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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 7, 1983

Dear Dixie:

Under my Administration, the primary focus of our international human rights policy has been on effectiveness in advancing the basic American values regarding human freedom and in strengthening democracy wherever possible in the world. Judged by that criterion, no Ambassador has carried out our human rights policy with greater skill than you have. You have turned quiet diplomacy into an art form, and your actions have improved bilateral relations by serving the interests of both the U.S. and the ROK.

I would like to take the occasion of my visit to the Republic of Korea to extend my personal commendation, and my great appreciation to you for your efforts on behalf of human rights.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

The Honorable
Richard L. Walker
American Ambassador
Seoul

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Send this back to
Kinnitt to take
on trips.

OK

Ltr is being held in the Sit-Room for
Kinnitt to pick-up A.M. 8 Nov.

per: BTM

~~BTM~~

MEMORANDUM

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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November 7, 1983

ACTION

SIGNED

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ROBERT C. McFARLANE *RCM*
SUBJECT: Letter From You to Ambassador Dixie Walker

Issue:

Whether to sign a letter to Ambassador Richard Walker.

Facts:

The State Department has drafted a letter from you to our ambassador in Korea, Richard (Dixie) Walker.

Discussion:

The letter for your signature expresses your appreciation for the quiet, careful manner in which Dixie has successfully implemented your human rights policies with Korea.

RECOMMENDATION:

O.K. No

_____ That you sign the letter to Dixie Walker at Tab A.

Attachment:

Tab A President's ltr to Amb. Walker

cc Vice President

National Security Council The White House

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Bud McFarlane			
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COMMENTS

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*Bud K.,
Take with you on the trip.
J*

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

PLEASE NOTE:

The President's letter is to
be presented by Secretary Shultz
to Ambassador Walker during the
President's visit to Korea.

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

November 7, 1983

ACTION**SIGNED**

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. McFARLANE

FROM: GASTON J. SIGUR

SUBJECT: Letter From President to Ambassador Dixie Walker
in Korea

The State Department has drafted a letter from the President to our ambassador in Korea, Richard (Dixie) Walker (Tab A). The letter expresses the President's appreciation for the quiet, careful manner in which Dixie has successfully implemented the President's human rights policies with Korea.

The letter is to be presented by Secretary Shultz to Ambassador Walker during the President's visit to Korea.

DL. WR
Laux, Raymond, Fortier and Matlock concur.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you forward Tab I to the President.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Attachments:

Tab I McFarlane memo to President
Tab A President's ltr to Walker
Tab II State memo

United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

November 4, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT C. McFARLANE
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: President Reagan's Trip to Korea

Attached is a letter for signature by the President. The letter is to be presented by the Secretary to Ambassador Walker during the President's visit to Korea. No release of the letter to the press is planned.

Pomckmily
for Charles Hill
Executive Secretary

Attachment:

Draft Letter to Ambassador Walker

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

November 14, 1983

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT M. KIMMITT

FROM: GASTON J. SIGUR ^{DJG} 6/SUBJECT: Letter to President From Senators Cranston and Wilson and
Congressmen Re Automatic Fare Collection System
for Subway in Seoul, Korea

Attached at Tab I is a memorandum from you to Charlotte Ponticelli forwarding draft replies to Senator Cranston and Senator Wilson (Tabs A & B).

RECOMMENDATION:

That you forward Tab I to Ponticelli

Attachments:

Tab I	Kimmitt memo to Ponticelli
Tab A	Draft reply to Sen. Cranston
Tab B	Draft reply to Sen. Wilson
Tab C	Incoming from Sen. Cranston
Tab D	Incoming from Sen. Wilson and others
Tab E	Tracking Worksheets

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM FOR CHARLOTTE PONTICELLI

FROM: ROBERT M. KIMMITT

SUBJECT: Letter to President From Senators Cranston and
Wilson and Congressmen Re Automatic Fare Collection
System for Subway in Seoul, Korea

State has drafted appropriate individual responses to Senators Cranston and Wilson on the subject of Cubic Western Data's bid for a Korean subway fare collection machinery contract. The key sentence is the final one which states that "Cubic Western has our full support in its efforts to win this contract."

