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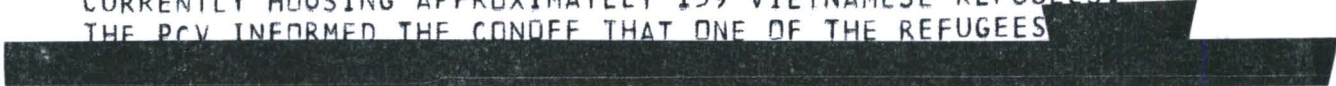
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TAGS: CGEN, SREF, PINR, KS, VM

SUBJECT: ALLEGED RECENT SIGHTING OF AMERICAN POW'S IN
- NORTH VIETNAM

1. SUMMARY: ON JULY 3, 1981, CONOFF VISITED THE REFUGEE CAMP IN BUSAN TO SPEAK WITH A VIETNAMESE REFUGEE WHO HAD REQUESTED TO SPEAK PRIVATELY TO AN AMERICAN OFFICIAL. THE REFUGEE IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS A FORMER ARVN MAJOR IN COMMAND OF THE 275TH BATTALION. HE CLAIMED TO HAVE SEEN THE FALL OF SAIGON ON APRIL 30, 1975, AND TO HAVE BEEN IN A SERIES OF PRISON CAMPS UNTIL JANUARY 14, 1981. HE FURTHER CLAIMED TO HAVE SEEN AT LEAST TEN AMERICAN PRISONERS IN JANUARY 1981 AS THEY WERE LED ON FOOT THROUGH ONE OF THE CAMPS AROUND PHY LY. END SUMMARY.

2. ON JULY 2, 1981, CONOFF SPOKE BY TELEPHONE TO A PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER (PCV) WHO IS WORKING AT THE REFUGEE CAMP MAINTAINED BY THE KOREAN RED CROSS IN BUSAN. THIS CAMP IS CURRENTLY HOUSING APPROXIMATELY 159 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES. THE PCV INFORMED THE CONOFF THAT ONE OF THE REFUGEES



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WANTED TO SPEAK PRIVATELY TO AN AMERICAN OFFICIAL TO RELATE INFORMATION OF GREAT INTEREST TO THE USG. THE PCV HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF THIS INFORMATION, NOR DID HE WANT TO KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT. THE CONOFF THEN VISITED THE CAMP ON JULY 3, 1981 TO SPEAK TO THE REFUGEE.

3. THE REFUGEE IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS ABOVE. HE CLAIMED TO HAVE BEEN IMPRISONED BY THE VC IN MAY 1975. THE IMPRISONMENT LASTED FOR 5 YEARS, 7 MONTHS, AND 13 DAYS IN A SERIES OF PRISON CAMPS. HE FURTHER CLAIMED TO HAVE BEEN RELEASED ON JANUARY 14, 1981, DUE TO ILLNESS AND GENERAL WEAKNESS WHICH PROBABLY RESULTED FROM POOR NUTRITION. HE CLAIMED TO HAVE BEEN FIRST AT A CAMP IN SOUTH VIETNAM FOR APPROXIMATELY 1 1/2 YEARS, THEN AT A

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CAMP AT SAN LA FOR 2 YEARS. SAN LA IS LOCATED ON THE NORTHEAST SIDE OF THE HONG RIVER, APPROXIMATELY 200 KM. NORTHWEST OF YEN BAI, OR 400 KM. NORTHWEST OF HANOI. HE FURTHER CLAIMED THAT THERE ARE 4 PRISON CAMPS IDENTIFIED AS A, B, C, AND ME AROUND PHY LY, APPROXIMATELY 50 KM. SOUTH OF HANOI, AND THAT HE SPENT APPROXIMATELY 2 YEARS IN THE C CAMP AND THEN ONE LAST MONTH BEFORE HIS RELEASE IN THE ME CAMP.

