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During second meeting with representatives UK Canadian Australian and New Zealand Embassies ^{May 16} ~~today~~ Assistant Secretary Robertson proposed following plan on timing and method presenting introduction new weapons into Korea:

1. No later July 1, 1957 Senior UNC Representative Military Armistice Commission would make statement Panmunjom reviewing Communist violations paragraph 13(d) Armistice Agreement, explaining problem posed by practical impossibility replacing worn-out UNC equipment with 1953 items and pointing out result has been development military imbalance. In view Communist violations 13(d) QUOTE UNC considers that it is entitled be relieved of corresponding obligations under provisions this paragraph until such time as relative military balance has been restored and Communist side by its actions demonstrated ~~has demonstrated~~ willingness comply UNQUOTE. Statement would conclude with assurance UNC intends maintain Armistice, does not intend arms race and only purpose its action to restore relative military balance.

2. No later August 1, 1957 Unified Command would transmit report action

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and reasons to UN.

~~Assistant Secretary~~ Robertson concluded by asking for views and suggestions of governments concerned on proposed plan and supporting rationale.

British Ambassador Caccia indicated UK could go along with plan as outlined as did other Embassy representatives during subsequent discussion. Various suggestions on language ~~Robertson~~/MAC statement and UN report on timing and extent consultation other Allies put ~~forward~~ forward and agreed to. In response concern expressed particularly by New Zealand and Australian representatives ~~Assistant Secretary~~ Robertson gave assurance no consideration being given provide ROK forces with dual capability weapons.

Would appear from this meeting Commonwealth supports in principle U. S. desire modernize its troops Korea and will endeavor be helpful in propaganda and UN problems arising announcement and implementation such decision providing adequate publishable evidence Communist Armistice violations can be presented.

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