Attachments:

Tab A	Draft reply to Sen. Cranston
Tab B	Draft reply to Sen. Wilson
Tab C	Incoming from Sen. Cranston
Tab D	Incoming from Sen. Wilson and others
Tab E	Tracking Worksheets

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SUGGESTED REPLY

Dear Senator Cranston:

The President has asked me to reply to your letter of October 11, 1983, concerning Cubic Western Data's bid for an automatic fare collection system contract in Seoul, Korea.

The State and Commerce Departments and the U.S. Export-Import Bank have been working closely with Cubic Western Data to support the company's bid. EXIM Bank has made a preliminary commitment to finance the project, and is monitoring the competitive situation very closely to ensure that its financing package is competitive with other nations' offers. The U.S. Embassy in Seoul has approached the Korean officials responsible for the contract, and Embassy officials accompanied Rep. McGrath, who was in Seoul for the Interparliamentary Union meeting, in his calls concerning the project. EXIM Bank Chairman Draper and his staff are travelling to Seoul next week,

The Honorable

Alan Cranston,

United States Senate.

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and the Cubic bid will be a major item on his agenda with the Koreans.

We will continue to monitor the progress of this award very closely and give our full support to Cubic Western Data. Please write or call again if I can be of further assistance to you in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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SUGGESTED REPLY

Dear Senator Wilson:

The President has asked me to reply to your letter of September 30, 1983, cosigned by the San Diego area Congressional delegation and in reference to Cubic Western Data's bid for a Korean subway fare collection machinery contract.

The Administration has taken a strong interest in this project; the State and Commerce Departments and the Export-Import Bank have been working closely with Cubic to advance its cause with the Koreans. Our Embassy in Seoul has raised the subject with the Seoul Metropolitan Subway Corporation (SMSC), and we understand that Rep. McGrath, accompanied by two Embassy officials, also called on SMSC and Seoul City officials concerning this matter.

As you point out in your letter, financing will be a key factor in the Koreans' eventual decision. We believe

The Honorable

Pete Wilson,

United States Senate.

that the Koreans are disposed to award the contract to Cubic if the financing terms are competitive. EXIM Bank has made a preliminary commitment to finance the project, and is watching the situation carefully to ensure that it remains competitive with third-country offers. EXIM Bank Chairman Draper and his staff are travelling to Seoul ~~next~~ week, and the Cubic contract will be one of the major items of business to be discussed with the Koreans.

In short, Cubic Western Data has our full support in its efforts to win this contract. Please do not hesitate to write or call if I can be of further assistance to you in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

September 30, 1983

Honorable Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

Cubic Western Data recently contacted me regarding its contract bid to provide an automatic fare collection system for the subway in Seoul, South Korea. The \$50 million project could create an additional 200 jobs for Cubic Western Data and could also provide work for its subcontractors in California.

It is my understanding that Cubic Western Data, the only American company bidding for the contract, is competing with French and Japanese companies for the award and that Cubic's equipment is competitive in price and in quality. However, Cubic tells me that it has lost previous contracts to the French because of the French government's extensive subsidy program.

An expression of support by the United States for Cubic's bid could make the difference in the South Korean government's decision. Therefore, I hope you will raise this matter with the South Korean authorities during your trip to that country. I also urge you to request that the Export-Import Bank provide the South Koreans with financing terms that would enable Cubic Western Data to compete favorably with the French offer.

Thank you for your kind consideration of my request.

With best regards,

Cordially,


Alan Cranston

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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

September 30, 1983

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KD
The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We are writing to bring to your attention an upcoming opportunity in Korea that is vital to the interest of American business and to our constituents in San Diego, California. We would like to ask for your assistance with this matter.

The Seoul Metropolitan Government is preparing to award a \$50 million contract for an Automatic Fare Collection system for its subway. We are anticipating that the contract will be awarded before the end of the year, as the government would like the system operational for the Winter Olympics. The competition consists of two French, one Japanese and one American firm, (Cubic Western Data of San Diego.)

Cubic Western Data is a leader in this type of equipment and has established that they are competitive in both price and quality with the Japanese and the French. Recent awards, however, have gone to the French, not on the basis of price (Cubic's bid was \$3 million below the French), but due to the financing package subsidized by the French government which greatly undercut the terms available through our Export-Import Bank. If the French are awarded the Seoul contract the combined production base with that of previous contracts in Korea will give them a unit price advantage on the soon-to-be-released Singapore tender. This threatens the loss of a major worldwide market to foreign producers.