4. BEFORE CONTINUING HIS STORY, THE REFUGEE REQUESTED A GUARANTEE THAT HIS IDENTITY NEVER BE REVEALED. HE EXPLAINED THAT HE WAS SOMEWHAT CONCERNED ABOUT REPRISALS AGAINST HIMSELF AT THE CAMP, BUT FAR MORE CONCERNED ABOUT REPRISALS AGAINST HIS WIFE AND SON WHO ARE CURRENTLY IN HO CHI MINH CITY (SAIGON). THE CONOFF EXTENDED AN ABSOLUTE GUARANTEE OF SECRECY. THE REFUGEE THEN PROCEEDED TO DESCRIBE A SCENE IN THE ME CAMP AT 2:30 IN THE MORNING ON THE NIGHT OF JANUARY 9, 1981 (0230 HOURS JANUARY 10, 1981). HE CLAIMED TO HAVE HEARD STRANGE NOISES AND VOICES, AND THEREFORE LOOKED OUT A WINDOW AND SAW A GROUP OF AT LEAST 10 AMERICANS BEING LED ON FOOT THROUGH THE ME CAMP. HE DESCRIBED THEM AS WEARING BLUE PAJAMA-LIKE CLOTHING WHICH HAD A RED STRIPE ON EACH SIDE. HE FURTHER DESCRIBED THEM AS WALKING SLOWLY, IN AN UNSTEADY GAIT AND LEANING SLIGHTLY FORWARD AS IF THEY WERE IN A WEAKENED CONDITION. HE FURTHER CLAIMED THAT THE NEXT DAY HE MENTIONED TO A SOMEWHAT FRIENDLY GUARD THAT HE HAD HEARD "FOREIGNERS" THE NIGHT BEFORE, AND THAT HE WAS TOLD THAT HE "SHOULD KNOW NOTHING ABOUT THIS." THE REFUGEE STATED THAT HE NEVER SAW ANY KOREANS NOR ANY OTHER AMERICANS DURING HIS IMPRISONMENT.

5. THE REFUGEE NEVER REQUESTED ANY SPECIFIC PROMISE OF IMMEDIATE OR EVEN EARLY ADMISSION TO THE U.S. AFTER RELATING HIS STORY. HE DID REQUEST THAT HIS CONTRIBUTION OF THIS INFORMATION BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT WHEN HIS APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE U.S. IS CONSIDERED. HE WAS FULLY RECEPTIVE TO THE CONOFF'S STATEMENT THAT THIS INFORMATION WOULD HAVE TO BE EVALUATED FOR VERACITY AND ACCURACY. THE CONOFF EXPLAINED TO THE REFUGEE THAT HE DID NOT WANT TO MAKE ANY PROMISES THAT MIGHT NOT COME TRUE, BUT THAT THE CONOFF WOULD EXTEND EVERY APPROPRIATE CONSIDERATION TO HIM. THE REFUGEE SEEMED FULLY SATISFIED WITH THIS RESPONSE.

6. THE CONOFF WAS NOT IN A POSITION TO EVALUATE THIS INFORMATION. HOWEVER, HE DID GO OVER THE STORY SEVERAL TIMES WITH THE REFUGEE, AND DETECTED NOTHING OF A CONTRADICTORY OR IMPLAUSIBLE NATURE. THE REFUGEE APPEARED TO BE

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QUITE INTELLIGENT AND WELL-EDUCATED. HE SPOKE ENGLISH
ALMOST FLUENTLY, AND ONLY OCCASIONALLY NEEDED HELP TO
EXPLAIN A POINT HE WAS MAKING. HE ALSO STATED THAT THE

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REFUGEES HAD BEEN ADDRESSED IN A GROUP BY A KOREAN WHOM HE IDENTIFIED AS BEING FROM THE "KCIA", BUT THAT HE SAID NOTHING TO THIS KOREAN.

