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#### THE WHITE HOUSE

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WASHINGTON

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> MEETING WITH LEE BUM SUK FOREIGN MINISTER OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

TUESDAY, MAY 3, 1983 OVAL OFFICE 11:00 A.M.

FROM: WILLIAM P. CLARK

#### I. PURPOSE

15-minute courtesy call to underscore the importance this Administration attaches to the U.S.-Korean relationship.

#### II. BACKGROUND

Foreign Minister Lee is a staunch supporter of the closest ties between Korea and the United States, and is one of the key figures providing foreign policy advice to President Chun. It is distinctly to our advantage to enhance the prestige of Foreign Minister Lee.

#### III. PARTICIPANTS

The President

William P. Clark, Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

Kenneth W. Dam, Acting Secretary of State Thomas P. Shoesmith, Acting Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs

Gaston J. Sigur, Director of East Asian Affairs, National Security Council

Robert C. McFarlane, Deputy Assistant to the President Messrs. Meese, Baker, Deaver will attend at their discretion Minister Lee Bum Suk, ROK Minister of Foreign Affairs Ambassador Lew Byong Hyon, ROK Ambassador to the United States

Park Kun-woo, Director-General of American Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

#### IV. PRESS PLAN

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#### LEE Bum Suk

Minister of Foreign Affairs (since June 1982)

Addressed as: Mr. Minister

career diplomat, Lee Bum Suk assumed the Foreign Affairs portfolio as part of an ongoing Cabinet shuffle that President Chun Doo Hwan started in late May 1982. Before he received his current assignment, Lee had served for five months in the Blue House as Secretary General—in effect, President Chun's chief of staff. Because of his foreign service background, Lee has few political ties. He evidently enjoys a close relationship with President Chun, however.



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Lee has been involved in North-South Korean issues for years and has had wide experience in negotiating with North Korea. He was involved in discussions with that country on the exchange of prisoners of war in 1953, and during 1972-76 he served both as vice president of the Korean National Red Cross and as senior representative to the North-South Red Cross talks. As Minister of National Unification (his first Cabinet post) from September 1980 until January 1982, Lee was charged with reviewing the entire history of North-South contacts and developing a series of policy options for President Chun's consideration

Lee graduated from Posong College (now Korea University) in 1946. He joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1960 and became chief of its International Organizations Section in 1961. He then came to the United States and studied at the University of Maryland and the George Washington University Graduate School. Returning home, he rejoined the Foreign Ministry, and by 1966 he had become director general of the Office of Protocol, with the rank of ambassador. He served as Ambassador to Tunisia during 1970-71 and as Ambassador to India during 1976-80.

#### Lee, 57,

fluent and idiomatic English. He is married and has a son and two daughters. Lee's name is spelled Yi Pom-sok in the McCune-Reischauer romanization system.

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#### NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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April 26, 1983

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MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

THROUGH: CHARLES P. TYSON

FROM: GASTON J. SIGUR

SUBJECT:

Briefing Papers and Talking Points for President's Meeting with Foreign Minister of the Republic of Korea, Lee Bum Suk, May 3, at 11:00 a.m.

Foreign Minister Lee is visiting at the invitation of Secretary Shultz. In addition to his call on the President and extended discussions with the Acting Secretary, Lee will meet with the Vice President, Secretary Weinberger, and key members of the Congress. He is scheduled to address the Asia Society in Washington and the Los Angeles World Affairs Council. Mr. Lee is an engaging interlocutor and an effective advocate of his government's policies.

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Foreign Minister Lee will express Korean support for the President's initiative throughout the world in support of a policy of peace through strength. He will stress U.S.-Korean friendship and security cooperation. He will in all likelihood renew the invita-tion to the President to visit Korea.

At Tab I is a memo from you to the President forwarding briefing material, bio data and talking points for his meeting with Lee.

