

PRESENCE OF UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES IN CHINA

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The American Ambassador to the Minister of Foreign Affairs

AMERICAN EMBASSY
Nanking, August 29, 1947

No. 1109

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to refer to paragraph 7 of a resolution adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on December 14, 1946 which reads in part as follows:

“It (General Assembly) recommends the members to undertake . . . the withdrawal without delay of armed forces stationed in the territories of members without their consent freely and publicly expressed in treaties or agreements consistent with the charter and not contradicting international agreements.”

My Government, desiring to fulfill the requirements of this resolution, would appreciate receiving from the Chinese Government a formal statement to the effect that all armed forces of the United States of America stationed on Chinese territory are so stationed with the consent of the Chinese Government.

It is contemplated that this note and Your Excellency's reply thereto will constitute an agreement within the meaning of the resolution quoted above and that this agreement will be registered in due course with the United Nations.

Please accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

For the Ambassador:
WILLIAM T. TURNER
First Secretary of Embassy

The Minister of Foreign Affairs to the American Ambassador

[TRANSLATION]

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Nanking, September 3, 1947

No. Tiao-36/18287

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the note dated August 29, #1109, and signed on Your Excellency's behalf, by Mr. Turner, First Secretary of the Embassy, the original text of which reads as follows:

[For text of U.S. note, see above.]

In reply I have the honor to make the following statement on behalf of my Government: The armed forces of the United States of America now stationed on Chinese territory are so stationed through the consent of the Chinese Government; it is mutually understood that when either the Chinese Government or the Government of the United States considers that these armed forces of the United States of America should be withdrawn, the armed forces must be withdrawn forthwith.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

For the Minister:

LIU SHIH-SHUN

His Excellency

Dr. J. LEIGHTON STUART,

*Ambassador of the United States of America,
Nanking.*