7. WE RECOMMEND THAT THIS REFUGEE BE FORMALLY DEBRIEFED BY APPROPRIATE INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS. HIGHLY DETAILED MAPS OF NORTH VIETNAM WILL BE NECESSARY TO ASSIST THE REFUGEE TO PINPOINT EXACT LOCATIONS. WE ALSO RECOMMEND THAT THE CONOFF'S GUARANTEE OF SECRECY BE RESPECTED. THE REFUGEE SHOULD BE TAKEN OUT OF THE CAMP IN A MANNER THAT DOES NOT AROUSE THE SUSPICIONS OF THE OTHER REFUGEES OR KOREAN RED CROSS WORKERS. THE CONOFF ADVISED THE REFUGEE TO COOPERATE WITH ANY AMERICANS WHO WISH TO SPEAK TO HIM ABOUT HIS INFORMATION IF THEY BRING HIM DETAILED MAPS OF NORTH VIETNAM. HOWEVER, THE REFUGEE STATED THAT HE WOULD NOT DO SO, THAT HE WOULD ONLY TALK TO THE CONOFF. IT MAY, THEREFORE, BE NECESSARY TO HAVE THE CONOFF PRESENT AT LEAST AT AN INITIAL DEBRIEFING SESSION.

8. EMBASSY REQUESTS APPROPRIATE GUIDANCE AND INSTRUCTIONS.

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E.O. 12958: XDS-1 7/22/01 (HOLDRIDGE, JOHN H.)

TAGS: PEPR, K6, KN, US

SUBJECT: ROKG EFFORTS TO OPEN DIALOGUE WITH NORTH KOREA

1. (S), ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY: [REDACTED]
INFORMED US IN CONFIDENCE THAT HE HAS DECIDED TO TRY TO MAKE CONFIDENTIAL CONTACT WITH THE NORTH KOREAN OBSERVER MISSION IN NEW YORK THROUGH AN APPROPRIATE THIRD-PARTY DIPLOMAT. IF THIS DOES NOT SUCCEED, DIRECT CONTACT WILL BE ATTEMPTED. IF BOTH METHODS FAIL, CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN TO ASKING AMERICAN ASSISTANCE. AMBASSADOR-AT-LARGE WALTERS URGED [REDACTED] BE PATIENT AND NOT APPEAR ANXIOUS, BUT TO PURSUE THE EFFORT AT MAKING CONTACT. HE ALSO NOTED THE DISADVANTAGES OF RELYING ON AN AMERICAN INTERMEDIARY WITH NORTH KOREA IN VIEW OF PYONGYANG'S PRESENT POLICY OF ATTEMPTING TO DEAL WITH THE USG IN LIEU OF SEOUL AND THE NORTH'S ASSERTION THAT THE SOUTH IS ONLY AN AMERICAN PUPPET. END SUMMARY.

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MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

3. [REDACTED] CALLED ON AMBASSADOR WALTERS JULY 27 TO INQUIRE REGARDING THE AMBASSADOR'S DISCUSSION OF KOREA WITH THE CHINESE DURING THE SECRETARY'S RECENT TRIP TO BEIJING. [REDACTED] STATED THAT HE HAS BEEN TASKED WITH ATTEMPTING TO ESTABLISH UNPUBLISHED CONTACT WITH THE NORTH KOREAN OBSERVER MISSION AMBASSADOR AT THE UN, AMBASSADOR HAN, IN AN EFFORT TO SUBMIT PRESIDENT CHUN'S PUBLIC OVERTURES FOR A MEETING WITH KIM IL-SUNG BY TAKING QUIET DIRECT SOUNDINGS AND ESTABLISHING A CHANNEL WHICH COULD SERVE IN OUR COURSE TO ARRANGE A MEETING BETWEEN THE PRESIDENTS.

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4. AMBASSADOR WALTERS STATED THAT HE HAD INDEED CONVEYED TO THE CHINESE THAT HE BELIEVES THE ROK IS SERIOUS IN ITS DESIRE TO ESTABLISH A DIALOGUE WITH NORTH KOREA AND THAT HE HOPES IN OUR COURSE THE NORTH WILL BE RESPONSIVE. THE CHINESE TOOK THIS ABOARD, BUT MADE NO COMMITMENTS.

