

United States aide-memoire (27 June 1950)

Caption: On 27 June 1950, the US Ambassador Alan G. Kirk presents Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko with an aide-memoire calling on Moscow not to intervene in the conflict between North Korea and South Korea and to use its influence to bring the hostilities to an end.

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U.S. “aide-memoire” of June 27, 1950

“My Government has instructed me to call your attention to the fact that North Korean forces have crossed the 38th parallel and invaded the territory of the Republic of Korea in force at several points. The refusal of the Soviet representative to attend the United Nations Security Council meeting on June 25, despite the clear threat to peace and the obligations of a member of the Security Council under the Charter, requires the Government of the United States to bring this matter directly to the attention of the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. In view of the universally known fact of the close relations between the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the North Korean régime, the United States Government asks an assurance that the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics disavows responsibility for this unprovoked and unwarranted attack, and that it will use its influence with the North Korean authorities to withdraw their invading forces immediately.”