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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 27, 1982

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE CASPAR W. WEINBERGER
The Secretary of Defense

Thank you for sharing the study of the military needs of the Republic of Korea (ROK). It is comprehensive and will be useful to support not only ROK security assistance requests, but also your future discussions with your ROK counterparts. (C)

I fully support your recommendation for an increased FMS credit level in FY 1984 for the ROK. However, the difficult economic situation and the budget deliberations may result in levels less than recommended in the study. Thus, while we support an enhanced security assistance relationship with the ROK, we should not unduly raise the expectations of the ROK for higher levels in future years. I have encouraged the NSC staff to work closely with Defense as we proceed through the FY 84 security assistance budget process. (S)

W. P. Clark
William P. Clark

cc: The Secretary of State
The Director, Office of Management and Budget

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

September 17, 1982

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MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

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FROM: ROBERT H. LILAC *RL*

SUBJECT: Security Assistance for Republic of Korea

Secretary Weinberger has forwarded a comprehensive study (Tab A) on the military needs of the Republic of Korea (ROK). The study was initiated to analyze the U.S. security assistance program and to support recommendations for higher FMS credit levels, lower interest rates, and deferred repayment terms. A proposed response to Secretary Weinberger is at Tab I.

The study recommends a level of \$300 million for Korea for FY 84. Interagency action on the FY 84 budget started with this \$300 million level. However, the current State draft budget is \$220 million, only a slight increase over the FY 83 level of \$210 million. Defense is currently sending a reclama memorandum to State requesting the level be increased to \$250 million. The reality of the budget process and Congressional action may result in a lower figure.

In short, there is no way that the FY 84 level will meet the study recommendation; therefore, discussion of the study with the Koreans could raise expectations. Also, Congress has not given us authority for concessional loans for two years. In FY 83, we are revising our budget request, not requesting concessional loans, but only grants and cost-of-money loans. We plan to do the same in FY 84. Therefore lower interest rate loans for Korea are not likely to be possible. Deferred payment terms are possible, but Treasury will resist the effort. I have discussed this with my Defense counterparts in order that we not raise false expectations in the event that the study is reviewed with ROK personnel.

Secretary Weinberger points out that, in addition to the need for additional U.S. security assistance, the ROK will have to increase its defense expenditures in order to meet the threat. Even then it would be in the 1990's before a turnaround can occur in the unfavorable advantage possessed by North Korea on the peninsula. The study also points out that the ROK military needs to be encouraged to meet critical war-readiness material (WRM) and sustainability shortfalls.

The study is comprehensive and can be very useful to support briefings to Congress and appropriate governmental agencies. Sharing of the study with ROK officials would also be helpful if appropriate caveats are placed on our increased security assistance program levels for future years.

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Kimmitt and Sigur concur.

Recommendation

That you sign the proposed response to Secretary Weinberger (Tab I).

Approve

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Disapprove

Attachments

Tab I Memorandum to Secretary Weinberger
Tab A Incoming Study from Secretary Weinberger

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9 SEP 1982

Honorable William P. Clark
Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Bill,

(C) During my March 1982 visit to Seoul to attend the 14th Republic of Korea (ROK)/US Security Consultative Meeting, the ROK Minister of National Defense discussed with me the need for higher FMS credit levels, lower interest rates, and deferred repayment terms. I indicated I would support additional US assistance to the ROK starting in FY 1984. Subsequently, a study group was formed to examine the problem. (See Tab A).

(S) The study concluded that even with an increased US and ROK effort it will take until the 1990s before a significant change in the force ratio balance on the Korean Peninsula can be effected. North Korea most likely sees the current military balance on the Peninsula as running in its favor. Therefore, given their proven proclivity toward violence, it is in our interest to strengthen demonstrably South Korean capabilities. The study concludes that to do so will require increases in FMS credit levels, in the South Korean defense budget, and probably in the amount of South Korean GNP dedicated to defense (currently 6%).

(S) DOD is supporting an increased FMS credit level for the ROK in FY 1984. I believe even higher levels will be needed in FY 1985 and 1986. I will, however, defer for now endorsing specific levels for the latter two years. But I believe concessional interest rates and deferred repayment terms are needed and should be included in the FY 1984 security assistance program request for the ROK. After you and your staff have reviewed the study, its conclusions and recommendations, we can provide an action officer to brief you further and answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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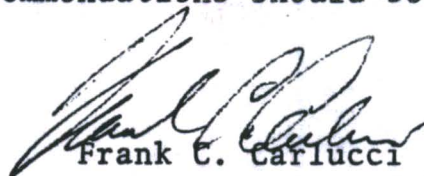
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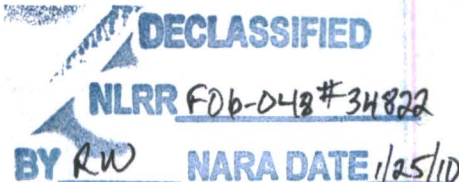
(C) At the 14th SCM in Seoul, the Secretary of Defense indicated support for a "higher level of FMS credits for the Republic of Korea (ROK) in FY 1984, as well as improved terms of repayment and interest." To identify the best course of action, request that you establish a study group under the aegis of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for East Asia and Pacific Affairs. The Joint Staff, Commander-in-Chief Pacific, Commander U.S. Forces Korea, and Chief, Joint U.S. Military Advisory Group-Korea will be asked to provide assistance. The Services and applicable Department of Defense agencies also will be asked to assist, as necessary.

(C) I expect that the study group would, at a minimum, examine the threat and present plans for improving the capability of both U.S. and ROK forces to meet that threat through the rest of this decade; identify resources available to the Republic of Korea for force improvement, to include indigenous production, profits from third country sales, and maintenance of U.S. equipment in the Western Pacific; delineate alternative FMS credit packages taking into account the probable economic position of the ROK in the future; and recommend a strategy for obtaining interagency and Congressional agreement for a recommended program. The options considered also should include a projection of the impact on the military balance on the Peninsula if FMS credit levels continue at a rate of about \$200M per year, and if they were increased to at least a \$300M level for the next several years.

(U) The group should undertake its work expeditiously, and the resulting study and recommendations should be forwarded as soon as practicable.


Frank C. Carlucci

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