5. AMBASSADOR WALTERS COMPLIMENTED THE ROK ON ITS CURRENT POSTURE AND CHUN'S PROPOSALS FOR A MEETING WITH KIM IL-SUNG. WHILE AN EARLY POSITIVE RESPONSE FROM THE NORTH WAS UNLIKELY, HE COUNSELLED PATIENCE AND PERIODIC QUIET EFFORTS TO TEST WHETHER A CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATION COULD BE OPENED, WITHOUT, HOWEVER, APPEARING OVER ANXIOUS. WITH REGARD TO LOCALITIES, AMBASSADOR WALTERS NOTED THAT RELYING ON ANY AMERICAN INTERMEDIARY TO MAKE CONTACT WITH THE PYONGYANG AUTHORITIES COULD AT THIS TIME REINFORCE THE NORTH'S PERCEPTION THAT ITS CAMPAIGN TO DEAL WITH THE USG RATHER THAN THE AUTHORITIES IN SEOUL HAS A CHANCE FOR SUCCESS. IT COULD ALSO BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE FOR ESTABLISHING AN EQUAL NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE IN VIEW OF THE NORTH'S PRETENSION THAT THE SOUTH IS A PUPPET OF THE USA. AS LONG AS PYONGYANG CONTINUES TO AVOID DEALING WITH THE AUTHORITIES IN SEOUL AND SEEKS INSTEAD TO DEAL WITH THE UNITED STATES, IT REMAINS IMPORTANT FOR THE U.S. NOT TO APPEAR IN THE NORTH'S EYES TO GET OUT IN FRONT IN A POTENTIAL NORTH-SOUTH KOREAN DIALOGUE.

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6. SUBSEQUENTLY, [REDACTED] INFORMED KOREAN COUNTRY DIRECTOR RICH THAT HE HAD DECIDED ON A COURSE OF ACTION. HE WILL SEEK AN APPROPRIATE THIRD-COUNTRY DIPLOMAT IN NEW YORK, PERHAPS FROM A SCANDINAVIAN OR SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRY WHO IS BOTH RELIABLE AND HAS CONTACT OR ENTREE

WITH THE NORTH KOREAN OBSERVER MISSION. WITH THE HELP OF SUCH AN INTERMEDIARY, HE WILL SEEK TO ARRANGE AN UN-PUBLICIZED MEETING WITH NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR HAN. RICH ASSURED [REDACTED] THAT U.S. AGENCIES WOULD BE GLAD TO ASSIST WITH SUGGESTIONS FOR USEFUL POTENTIAL INTER-MEDIARIES OF THIS NATURE.

7. IF THE ABOVE EFFORT FAILS, [REDACTED] HE WILL THEN SEEK CONTACT DIRECTLY WITH THE NORTH KOREAN MISSION. TO FACILITATE THESE EFFORTS HE WILL SHORTLY BE ACCREDITED TO THE ROK OBSERVER MISSION IN NEW YORK IN ADDITION TO HIS ACCREDITATION TO THE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. THIS WILL GIVE HIM AN EXCUSE FOR CALLS AND CONTACTS WITH THE UN DIPLOMATIC CORPS IN NEW YORK CITY.

8. IF ALL OF THESE METHODS FAILED, [REDACTED] ASKED WHAT THE USG'S VIEWS WOULD BE ABOUT A REQUEST FOR AMERICAN ASSISTANCE AS AN INTERMEDIARY. RICH NOTED THAT WE HAVE DIRECTLY PLEDGED TO PRESIDENT CHUN THAT WE WILL NOT INITIATE ANY SEPARATE U.S. CONTACTS WITH NORTH KOREA. THEREFORE ANY REQUEST THAT WE UNDERTAKE A DIFFERENT POSTURE SHOULD COME FROM THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF THE ROKS. IN THAT CASE, WE WOULD WANT TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBLE DISADVANTAGES AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS SUCH AS CITED BY AMBASSADOR WALTERS, BUT A DECISION WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES AT THAT TIME AND IN LIGHT OF A FULL CONSIDERATION OF THE SITUATION BY BOTH GOVERNMENTS.