Clearly, in order to prevent American business from losing another award to foreign-government subsidized competition, assistance and backing from the very highest levels of the U.S. government is urgently needed. We would like to ask that you make this matter a subject of discussion during your visit to Korea this November.

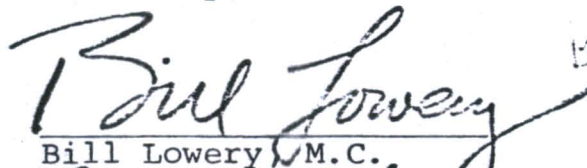
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The President
September 30, 1983
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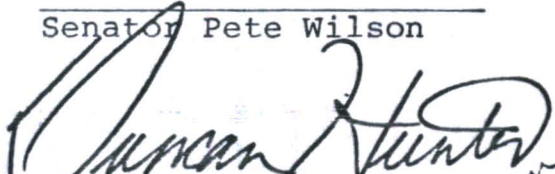
Secondly, your assistance in convincing the Export-Import Bank to offer terms to the Koreans which will allow the American company to be competitive is paramount. More favorable financing terms have the added advantage of assisting Korea reduce their current foreign credit exposure and further solidify friendly relations between the two countries. We have attached additional material for your assistance.

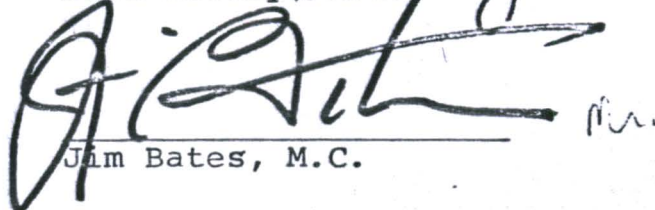
Thank you for your kind attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,


Senator Pete Wilson


Bill Lowery, M.C. B: 10


Duncan Hunter, M.C. Duncan


Jim Bates, M.C. Mr.


Ron Packard, M.C. Ron

SEOUL - AUTOMATIC FARE COLLECTION FACT SHEET

- * Cubic Western Data is the only prequalified U.S. bidder for the \$50 million Automatic Fare Collection system.
- * The other bidders are:
 - 1) ALTA/CGA - French
 - 2) Marcel Dassault - French
 - 3) Marubeni - Japanese
- * CWD will offer a superior system and its price will be competitive. The Korean Ministry of Commerce and Industry will mandate that a significant portion of the work is to be performed by Korean firms.
- * These same conditions existed on the Busan project and the award went to the French (CGA) who offered the best financing terms. (10.25% for the full amount of the loan with a 5-year interest-only grace period, and a 10 year payback period.)
- * All information gathered to date confirms that the Seoul award will also be made on the merits of the financing package; therefore, the award cannot be made to a U.S. company without better terms than EXIM has offered to date.
- * If the French win Seoul the combination of the production base with that of Busan will give them a unit price advantage on the soon to be released Singapore tender that will be very difficult to overcome. (While the systems are not identical, the majority of the internal modules used to build the system are common.)
- * Two actions would be most helpful:
 - 1) EXIM must be persuaded to offer financing terms equal to or better than the French.
 - 2) The discussion of this matter as part of the President's upcoming Korea visit agenda.
- * The idea of a directed procurement to be announced during the President's visit has considerable merit.

STARTING Unit 2
Page 437 Message #104
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SEOUL METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT
ATTN: THE DIRECTOR GENERAL
SEOUL KOREA

: COPY TO: GERALD LEVY
VICE PRESIDENT
CHASE BANK INTERNATIONAL
LOS ANGELES, C.A.

SUBJECT: CUBIC CORPORATION, AUTOMATED FACE CARD SYSTEMS (AFC)
EXIMBANK P.C. NO. 83-0-3742

ON SEPTEMBER 13, 1983 EXIMBANK BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVED THE ISSUANCE OF THE REFERENCED PRELIMINARY COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT CUBIC'S BID TO SELL AFC SYSTEMS FOR USE IN THE SEOUL METROPOLITAN SUBWAY SYSTEM. DETAILS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

(1) OBLIGOR WILL BE SEOUL METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT. GUARANTOR TO BE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

(2) COST OF U.S. GOODS AND SERVICES IS DLRS. 50 MILLION.

