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MEMORANDUM FOR: ADPC

SUBJECT: Arthur T. Latter

1. Last week Mr. Latter informed us that he had been requested by George Kennan to work for him and Mr. Bohler on matters connected with the recent world developments, for a period of about two weeks. As a result, Mr. Latter has been working full time for Kennan and Bohler and will probably not be available to us for another ten days.

2. We had an opportunity, early last week, to secure Mr. Latter's preliminary reaction to the events in Korea. He felt that the move was a natural one for the Soviets who were probing for weakness in our position and who would, if we did not react strongly, take similar offensive actions elsewhere. He believed that as a result of the strong measures taken by the U.S. that the Soviets would avoid developing the present situation into a third World War.

3. He felt that in time the Soviets would take similar action elsewhere on the periphery, and he believed the next push would be toward Iran. He said that the Soviets might very well use Chinese Communist troops in Korea, but he was not sure on this point. He felt that the strong U.S. measures had taken the Soviets completely by surprise, and this explained the lack of a real positive reaction on their part.

4. These are roughly his preliminary reactions which he expressed before he had an opportunity to really fully digest the Korean situation and its implications.

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