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Senator McCarthy speaking:

Very briefly -- one of the most treasonable orders, one of the most treasonable orders that I think has ever existed in war or peacetime. As of this moment, that order is in existence -- nothing secret about it -- it's an order to our Seventh Fleet. As you know Formosa, Formosa is located off the Communist coast of China, about 100 miles. As you know, on the island of Formosa there are about 650,000 friendly Chinese troops. They have an air force -- not the best of course, but an air force. They have a navy -- again, not the best, but a working navy. So the order to the Seventh Fleet, the order to the Seventh Fleet, as of this moment, is to shoot down any of those airplanes of our friends on Formosa that attempt to attack any Communist shipping going by Formosa, to sink, to sink any elements of the navy that try to sink any Communist ships. To kill, to kill any of the people on Formosa -- the Chinese who attempt to return and retake their homeland.

Well what does that mean to you here in this audience? Let's, let's call upon a Democrat for an answer to that -- at least he was a Democrat, I hope he's not any longer, and a great American, a great American -- Ambassador Bullett, the former ambassador to Moscow. He was before the McCarran Committee on April 8<sup>th</sup> of this year, and he was asked about that order. He was questioned by Senator Watkins of Utah about that order.

He said -- Watkins: "Mr. Ambassador, do our friends on Formosa have a navy?"

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Ambassador Bullett says, "Oh yes, as a matter of fact it has been quite an efficient force although it is forbidden to act in any way by orders of our government, which has given orders our fleet to prevent that navy from stopping the Communist supply ships going up to Korea."

Still quoting Bullett, he says, "Those Communist ships sail right by Formosa equipped with Soviet munitions, put in the Polish Communist ships in Gdania. They come all the way around and they go right by Formosa and sail past there, taking those munitions up, taking those weapons up, to be used to kill American soldiers in Korea."

Still quoting, and he says, "And by order of our government the Chinese navy is flatly forbidden to sink or capture those Communist ships."

Senator Watkins then said, "Mr. Ambassador, would the Chinese navy have the power, except for that order, would it have the power to capture or sink the Communist shipping?"

Mr. Bullett says, "Certainly Mr. Senator, without question, without question."

Well, Douglas MacArthur was asked about that order also, when he was before the Russell Committee, and well I don't have his testimony here, I can give it to you almost verbatim. Here's in effect what he said, he said that "Before that order to the Seventh Fleet, there were about a quarter of a million Communist troops on the mainland, on the Communist mainland of China. They were tied down there by the constant threat from Formosa."

He said, "When the Seventh Fleet took over the job of protecting the Communist coastland of China," he said, "then immediately the Communist troops started to move northward toward Korea, and," he said, "as of the date I left Japan," he said, "as of the date I was removed from command," he said, "we identified two complete armies up in Korea which had been tied down originally on the coastland of China -- up there," he said, "killing American boys."

So what does that mean to you here in this audience tonight? To people of Indiana and of the other 47 states? Let's say that one of you happens to have two sons. Let's assume they're drafted into the military -- one is sent to the Seventh Fleet, the other one up into Korea. It means that if that son in Korea is killed, that he will have been indirectly killed by his brother in the Seventh Fleet, protecting the bullets which killed him.

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When, my good friends, when in the history of the world, has any nation ordered one element of the army, one element of their armed forces, to protect the weapons of the enemy which were being used to kill the other half of the armed forces? Is there anyone who can think of one single reason why brother should be ordered to protect the bullets which kill brother? But the great, the great candidate for president on the Democrat ticket says, "Oh this is a thrilling foreign policy."

My good friends, if that order, if that order isn't treason -- if that isn't treason -- then I ask you, what in heaven's name is treason in this country?