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STATEMENT BY THE PRESS SECRETARY

The President condemns the vicious and unprovoked murder of two American officers last night in the demilitarized zone near Panmunjon in Korea.

These officers were peacefully supervising a work detail in the neutral zone when they were subjected to a brutal and cowardly attack totally without warning.

Total responsibility for the consequences of these murders rests with the North Korean Government.

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