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SUBJECT: Various

TO: All American Advisors with Units in the Field

1. MARKSMANSHIP

Imperative you press this. Find ways to do it. The Minister and Chief of Staff, KA, are strongly back of it. Units allegedly in operations can work their reserves in PRI. Fire both a full preliminary and a record course. Get records in to DND. Inform us of the record, too. If some battalions of a division are busy, get the reserve battalions through the course and relieve the forward units. Shoot for a deadline date of September 30 to finish all firing. State in weekly reports what progress and when you estimate finishing. If you can't make the deadline, tell us why.

2. CREW-SERVED WEAPONS, ET CETERA

These weapons plus carbine, pistol, tommy gun, bazooka, must also be fired.

3. ABSENTEES

Make mention in next reports what percentage of men are being instructed.

4. CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY IN DIVISIONS

This is an agency formed and controlled by your G-2 to gather rebel, bandit, et cetera, information. It was used with remarkable success on Cheju do. Information from Police, Civilians in local governments, Army, Coast Guard, Youth organizations all flowed into one place and action could be taken quickly. Set up speedy communications. See what you can organize in your division. It will pay big dividends.

5. COOPERATION FROM KOREANS

We know relations are okay, but are they cooperating wholeheartedly, or are they giving you a snow job and doing as they please? Not enough of you are reporting foot-dragging. Report your obstacles, needs, et cetera. Make those weekly reports have punch instead of dry sounding stuff. Accentuate that which is important.

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6. TRAINING

Continue to sneer at their parade ground tactics, get them in the field. Accentuate patrolling. Units on Parallel must get patrols out to bring back info and prisoners. Patrols do not always have to fight for information.

7. NIGHT PROBLEMS

Study up on this. Night attacks fit the Korean. They are simple. They demand much preparation. They are not expensive in men or ammo. A G-3 Advisor memo will come shortly on this.

8. AMMUNITION

Watch ammunition expenditure. Too much is being wasted. This item is critical. We are exerting every effort to have Jap 99 ammunition manufactured and to include US ammunition in the Military Aid Program for Fiscal Year 1950, but this program is short on funds and if ammunition is not conserved, Korea will be in a very serious short supply.

9. DISTRIBUTION

I am sending you enough copies of this letter so that you can give one copy to each of your Advisors. See that he gets it and that you and he act on it.

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Brig Gen USA
Chief

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