9. COMMENT: IT IS REASSURING THAT [REDACTED] APPARENTLY RESOLVED TO PURSUE HIS EFFORTS WITHOUT RELYING INITIALLY ON AN AMERICAN INTERMEDIARY. HE HAS ALREADY SPOKEN TO SO MANY AMERICANS OUTSIDE AS WELL AS WITHIN THE USG ABOUT HIS DESIRE TO MAKE SUCH CONTACT THAT HE MAY HAVE BORDERED ON INDISCRETION. WE SENSE THAT HE HAS BEEN RELUCTANT TO PROCEED WITHOUT THE REASSURANCE OF A "SURE

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RESULT WHICH WOULD PROMOTE HIS OWN AMBITIONS WITHIN THE
COUNTRIES. HE HAD ALREADY RECEIVED VERY CAUTIOUS RESPONSES
FROM MOST OF THOSE WHOM HE APPROACHED. FOR EXAMPLE, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] NOTED [REDACTED] THAT USE OF AN AMERICAN
INTERMEDIARY, MIGHT UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES PLAY
INTO NORTH KOREA'S HANDS.

IS. THE EMBASSY SHOULD BE CAUTIOUS IN DISCUSSING THIS
SUBJECT IN SEOUL. [REDACTED] CONTINUES TO CLAIM THAT FOREIGN
MINISTER WHO IS UNINFORMED OF THE MISSION HE HAS BEEN

GIVEN TO SEEK UNPUBLISHED CONTACT WITH NORTH KOREAN
OFFICIALS. WE ARE SKEPTICAL OF THIS, SINCE FORMER
AMBASSADOR KIM YONG-SHIK WAS FULLY INFORMED AND INDEED
DISCUSSED THE MATTER WITH U.S. OFFICIALS. HOWEVER,
UNTIL EVIDENCE TO THE CONTRARY, ANY DISCUSSION OF THIS
INITIATIVE SHOULD PROBABLY BE LIMITED ONLY TO SENIOR
WHITE HOUSE OFFICIALS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND IN RESPONSE TO THEIR
INITIATION OF THE SUBJECT. HAIG

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SUBJECT: ROKG EFFORT TO ESTABLISH DIALOGUE WITH NORTH KOREA

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2. ADCM CALLED ON BLUE HOUSE ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL HER HWA PYUNG (M-R: HO HWA-PYUNG) AUGUST 22 TO CARRY OUT THE INSTRUCTION IN REFTEL. HER WAS OBVIOUSLY WELL INFORMED, AND IS PLEASED WITH OUR APPROACH TO THE SWEDISH CHARGE IN NEW YORK. HER AGREES THAT SHOULD THE SWEDISH RESPONSE BE POSITIVE, FURTHER INITIATIVES SHOULD BE TAKEN BY THE ROKG DIRECTLY. WITH REGARD TO THE SUBSTANCE OF ANY EVENTUAL ROK-DPRK CONTACT, HER SAYS THAT A DETAILED PLAN OF ACTION HAS NOT YET BEEN WORKED OUT. HE SUGGESTED THAT ADCM CALL AGAIN NEXT WEEK TO DISCUSS THE SUBSTANCE OF ROKG THINKING.

