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SUMMARY OR SID REPORT:

Pictures of execution of approximately 1,800 political prisoners in TAEJON.

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The North Korean radio has recently made many claims about brutality and mass executions in South Korea. Although claims are probably exaggerated there have been some rather bloody executions by South Korean Police since war started. It is reported that when Seoul fell to North Koreans they released thousands of prisoners from jails. It is the belief of the Army Attache that thousands of political prisoners were executed within few weeks after fall of Seoul to prevent their possible release by advancing enemy troops. Orders for execution undoubtedly came from top level as they were not confined to towns in front line areas.

It is the belief of the Army Attache that execution of Prisoners of War by ROK troops have been confined to "on the spot" jobs by front line troops, and that general treatment of Prisoners of War after evacuation from front has been good.

Execution of 1800 (one thousand eight hundred) political prisoners at TAEJON, requiring three days, took place during first week in July 1950.

Pictures were taken by Major Abbott, Liaison Officer, GHQ FEC, using Army Attache's Leica camera. Developing and printing by members of attache office.

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 (execution photos)

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