that the US government saw it as a defeat for the US army. Moreover, the US’ defeat at Yalu River and Osan, because of MacArthur’s rollback policy, further justified his dismissal as he caused thousands more of unnecessary deaths. Many prisoners of war died in North Korea from 1951-53. This loss of life could have been avoided if the US decided to withdraw after their successful counter attack rather than going through with their new rollback policy. 40% of prisoners of war died in 1951. As a result of the US’ partial defeat in the Korean war it led to the country’s future involvement in both Vietnam and the Philippines. This intervention led to greater tension being created between the USA and USSR which increased the chances of Mutually Assured Destruction. Furthermore, it also led to the involvement of Southeast Asia in the Cold War. Due to the USA’s humiliation in the war it resulted in China’s reputation improving along with the USA looking dishonest and untruthful as they changed their policy during the war. It was embarrassing for the USA as a weak North Korea and China were able to defeat the superpower, USA. As a response to the humiliation the USA tripled their military budget which also led to the USSR spending much more as well. This made relations between them both even more dangerous and tense. The policy of containment could be used as a reason to justifiably invade whatever country they desired. This led to the numbers supporting the Russian Red Army to increase and further intensify the mistrust and hatred between each other.

In conclusion, I believe that Truman’s claim is mainly unjustifiable as the war resulted in the USA receiving heavy losses and humiliation. On paper, they achieved their goal of pushing the North Koreans back behind the 38th parallel. Nonetheless, the rollback policy resulted in two more pointless years of trench warfare to gain back lost land. During these two years no less than 40% of the UN’s POW died due to starvation. Moreover, very little was gained by either side. The war finally resulted in a stalemate as very little progress was achieved with high casualties on both sides. The stalemate represents the USA’s defeat as they were ultimately the ones who tried and failed to invade the North and were repelled by a much weaker power. Finally, North Korea, China and Communism in general humiliated the USA which led to weaker Asian powers getting involved in the Cold war and the USA increasing its military budget in preparation for future problems.