**RECOMMENDATION:** 

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520



April 23, 1983

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: The President's May 3 Meeting with the Korean Foreign Minister--Suggested Participants

The Department proposes that the following officials participate in the President's meeting with the Korean Foreign Minister on May 3 at 11:00 a.m. (no interpretation is required):

Bum Suk LEE, Foreign Minister

Bion Hyon LEW, Korean Ambassador

Kenneth W. Dam, Acting Secretary of State

Thomas P. Shoesmith, Acting Assistant Secretary for East Asian and Pacific Affairs

Charles Hill Executive Secretary

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK THE WHITE HOUSE

WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM

SUBJECT:

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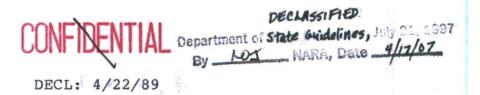
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Charles Hill Executive Secretary

Attachments:

Tab 1 - Briefing Paper

Tab 2 - Biographic Sketches



#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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BY CN NARADATE 3/27/00

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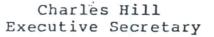
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#### MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK THE WHITE HOUSE

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE GEORGE P. SHULTZ The Secretary of State

> THE HONORABLE CASPAR W. WEINBERGER The Secretary of Defense

SUBJECT: Rethinking Our Objectives for the President's Asian Trip (C)

The decision to confine the President's Asian itinerary to Japan and Korea--two countries most directly affected by the KAL shootdown and growing Soviet military intimidation--has the effect of giving the trip a more political-military character than was the case initially. We need to readjust our thinking to reflect this fact, and we need to review trip themes and specific substantive objectives accordingly. A small group will be convened by the Senior Director for Political-Military Affairs and the Senior Director for Asian Affairs to stimulate urgent preliminary thinking on this subject. (S)

FOR THE PRESIDENT:

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October 4, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM: DONALD R. FORTIER

SUBJECT: Rethinking Our Objectives for the President's Asian Trip

Attached is the directive you agreed to send in approving my memo on KAL and the President's Asian trip objectives.

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Recommendation

That you sign the attached directive.

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Tab A Clark/Shultz and Weinberger

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TO:

OVP - Mr. Donald Gregg NSC - Mr. Robert Kimmitt CIA - Mr. Thomas B. Cormack Defense - Colonel John Stanford JCS - LTC Dennis Stanley USIA - Ms. Teresa Collins

SUBJECT: US and ROK Responses to the Rangoon Terrorist Incident: Check List of Actions Taken

Attached is a check list as of October 21 of actions taken, and responses received to our demarches in a number of capitals, in response to the Rangoon terrorist incident.

Suggestions for additional measures should be sent to the Office of Korean Affairs.

Charles Hill Executive Secretary

Attachment:

The Rangoon Incident - US and ROK Responses; Check List of Actions Taken.

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#### THE RANGOON INCIDENT - US AND ROK RESPONSES

#### Check List of Actions Taken (as of October 21)

#### Immediate Bilateral Actions:

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Replies to high level demarches on support for ROK:

A number of African and Latin American governments have made public statements (some in the UNGA) and sent messages of condolence; most have said they will consider further action when there is confirmed information on who is responsible.

ASEAN governments have expressed strong sympathy for the ROK, and if North Korean responsibility is clear, may take some action against the DPRK. (However, their attitude toward the DPRK is complicated by Kim Il-sung's support for Sihanouk and the Kampuchean coalition.)

Canberra will reschedule Chun's trip; Prime Minister Hawke will (in principle) add Seoul to his Beijing/Tokyo trip.

We have urged the New Zealand government to consider sending high-level emissary to Seoul to reiterate invitation to Chun to visit Wellington.

Colombo sent acting foreign minister to funeral in Seoul; President condemned bombing in strong public statement; Chun visit tentatively rescheduled for 1985.

London has several high-level visits scheduled: Chun to the UK in 1984, high-level Ministerial and British naval visits to Korea in early 1984.

Paris sent a ministerial level delegation to the Seoul funeral, and will consider other actions.

Rome has sent messages and will consider high level visits; the Pope is scheduled to visit Korea in May 1984.

Tokyo will consider what might be done if North Korean complicity proven (in discussions with the Japanese here and in Tokyo we have stressed importance of avoiding "business-as-usual" attitude); Foreign Minister Abe attended Seoul funeral service.

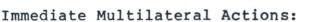
Upgrading of Egyptian-ROK relations: On October 19 Ambassador made demarche to Deputy Prime Minister/Foreign Minister, who will raise with President. We will reinforce with Egyptian Ambassador here, and will ask other governments to weigh in. Similar approaches will be pursued with Government of Pakistan (delayed by Shiite holiday).

Discussions with Congress: H and EA have consulted with key members and staffers on a joint resolution, provided draft text and urged prompt action.

