

Korean War- Soapstone

Document #1



Source: "The Korean War" Harry S. Truman Museum and Library.

Document #2

General Douglas MacArthur.
Congressional testimony, May 3, 1951

My mission was to clear out all North Korea, to unify it and to liberalize it.

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Document #3

Andrei A. Gromyko:
He served as Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Soviet Union (1957-1985)
Letter to the Communist party- On American intervention in Korea. July 4, 1952

The events now taking place in Korea broke out on June 25 as the result of a premeditated attack by the troops of the South Korean authorities on the frontier areas of the Korean People's Democratic Republic. This attack was the outcome of a premeditated plan. From time to time Spengler, Rhee himself and other representatives of the South Korean authorities had blarneyed the fact that the South Korean Spengler Rhee clique had such a plan.

As long ago as October 7, 1949, Spengler Rhee, boasting of success in training his army, stated outright, in an interview given to an American United Press correspondent, that the South Korean Army could capture Pyongyang in the course of three days.

Source: Modern History Sourcebook, Internet History Sourcebook Project, Paul Finkell, ed.

Document #4

Excerpt from broadcast on Radio Peking, China, October 10, 1950- propaganda radio broadcasts were used to influence the American soldiers in the area.

The American War of intervention in Korea has been a serious menace to the security of China from the very start. ... The Chinese people cannot stand idly by with regard to such a serious situation—created by the invasion of Korea by the United States and its accomplice countries and to the dangerous trend toward extending the war. The Chinese people firmly advocate a peaceful resolution to the Korean problem and are firmly opposed to the extension of the Korean War by America.

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