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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
September 19, 1983

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

TO: FREDERICK J. RYAN, DIRECTOR, PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

FROM: FAITH RYAN WHITTLESEY *FRW*

REQUEST: For the President to host a public signing ceremony for the Korean Airline Massacre Resolution

PURPOSE: To recognize Asian-Americans and focus public attention on anti-Asian Soviet foreign policy (KAL Massacre, invasion of Afghanistan, yellow rain in Laos and Cambodia, recent threats against Japan, etc.).

BACKGROUND: Last week, the Senate unanimously approved the House-passed resolution condemning the Soviet Union's destruction of the KAL airliner. The resolution will now come to the President for signature. This affords us an excellent opportunity to focus public attention on the Soviet Union's aggressive and violent actions against its Asian neighbors, and help raise the consciousness of Asian-Americans as to the Soviet threat.

The signing ceremony would be preceded by an NSC briefing on Soviet policy in Asia.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: None

DATE: September 21-23, 1983 Duration: 15 minutes

LOCATION: Rose Garden

PARTICIPANTS: Asian-American ethnic community leaders, Members of Congress, and Ambassadors of Asian countries whose citizens lost their lives in the disaster

OUTLINE OF EVENTS: The President would enter the Rose Garden, deliver a short address, sign the resolution and depart.

RECOMMENDED BY: Faith Ryan Whittlesey

The Federation of Korean Associations

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September 14, 1983

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Mr. President,

We executive officers of the Federation of Korean Associations, on behalf of 750,000 Korean Americans and immigrants to this great nation, sincerely welcome and support a series of timely and appropriate actions taken by the United States since the downing of Korean Airlines flight 007.

We are very pleased particularly with your strong condemnation of the Soviet massacre of 269 innocent people aboard the ill-fated plane. Your prompt, resolute yet balanced response has undoubtedly galvanized all civilized nations of the world to stand behind your statesmanship against the deplorable deed of Kremlin. We also appreciate your wise decision not to seek "retaliation for retaliation's sake," as we understand a harsh reality of dangerous nuclear confrontation with the Soviets, who "wantonly disregard individual rights and value of human life."

Your leadership has already gained a strong international support. We are happy to see that many nations of the world have joined the United States in condemning the Soviet Union for its ruthless atrocity.

The denial of Soviet landing rights and the subsequent closing of two Aeroflot offices in the United States appeared to be minimal of what was expected of the United States, which still is the only nation that can lead the world for freedom, peace, and justice. But we agree that too was an appropriate action.

We are not surprised but angry that the Soviets callously try to cover up the truth, that they continue to refuse to assume responsibility for the downing of the Korean passenger jetliner, and that they make a preposterous allegation that the civilian aircraft was on a spy mission directed by the United States.

We are most concerned that the Soviets not only try to justify their murderous act but they are saying they will do the same to any unarmed civilian airplane if drifted into their airspace. They show no intention of ensuring the safety of international air traffic.

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Until the Soviets meet your righteous demands -- apology to the world, reparations for the families of the innocent victims, and guaranty of safety of international traffic -- we are determined to support your leadership for necessary American and international efforts.

We believe that a similar but stronger version of the Soviet vetoed U.N. Security Council resolution should be reintroduced to the forthcoming General Assembly of the world body with your initiative and with support of U.S. allies.

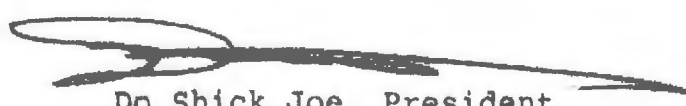
We are also fully behind your effort to workd with private groups, including American and international labor unions, who have a common interest in civil air safety.

We also believe that the United States may reconsider conditional suspension of strategic arms talks, not to increase tension but to back up your policy of "peace through strength." We are pleased to hear yesterday's Senate approval of a military bill for the next year. You deserve support of Congress especially for your defense policy.

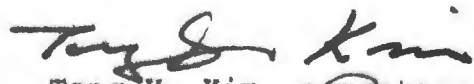
We Korean Americans will remain loyal to the United States and supportive of your presidential leadership.

May God bless our President.

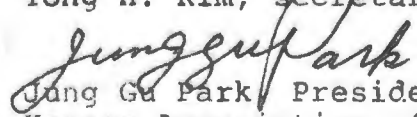
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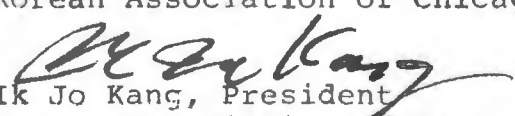
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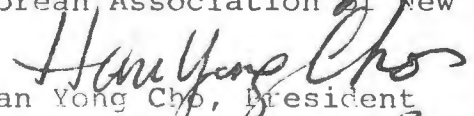
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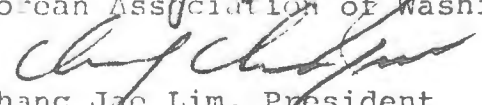
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