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Washington, D.C. 20520

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

SUBJECT: Letter to President Reagan from Korean President Chun

We do not believe a reply to this letter is required or advisable.

The letter was hand-carried to Washington by ROKG Commerce and Industry Minister Kum Jin-ho, who led the Korean Special Trade Mission to the United States. It parallels the letter President Reagan sent to President Chun in January, on the occasion of the U.S. trade mission's visit to Seoul.

A reply to this letter is therefore not required. In addition, a recent controversial finding of dumping of Korean color television receivers in the U.S. market (announced the day after President Chun's letter was dispatched), has been met with great dismay by the ROKG. They do not share our view that anti-dumping actions are a legitimate response to unfair trade practices, and devising language to reply to President Chun's open market rhetoric before the current issue is resolved would be awkward at best.

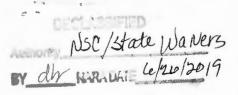
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Attachment:

Letter to President Reagan dated February 22, 1984.

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President of the Republic of Korea

(Translation)

22 February 1984

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I believe that lowering of trade barriers and resistance to protectionism, among others, are indispensable measures for this end. Last November, Mr. President, we both noted, in our Joint Statement, the importance of keeping global economic recovery not hindered by reversion to protectionism, and to the increasing need for coordinated actions by our two governments in this direction.

His Excellency
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Sincerely yours,

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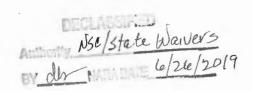
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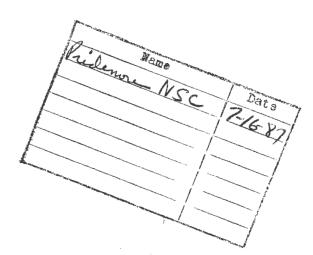
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6325 Security Boulevard Baltimore, MD 21207

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Mrs. H. S. Green 8436 Blackburn Avenue Los Angeles, California 90048

Dear Mrs. Green:

Mrs. Reagan has asked me to thank you for your letter regarding a child needing medical care in California.

Unfortunately your letter does not contain enough information for me to assist you. If you will provide the necessary information such as the child and parents full names, address and the exact nature of the child's illness, I will be glad to have my staff look into the matter.

Sincerely yours,

Henry R. Desmarais, M.D. Director Bureau of Eligibility, Reimbursement and Coverage

cc:
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THE WHITE HOUSE

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MAY 14, 1984

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8436 BLACKBURN AVENUE LOS ANGELES CA 90048

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SALLY KELLEY DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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WASHINGTON

June 21, 1984

Dear Chairman McKinnon:

Your recent letters to Messrs. Baker and Deaver concerning the pending dispute between the United States and Korea over air route rights have been referred to me for consideration and direct reply. In those letters and accompanying briefing papers you outlined the facts surrounding the dispute and the various arguments on both sides.

We appreciate having the benefit of your informed views on this matter, and I have taken the liberty of sharing them with the Department of Transportation, which, as you know, is deeply involved in the pending dispute. Once again, thank you for advising us of your concerns in this area.

Sincerely,

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Fred F. Fielding Counsel to the President

The Honorable Dan McKinnon Chairman Civil Aeronautics Board Washington, D.C. 20428

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June 15, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR MICHAEL K. DEAVER

ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF

FROM:

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COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

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May 22, 1984

MEMO TO CRAIG FULLER

FROM:

BILL SITTMANN

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for Mike.

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20428

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Prepared by:

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WASHINGTON

June 21, 1984

Dear Chairman McKinnon:

Your recent letters to Messrs. Baker and Deaver concerning the pending dispute between the United States and Korea over air route rights have been referred to me for consideration and direct reply. In those letters and accompanying briefing papers you outlined the facts surrounding the dispute and the various arguments on both sides.

We appreciate having the benefit of your informed views on this matter, and I have taken the liberty of sharing them with the Department of Transportation, which, as you know, is deeply involved in the pending dispute. Once again, thank you for advising us of your concerns in this area.

Sincerely,

Orig. signed by FFF

Fred F. Fielding Counsel to the President

The Honorable Dan McKinnon Chairman Civil Aeronautics Board Washington, D.C. 20428

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June 16, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM:

JOHN G. ROBERTS

SUBJECT:

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Dan McKinnon, Chairman of the Civil Aeronautics Board, has sent identical letters to Mr. Baker and Mr. Deaver, concerning a pending dispute involving Korean Air Lines (KAL). According to McKinnon, the Carter Administration foolishly agreed in 1980 to give KAL route rights to Oakland and Chicago in exchange for a Korean agreement to provide certain cargo facilities by March 1981. Korea has not yet built the facilities, and the United States -- or at least some elements in the Government -- are attempting to rescind the route commitment. KAL, in response, has threatened not to purchase six aircraft it has ordered from McDonnell Douglas unless it gets the routes in question.

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I contacted Matt Scocozza, Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Policy, for more information on the dispute. Scocozza is heading up the Administration handling of the matter. Scocozza noted that McKinnon's views were widely known to those reviewing the dispute. He recommended that the White House simply thank McKinnon for sharing those views, refer the letters to Transportation, and not otherwise become involved. According to Scocozza, further negotiations with the Koreans are scheduled for September. The matter is not at this point -- and may never be -- a section 801 case submitted for formal Presidential review.

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I agree with Scocozza's recommendation. It is somewhat unusual for the head of an independent regulatory agency to send a letter to Presidential aides on a pending matter. I do not consider it necessarily improper, however, since the resolution of the dispute with the Koreans involves executive branch actions and is only partly under the jurisdiction of the CAB. I have attached a draft letter from you to McKinnon, thanking him for his views and advising him that we have referred his correspondence to Transportation. Memoranda to Scocozza, Baker, and Deaver are also attached.

Attachments

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