3. THE CONVERSATION THEN TURNED TO THE DIFFICULT ISSUE OF REGULARIZING THE CHANNEL WHICH THE ROKG USES IN ITS EFFORT TO ESTABLISH A DIALOGUE WITH THE NORTH. HER SEEMED PUZZLED AT FIRST, BUT EVENTUALLY ACCEPTED THAT COOPERATION FROM THE SWEDISH AND OTHER GOVERNMENTS IS MORE LIKELY TO BE GAINED IF REGULAR CHANNELS ARE USED. USE OF REGULAR CHANNELS WOULD LEAVE NO DOUBT IN THE MINDS OF OTHER GOVERNMENTS THAT THE INITIATIVE HAS THE BACKING OF THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF THE ROKG. (IN EXPLAINING THIS ISSUE, ADCM SAID THAT WHILE THE CLOSENESS OF U.S.-ROK RELATIONS LEAVES US IN NO DOUBT THAT [REDACTED] IS ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE PRESIDENT, OTHER GOVERNMENTS MAY NOT SEE THIS SO CLEARLY.)

4. WE ASSUME THAT AN ANSWER FROM THE SWEDES WILL BE FORTHCOMING SHORTLY. ONCE WE HAVE IT, WE WILL APPROACH HER AGAIN AND TRY TO DEVELOP SOME UNDERSTANDING OF THE SCENARIO WHICH THE ROKG ENVISIONS SHOULD THE NORTH AGREE

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SUBJECT: KALICKI CONVERSATION WITH KIM KYUNG WON
1. (S - ENTIRE TEXT)
2. SUMMARY: BLUE HOUSE SECRETARY GENERAL KIM KYUNG WON TOLD STAFFDEL KALICKI DURING DINNER AUGUST 19 THAT PRESIDENT CHUN WOULD CONSIDER POINTS RAISED IN SENATOR KENNEDY'S LETTER ON BASIS OF CURRENT SITUATION IN ROK. THE FOLLOWING OTHER POINTS CAME UP DURING THE LENGTHY CONVERSATION:
- --THE PRESIDENT IS COMMITTED TO "POLITICAL MODERNIZATION" AND WILL LEAVE OFFICE AFTER ONE TERM.
- --THE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO REMOVE SECURITY FORCES FROM UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES THIS FALL. DISSSENT WILL BE TOLERATED, BUT "VIOLENCE" WILL BRING SWIFT, MASSIVE RETALIATION.
- --THE PRESIDENT RECOGNIZES THE NEED TO RECONCILE THE PEOPLE OF KWANGJU AND THE CHOLLAS, AND HAS ALREADY TAKEN SOME STEPS IN THAT DIRECTION.
- --CHUN IS DETERMINED TO STAMP OUT CORRUPTION, AS SHOWN BY THE ARREST OF HIS OWN COUSIN AND THE REMOVAL OF THE CAPITAL SECURITY COMMANDER. THIS LATTER STEP ALSO SERVES AS A WARNING TO THE MILITARY AND INTELLIGENCE SERVICES TO KEEP THEIR PLACES.
- --THERE IS LIKELY TO BE A LESSENING OF RESTRICTION ON POLITICAL EXPRESSION, BUT THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP A TIGHT REIN ON THE CHRISTIAN BROADCASTING SYSTEM AND

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--CHUN SEEKS A "SECOND NORMALIZATION" WITH THE JAPANESE, THIS ONE ECONOMIC AS OPPOSED TO THE "FIRST NORMALIZATION" OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. THE ROKG WILL TAKE A TOUGH STANCE IN THE UPCOMING FONMIN AND SUMMIT TALKS, DESPITE "FACE-SAVING" PROBLEMS THAT ARE LIKELY TO ARISE ON BOTH ROKG AND GOJ SIDES. END SUMMARY.

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5. IN RESPONSE TO KALICKI'S PRESENTATION OF CONTINUING U.S. INTEREST IN AND SUPPORT OF POLITICAL LIBERALIZATION IN KOREA, KIM STRESSED THAT PRESIDENT CHUN IS FIRMLY COMMITTED TO "POLITICAL MODERNIZATION" AS HIS LEGACY TO THE ROK. CHUN INSISTS ON LEAVING AFTER HIS FIRST TERM; HE WANTS TO BREAK THE PAST PATTERN OF VIOLENT SUCCESSION; ALL BLUE HOUSE PLANNING IS PREDICATED ON ESTABLISHING LEGITIMACY AND INSTITUTIONALIZING POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT IN COURSE OF CURRENT PRESIDENTIAL TERM.