(3) CASH DOWNPAYMENT - THE LESSER OF 15 PERCENT OR U.S. DLRS. 7,500,000.

EXIMBANK DIRECT CREDIT - THE LESSER OF 75 PERCENT OR U.S. DLRS. 37,500,000.

SUPPLIER CREDIT GUARANTEED BY EXIMBANK - THE LESSER OF 10 PERCENT OR U.S. DLRS. 5,000,000.

INTEREST RATE - THE EXIMBANK INTEREST RATE AND THE SUPPLIER CREDIT INTEREST RATE IS 11.35 PERCENT PER ANNUM FIXED.

(4) REPAYMENT CONSISTS OF 17 SEMIANNUAL INSTALLMENTS TO BEGIN 6 MONTHS AFTER INSTALLATION OF THE AFC SYSTEM BUT NOT LATER THAN MARCH 10, 1986. SUPPLIER CREDIT TO BE PAID FIRST. EXIMBANK LAST.

(5) EXIMBANK COMMITMENT FEE:	0.5
GUARANTEE FEE:	0.5
GUARANTEE COMMITMENT FEE:	0.125
EXIMBANK CREDIT	
APPLICATION FEE:	2.0
DISBURSEMENT:	PARI PASSU
P. C. EXPIRY DATE:	NOVEMBER 17, 1983

A LETTER WITH FULL DETAILS FOLLOWS.

ROBERT J. KAISER, LOAN OFFICER - ASIA DIVISION

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THE HONORABLE ALAN CRANSTON (SUFFIX)
TITLE:

ORGANIZATION: UNITED STATES SENATE

STREET:

CITY: WASHINGTON STATE: DC ZIP: 20510
COUNTRY:

SUBJECT: REQUESTS SUPPORT FOR CUBIC WESTERN DATA CO'S
BID FOR FARE COLLECTION SYSTEM IN SEOUL,
SOUTH KOREA

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STAFF NAME: PRESIDENT REAGAN MEDIA: L OPID: RS TYPE: IBA
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October 11, 1983

Dear Senator Cranston:

The President has asked me to thank you for your letter of September 30 expressing concern in behalf of Cubic Western Data's contract bid to provide an automatic fare collection system for the subway in Seoul, South Korea.

Your comments and suggestions regarding this matter are most appreciated. We will be taking a close look at the points raised in your letter, and you will be contacted as any additional information becomes available.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Kenneth M. Duberstein
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Alan Cranston
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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THE HONORABLE BILL LOWERY
TITLE:

ORGANIZATION: U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STREET:

CITY: WASHINGTON STATE: DC ZIP: 20515
COUNTRY:

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO DISCUSS, DURING VISIT
TO KOREA, POSSIBILITY OF CUBIC WESTERN DATA
BEING AWARDED SEOUL SUBWAY CONTRACT

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Acknowledgment sent to all signees

October 11, 1983

Dear Senator Wilson:

The President has asked me to thank you for your letter of September 30, cosigned by four of your California colleagues, expressing concern in behalf of Cubic Western Data's contract bid to provide an automatic fare collection system for the subway in Seoul, South Korea.

Your comments and suggestions regarding this matter are most appreciated. We will be taking a close look at the points raised in your letter, and you will be contacted as any additional information becomes available.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Kenneth M. Duberstein
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Pete Wilson
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

November 29, 1983

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT M. KIMMITT

FROM: GASTON J. SIGUR *JS*SUBJECT: Letter to President from Alliance for Democracy
in Korea Re His Visit to Korea

Attached at Tab I is a memo from you to Sally Kelley, forwarding a draft reply to Mr. Sung Yeon Min, per her request.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you forward Tab I to Sally Kelley.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Attachments:

Tab I Kimmitt memo to Kelley
Tab A Draft reply
Tab B Background papers

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM FOR SALLY KELLEY

FROM: ROBERT M. KIMMITT

SUBJECT: Letter to President from Alliance for Democracy
in Korea Re His Visit to Korea

Attached at Tab A is a draft reply to Mr. Sung Yeon Min, prepared by State Department for signature by a White House staff member.

