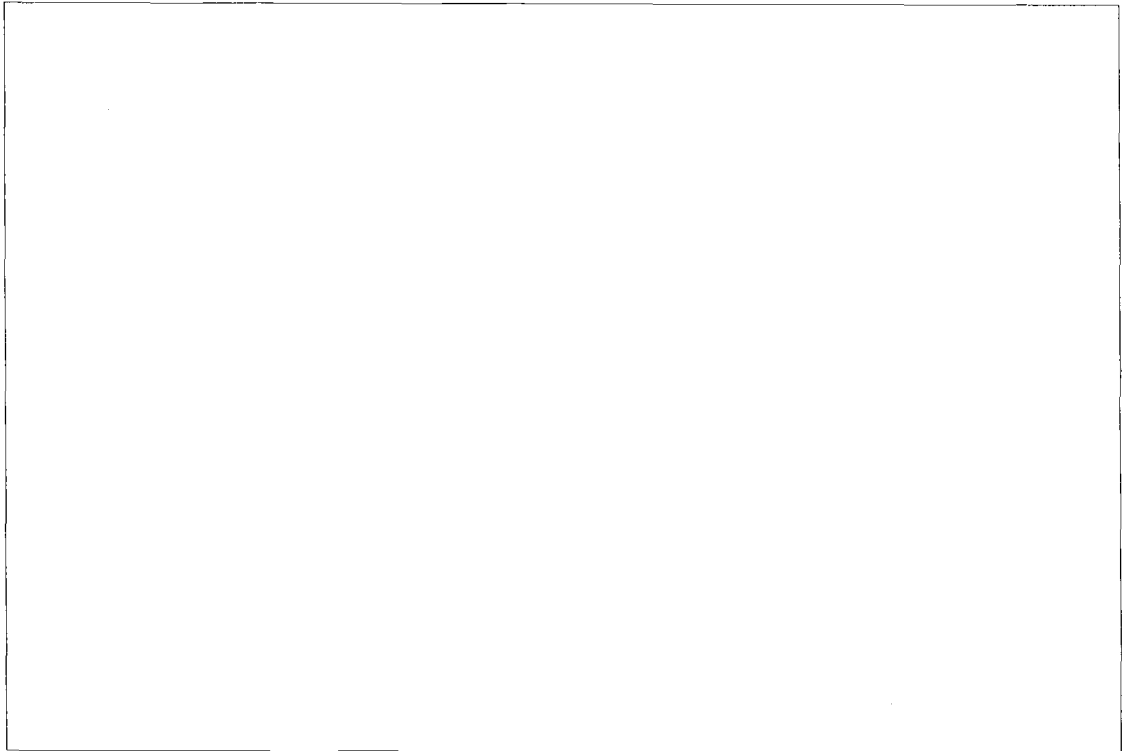
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One course is to conclude a truce which includes South Korea. In this event, the Communists request assurances that the UN Command can and will control Rhee. They further demand the recovery of the released prisoners, who have disappeared among a friendly Korean populace. An effort to recover them would be largely unsuccessful and could lead to bloodshed.

The other alternative is to conclude a truce which excludes South Korea. In this event, the Communists seek assurances that the UN Command can and will implement the armistice agreement despite Rhee's opposition. This course, which the Communists probably prefer, might involve armed conflict between South Korea and other UN forces and would in any case make it difficult or impossible for Rhee to obtain outside support in resisting a later invasion from North Korea.

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