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7. KIM REVIEWED IN DETAIL THE EVENTS FROM THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT PARK (M-R: PAK CHONG-HUI) TO THE

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8. KIM ALSO CITED THE REPLACEMENT OF THE CAPITAL SECURITY COMMANDER AND DETENTION OF CHUN'S COUSIN AS EXAMPLES OF THE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TO REDUCE THE ROLE OF THE MILITARY AND TO ELIMINATE CORRUPTION AT ALL LEVELS. THE INTERNAL SECURITY ROLE OF THE NSP IS SIGNIFICANTLY LESS THAN THAT OF THE OLD KCIA. CHUN IS ESSENTIALLY TELLING THE MILITARY AND INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES TO KEEP HANDS OFF THE GOVERNMENT.

9. KIM PROJECTED A GRADUAL LESSENING OF RESTRICTIONS ON FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION, INCLUDING THE PRESS. OVER TIME THE ROKG MIGHT REVISE THE PRESENT CONSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURE AND CONSIDER DIRECT PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS AND SIMILAR MEASURES. HOWEVER, THE ROKG WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP A TIGHT REIN ON POSSIBLE SOURCES OF OPPOSITION SUCH AS THE CHRISTIAN BROADCASTING SYSTEM, OLD POLITICIANS AND POLITICAL STRUCTURES.

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FROM: DONALD GREGG *DG*

SUBJECT: ROK-Japan Relations

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HOLDRIDGE TO MAKE IN HIS MEETING WITH LHO FOLLOWING HIS VISIT IN JAPAN. I INTEND TO REMIND THE MINISTER THAT WE ARE ALREADY ON RECORD AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL IN OUR SUPPORT FOR THEIR FURTHER INTERNATIONAL INVOLVEMENT IN THEIR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. END COMMENTARY.
10. LHO SAID THE KOREA-JAPAN MINISTERIAL MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE SEPTEMBER 10-11 AS SCHEDULED, AND HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE ANY U.S. APPROACH TO THE JAPANESE TAKE PLACE BEFORE THAT TIME. WALKER

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E.O. 12065: GDS 09/4/87 (BLAKEMORE, DAVID) DR-M
TAGS: PINT, OVIP (HER HWA PYUNG) KS
SUBJECT: VISIT TO THE U.S. BY HER HWA PYUNG
REF: SEOUL 10493

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. IN THE LATEST INSTALLMENT OF THE CONTINUING SAGA OF HER HWA PYUNG'S (M-R; HO HWA-PYONG) DESIRE TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES, WE ARE NOW PICKING UP HINTS THAT HER'S RELUCTANCE TO MAKE FIRM TRAVEL PLANS STEMS FROM THE ABSENCE OF AN OFFICIAL USG INVITATION. WE RECOMMEND, THEREFORE, THAT THE DEPARTMENT PROVIDE US WITH A TELEGRAPHIC INVITATION - WE SUGGEST FROM EITHER NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR ALLEN OR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLDRIDGE - WHICH WE CAN PASS TO HER. WE HOPE THAT ON THAT BASIS WE CAN BEGIN TO WORK OUT A DETAILED ITINERARY AND APPOINTMENT SCHEDULE. WALKER

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E.O. 12065: XDS-1 09/11/01 (BLAKEMORE, DAVID) DR-M
TAGS: PEPR, KS, KN, US
SUBJECT: ROKG EFFORT TO ESTABLISH DIALOGUE WITH NORTH KOREA
REF: ~~SEOUL~~ 10494