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ROK UN observer mission officers have told USUN that they believe it unwise to take any action in the UN until the Burmese publish the results of their investigation. ROK UN Ambassador Kim Kyung-Won stated that any effort to raise the incident in the UNSC or UNGA before the Burmese had issued their report could only result in tactical benefit to North Korea. At this point, Kim indicated that he was considering sending a preliminary, low-key letter to the Secretary General expressing ROK concern over the incident and alluding to possible North Korean responsibility. He would not, however, ask the SYG to circulate the letter as a UN document.

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IO has determined that the most appropriate UN bodies in which to raise the issue when the Burmese investigation is concluded are the UNGA committees, the Human Rights Commission (HRC) and possibly the Security Council. The HRC will next meet in February-March 1984. The various technical agencies of the UN would not appear to be relevant fora in which to raise this incident; (in any event we have been trying to keep extraneous political issues out of these agencies). We are inclined not to press any multilateral actions until the ROK indicates it wishes to proceed.

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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. McFARLANE

FROM:

GASTON J. SIGUR

SUBJECT:

ECT: State Action Paper on US and Korean Responses to the Ragoon Terrorist Incident

This State Action Paper (Tab A) results from a SIG held in State at our suggestion. The recommended steps to be taken by both the U.S. and our Korean allies are, I believe, appropriate ones. A number of circular cables have been sent to missions abroad and State is in continuous contact with the Korean Ambassador and his staff. As you know, President Chun has eschewed the use of military force in favor of diplomatic and political reprisals. We are discussing with the Koreans the kinds of action we might take.

As of now, we still have no solid evidence whether or not the North Koreans were responsible for the Rangoon outrage. It certainly looks that way, but we must let the Burmese carry on the investigations at their own pace and in their own manner. They announced today that three Koreans have been identified as being involved in the plot. No word yet on whether they were North Koreans.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Action Paper on US and Korean Responses to the Rangoon Terrorist Incident

The attached Senior Interagency Group paper outlines how we plan to proceed in responding to the Rangoon Terrorist Incident.

Charles Hill

Charles Hill Executive Secretary

Attachment:

Senior Interagency Group Paper on the Rangoon Terrorist Incident



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#### The Rangoon Incident - US and ROK Responses

In the wake of the Rangoon incident we should consult with the ROKG on measures which we can take to support our mutual security interests and the ROK's international position, and, if the evidence warrants, on appropriate measures to take vis-a-vis North Korea. Our objectives are to avoid uncontrolled escalation of tension on the Korean peninsula and to help the ROK sustain and broaden its enhanced international stature by avoiding counter-productive retaliation against the DPRK.

Vigorous US diplomatic action will reassure the ROK of our support and may help thwart Pyongyang's objective of reversing Seoul's recent success in enhancing its international stature. It will also assist President Chun in managing the pressures for retaliation in kind against the North if he can demonstrate that some firm action is being taken. It may also be useful to him domestically to be seen as under pressure from the US to exercise restraint, although there are also possible negative consequences if he is seen as giving in to US pressure without getting something in return from us. Thus, the more we can do to assist the South Koreans in this tragedy, the better able we will be to consult closely with them and keep their reactions within bounds.

Because of the presence of 39,000 US troops in Korea, we are involved. Therefore, we must insist, as Secretary Weinberger made clear to ROK Minister of Defense in the April 1983 Security Consultative Meetings, that the US must be fully consulted on any plans that could affect us.

It must be recognized that pressures on President Chun not to appear weak in the face of terrorism may dictate his response whether or not the US would support it. An assessment of internal pressures being exerted on President Chun must be completed, and up-dated as necessary.

In considering responses to the Rangoon incident, there are steps we can take immediately and others which might be taken after the evidence is in. We must bear in mind that the identification of the assassins may never be confirmed, or may not be made public by the Burmese. This may complicate our efforts to garner international support for steps to be taken in support of the ROK and to condemn the North. For success in these efforts it would be preferable for the public US role to be muted; neither the US nor the ROK should give an appearance of arm-twisting in our approaches to other governments.

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Immediate Bilateral Actions (in Absence of Solid Evidence of North Korean Complicity)

-- The President's letter to President Chun, and Secretary Weinberger's October 13 meeting with him on the day of the memorial service, are clear signs of US support; Secretary Weinberger's visit provided an opportunity to discuss some of the dangers of precipitate retaliatory action and the need for full consultations. If it appears desirable to have further high-level consultations, we should try to enlist someone who is highly respected.

-- In our consultations with the ROKs, we should also emphasize the importance of having solid evidence of North Korean responsibility for the killings and of keeping the Burmese out in front in the international arena.

