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Senator McCarthy speaking:

Well the question is how do they, how do they do it? How do they get by with it? I think here in my hand I have the most revealing document that we've used since this fight commenced. Nothing secret about this. They're getting pretty cocky at this time. It appears in the *Sunday Compass*, July 17, 1949. Not exactly a conservative paper. Not quite on the, not quite as bad as the official communist Daily Worker. More on the order of Milwaukee's Daily Worker.
[Audience laughter and applause]

There's an article written by that great American, the State Department's advisor, Owen J. Lattimore. This reveals, I think, more than any other document we have, the method of operation – how the sellout is accomplished. First he's praising up the State Department – listen to this if you will – praising up the state department for the sellout of China. And he says this: he says, "The problem was how to allow China to fall without making it look as if the United States had pushed them." Then he goes to complain that some Americans tried to expose what we were doing. And he ends up – keep in mind the date, July 17, 1949, this is nearly a year before the war in Korea started – listen to this: he says, "The thing to do therefore is to also let South Korea fall but not to let it look as though we pushed it. For that reason I recommend a parting grant of 150 million dollars." Do you get the awfulness of that? Here's the State Department advisor says now the task is to let South Korea fall to the communists, but don't let the American suckers know we're pushing. [Audience groans] He says for that reason I recommend a parting grant of 150 million dollars. For what? Economic aid – no

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military aid, you understand. Even though anyone who had eyes to see, ears to hear, knew that the communists were building up the strength of the North Koreans, militarily. So he says what we'll do – we'll spend 150 million dollars for economic aid – no guns, no ammunition – so that when the North Koreans move in with Russian help, then we can say to the American people, "Oh but look, we tried to fight communism – we gave 150 million dollars."