1. ~~SECRET~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. IN THE COURSE OF A CONVERSATION ON ANOTHER SUBJECT WITH ACTING DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION ON SEPTEMBER 10, GENERAL HER HWA PYUNG (M-R: HO HWA-PIYONG) RAISED THE SUBJECT OF POSSIBLE ROKG EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH A DIALOGUE WITH NORTH KOREA. REFERRING TO THE CONVERSATION REPORTED REFTEL, HER SAID HE HAS RECENTLY DISCUSSED THIS ISSUE WITH NSP DIRECTOR YOO (M-R: YO HAK-SONG) AND SECOND DEPUTY DIRECTOR KIM SONG-CHIN (M-R). BOTH HAD EXPLAINED TO HER THAT MORE TIME IS REQUIRED BEFORE THEY ARE PREPARED TO DISCUSS ROKG STRATEGY WITH THE U.S.
3. A/DCM ASSURED HER THAT THE USG IS NOT TRYING TO HURRY THE ROKG ON THIS ISSUE. WE HAVE ONLY TWO CONCERNS. FIRST, WE WANT TO ASSURE OURSELVES THAT ANY INITIATIVE UNDERTAKEN HAS THE FULL BACKING OF THE ROKG AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL. SECONDLY, IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR US TO BE AWARE OF THE ROKG STRATEGY SHOULD AN APPROACH TO THE NORTH BE DECIDED UPON. WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO BE HELPFUL.
4. AFTER SOME CIRCUITOUS DISCUSSION, HER EVENTUALLY ACKNOWLEDGED THAT

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HAS RECEIVED NO INSTRUCTIONS WITH REGARD TO A POSSIBLE INITIATIVE TOWARD THE NORTH. THE ACTION HE HAS TAKEN SO FAR HAS BEEN AT HIS OWN INITIATIVE, BUT HE WILL NOT PROCEED FURTHER WITHOUT SPECIFIC AUTHORIZATION FROM THE PRESIDENT. HER THEN REITERATED HIS ASSURANCE OF AUGUST 22 THAT THE ROKG WILL DISCUSS WITH US ITS PLANS AND OBJECTIVES ON THIS ISSUE IN ADVANCE OF ANY INITIATIVE.
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KWON JONG DAL

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPT W/ RVA FOR SECRETARY GENERAL OF DEMOCRATIC JUSTICE
PARTY OF ROK DURING WEEK OF SEP 7-11

ACTION: PREPARE MEMO FOR ALLEN

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. RICHARD V. ALLEN
THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: Request for an Appointment with You by
Kwon Jong-dal, Secretary General of the
Democratic Justice Party (Republic of Korea).

Mr. Kwon Jong-dal has been Secretary General of the Democratic Justice Party, the ruling party in Korea, since December 1980. He will be visiting the United States on an ICA international visitor's grant from August 27-September 11. Mr. Kwon will be in Washington from September 7-11 and hopes to see a number of Senators, Congressmen and senior Administration officials. He would like to pay a brief courtesy call on you and Mr. Don Gregg during the week of September 7-11.

One of President Chun Doo Hwan's closest and most trusted subordinates, Mr. Kwon has been personally charged by Chun to build up the Government party. Although the political parties in Korea are new and not well established, we anticipate their role will continue to grow in importance as Korea moves toward greater political pluralism. We can contribute to this process and help enhance the stature of the relatively new political institutions in Korea by receiving leaders such as Mr. Kwon at a high level.

for R G Bremer
L. Paul Bremer, III
Executive Secretary

Attachment:

Biographic Sketch of Secretary General Kwon.

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

September 12, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

This item was received from the Department of State at 9:00 am Saturday September 12.

I checked with Mr. Allen's office, and Irene Derus informed me that she had received a call from this gentleman's party requesting the appointment with Mr. Allen, and that she (after checking with Mr. Gregg's office) had regreted the request earlier in the week.

Please note that the item requests the appt. 9-11 September and is dated 11 September.

dsm
9/12/81