Attachments:

Tab A Draft reply

Tab B Background papers

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SUGGESTED REPLY

Dear Mr. Min:

Thank you for your recommendations to the President regarding his approach to the Korean political situation during his visit to Seoul. I want to assure you that your views were conveyed to staff officials responsible for planning the President's trip.

Mr. Sung Yeon Min,
Chairman, Alliance for Democracy in Korea,
Post Office Box 325,
Monmouth Junction, New Jersey.

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북미주 민주구락부 연합회
ALLIANCE FOR DEMOCRACY IN KOREA
P.O. BOX 325, MONMOUTH JUNCTION, NEW JERSEY, 08852
(201) 238-8216 • (212) 583-1919

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October 24, 1983

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The members of the Alliance for Democracy in Korea are greatly worried that your upcoming visit to the Republic of Korea might be perceived as a sign of American support for President Chun Doo Hwan and inflame anti-American sentiment among the Korean people.

We understand well the practical need for the United States to deal with the Chun government. However, the postponement of your planned trip to the Philippines has made it difficult for the United States to avoid the appearance of its support for Chun. The very fact that you did not cancel or postpone the planned visit to South Korea is interpreted as American endorsement for Chun Doo Hwan.

Of course, it is entirely possible for you to take advantage of the upcoming trip to convince Koreans that the United States fully supports their democratic aspirations and opposes tyranny. To do so, however, would require bold public statements in support of democracy rather than quiet diplomacy. Quiet diplomacy can be more effective in dealing with specific cases. However, if the United States relies on quiet diplomacy alone, there will be no concrete evidence to contradict the public perception of American support for dictatorship in South Korea.

South Korea has traditionally been one of the most friendly of the United States' allies. Americans, who helped liberate Korea from the harsh Japanese colonial rule and fought against North Korean communists, have been deeply appreciated by South Koreans. Unfortunately, anti-Americanism in South Korea is now spreading rapidly. Koreans are frustrated by American support for Park Chung Hee and Chun Doo Hwan, and angered by ill-chosen remarks by some American officials.

The history of the Republic of Korea is a textbook case of despots breeding rebellions. President Syngman Rhee was forced to resign in 1960 because of nationwide demonstrations against him and the tight-fisted rule of President Park Chung Hee invited the riots in Pusan and Masan and eventually the assassination of Park himself. Similarly, Chun Doo Hwan's antidemocratic measures fueled public out-

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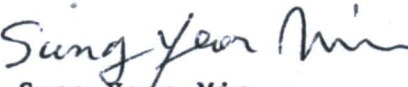
bursts, which led to the 1980 armed uprising in Kwangjoo. President Chun may be able to buy some time by cracking down on the opposition, but eventually the lid will be blown off. Thus dictatorship generates recurring instability which the American government and investors would not want in South Korea.

In order to win back the trust of the Korean people the United States must convince them by deeds. We, therefore, respectfully urge you, Mr. President, to do the following during your upcoming visit to the Republic of Korea:

1. Make public statements in support of democratic ways in general and of democratic aspirations of the Korean people in particular.
2. Persuade President Chun to restore democracy.
3. Show your concern for human rights by meeting with the families of political prisoners.
4. Meet with democratic leaders to show your interest in their views about the political situation of South Korea.

We hope your trip will initiate a new beginning in the Korean-American relations; new relations that will insure mutual trust between the two peoples.

Respectfully yours,


Sung Yeon Min
Chairman

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

NOVEMBER 7, 1983

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

DRAFT REPLY FOR SIGNATURE OF WHITE HOUSE STAFF MEMBER

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 175809

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED OCTOBER 24, 1983

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MR. SUNG YEON MIN
CHAIRMAN
ALLIANCE FOR DEMOCRACY IN KOREA
POST OFFICE BOX 325
MONMOUTH JUNCTION NJ 08852

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES CONCERN REGARDING THE PRESIDENT'S
UPCOMING VISIT TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE
UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

RETURN CORRESPONDENCE, WORKSHEET AND COPY OF RESPONSE
(OR DRAFT) TO:
AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE

SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

*Received in SP-1
11/5 at 11:09 AM (29)*

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

November 29, 1983

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT M. KIMMITT

FROM: GASTON J. SIGUR *GJS*SUBJECT: Letter to President Re U.S. Policy Toward
Korea

Attached at Tab I is a memo from you to Sally Kelley, forwarding a draft reply to Mr. Tonghwan S. Moon, per her request.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you forward Tab I to Sally Kelley.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Attachments:

Tab I Kimmitt memo to Kelley
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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM FOR SALLY KELLEY

FROM: ROBERT M. KIMMITT

SUBJECT: Letter to President Re U.S. Policy Toward Korea

Attached at Tab A is a draft reply to Mr. Tonghwan S. Moon, prepared by State Department for signature by a White House staff member.

Attachments:

Tab A Draft reply

Tab B Background papers

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SUGGESTED REPLY

Dear Mr. Moon:

I am replying to your letter of October 28 regarding the President's visit to Korea. Your letter was read by staff members responsible for planning the President's visit.

As I am sure you are aware by now, the President spoke forthrightly in Korea about the question of democratic development. He devoted one speech and portions of two others to this subject; two of these speeches were reprinted in the Seoul press, and also televised nationwide. In deference to Korean sovereignty, the President did not seek to prescribe what specific steps Korea should take, but he did, as you suggested, restate the American government's support for a free and democratic Korea.

I assure you that the United States Government remains committed to promoting political liberalization and democratic development, in Korea and worldwide, and that the Korean government is fully aware of our views in this regard.

Sincerely,

Mr. Tonghwan S. Moon,
Chairperson,

United Movement for Democracy and Unification
in Korea,

Post Office Box 3657,
Arlington, Virginia.

United Movement for Democracy and Unification in Korea

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October 28, 1983

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Reagan:

The United States has long enjoyed unqualified trust and respect of the Korean people for a number of reasons. First, American Christian missionaries brought them one hundred years ago the gospel of love and liberation. Second, America played an instrumental role in freeing the Korean people from the yoke of Japanese colonialism. Further, America came to their rescue when the Communist North threatened their existence in 1950.

Recent developments, however, have seriously corroded the long-standing gratitude and faith, which the Korean people have felt toward America. I am referring to United States policy toward the Chun Doo Whan regime, which has been taken by the Korean people as supportive of its authoritarian policies. Further, the United States did little to discourage General Chun Doo Whan from disrupting military hierarchy, jeopardizing national security, and massacring a great number of Kwangju citizens in 1980. If anything, the United States appeared to have supported General Chun Doo Whan's illegal and unconstitutional maneuvering for power.

The widespread perception of United States support for the Chun regime among the Korean public has given birth to anti-American feelings in Korea for the first time in its history. For instance, American Cultural Centers in three major cities have been set on fire, the American flag was burnt on college campuses, and anti-American chants are being heard during student demonstrations.

Given the rapidly chilling attitude of the Korean people toward the United States, your forthcoming visit to Korea may play a pivotal role either as a catalyst for restoring Korean people's faith and respect for America or as a fuel for further inflaming the anti-American feelings.

In order to assure the south Korean people of America's support for democratic principles and ideals, thereby restoring their faith in America, please consider the following:

1. The Chun Doo Whan regime is a highly authoritarian government against the overwhelming democratic desire of the Korean people. Therefore, you should publicly proclaim your support for a free and democratic Korea.
2. The American military stationed in Korea has the responsibility to help defend the nation from Communism and should not interfere in internal politics by supporting the Korean military's intervention in politics. Your public assurance on this point will dispel doubts which the Korean people have about why the American troops are in their land--i.e., whether to defend Korea from Communism or to prop up an authoritarian regime.
3. You should request that the Chun Doo Whan regime release, and reinstate the civil rights of, political prisoners; restore the freedom of press; reinstitute the free and direct election of president; guarantee academic freedom; allow the right of collective action by industrial and agricultural labor, and; life bans on basic citizen rights and the right of assemblage.

If your trip can help bring about substantive changes regarding the above points, it will make an invaluable contribution to re-cementing the friendship between Korean and American people.

Truly yours,


Tonghwan S. Moon
Chairperson

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