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SPECIAL STAFF NOTE

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From Defense:

Introduction into Korea of Dual-Capable Weapons

/-- In implementation of decision to equip US forces in Korea with modern weapons, Joint State-Defense messages were transmitted December 11, 1957 to Commander-in-Chief, United Nations Command/ Korea and to US Ambassador, Seoul, informing them the 7th Infantry Division and 1st Cavalry Division in Korea would be reorganized as soon

Division and 1st Cavalry Division in Korea would be reorganized as so as possible into pentomic units; movement of HONEST JOHN (HJ) and 280mm gun soon would be initiated;

Subsequently, on December 24, 1957 the Secretary of the Army was informed by memorandum from Deputy Secretary of Defense of Army's authorization to move these dual-capable weapons into Korea as soon as is feasible under Army deployment schedules. Accordingly, 8th Army was told to complete their original deployment of the 2 battalions by end of January 1958, with entire transferring action to be finished by May 1, 1958.

In addition, Chief of Staff, USAF has advised the Joint Chiefs of Staff of his plans to deploy to Korea the 588th Tactical Missile Group (MATADOR),

Advanced echelon will be deployed some time during 4th quarter of FY 1958, to be followed by emplacement of a full group in about 18 months.

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