-- We should encourage Congressional expressions of sympathy and support for the ROK.

-- We should begin consultations with the Japanese on steps they may be prepared to take, such as limits on trade and extension of bank credit, to the DPRK, if North Korean complicity in the assassinations becomes clear.

-- We should begin discussions with our close friends and allies on what might be done to demonstrate support for the ROK (such as high-level visits).

-- While we want to encourage the Burmese government to continue to investigate the incident and disseminate the facts as they obtain them, we must remain careful not to push the Burmese too hard. Our posture should be supportive without being intrusive.

-- We should again urge the Pakistanis to up-grade their relations with the ROK to full diplomatic status; they have told us for over a year that the decision to do so has been made in principle and that it is just a matter of timing. Now is the time for Pakistan to accord full diplomatic recognition to the ROK.

-- Although prospects for Egyptian full recognition of the ROK are somewhat less likely, Cairo does have cordial consularlevel relations with Seoul. We should also urge the Egyptians to raise the level of their relations with the ROK now.

-- We should continue to brief the Chinese and Soviets on this situation, and ask that they counsel restraint in Pyongyang. SECRET/SENSITIVE - 3 -

#### Immediate Multilateral Actions in Absence of Solid Evidence of North Korean Complicity)

LETTERS TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND UNSC PRESIDENT: We should suggest to Korea and Burma that they send a letter to the Secretary General on the Rangoon incident, to be circulated in the UNGA. We should also suggest that they send a similar letter to the UNSC President (Jordan in October)

-- UNGA COMMITTEES: Encourage sympathetic countries to speak on the incident in various UNGA Committees (e.g., Third-Human Rights; Sixth-Legal), citing the Rangoon case as an act of international terrorism deserving condemnation. It would be raised under existing agenda items such as anti-terrorism and protection of diplomats.

-- OTHER UN BODIES: Explore the possibility of raising the incident in other appropriate UN bodies, such as the Human Rights Commission.

-- NONALIGNED MOVEMENT: Sound out friendly members of the NAM to determine if they would be willing to speak out individually in the NAM to condemn this act. We cannot expect the NAM as a body to do or say anything; the lack of hard evidence, the DPRK's active participation in the NAM, and Burma's withdrawal from the NAM several years ago all make collective action implausible. Nevertheless, our appeal would make a difference to some NAM members and to the South Koreans.

Bilateral actions if There is Solid Evidence of North Korean Complicity

-- We are now identifying those countries where approaches should be made on possible cancelling of aid programs or downgrading or suspending diplomatic relations with Pyongyang.

-- Urge Japan, France and others to suspend to the maximum extent possible their countries' non-official dealings with the DPRK, in such areas as trade and extension of credit. Approaches might also be made to shipping and longshoremen's unions on a shipping boycott.

-- Work with the ROK on a world-wide public diplomacy campaign to censure the DPRK's terrorist action.

-- As part of the new VOA proposal, offer US broadcasting facilities to the ROK for improved broadcast capability to North Korea.

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#### Multilateral Actions if There is Solid Evidence of North Korean Complicity

-- SECURITY COUNCIL: Consult with Burma and South Korea on whether to request a meeting of the UNSC. This meeting would hear speeches by Burma, South Korea, and as many other concerned nations as possible (not just members of the Council) condemning the Rangoon atrocity. Depending on the atmosphere and tactical situation, Burma, South Korea and the USG would seek a resolution condemning the act and possibly also the DPRK. Even with unambiguous evidence of DPRK guilt, however, we could not be certain of the outcome. It would be easier to obtain a UNSC resolution condemning only the atrocity, but even in this case the outcome would not be certain. Moreover, we would not want to end up with both China and the USSR voting against us. China might feel constrained to do so even if it suspected North Korean complicity. Any UNSC resolution on this subject could include a call for sanctions against states which employ terrorism as national policy.

-- GENERAL ASSEMBLY: Encourage sympathetic countries to raise the issue in the UNGA. We do not have enough time to stimulate mention of the Rangoon atrocity in the General Debate, which concludes October 14.

-- OTHER UN AGENCIES: Explore the possibility of addressing the incident, as appropriate, in other UN agencies, including those in which North Korea has either member or observer status. North Korea is a member of the following UN agencies: FAO, IAEA, ICAO, IPU, IRCS, ITU, UNCTAD, UNDP, UNESCO, WHO, WIPO, WMO. Our preliminary assessment is that none of these organizations would be relevant to an issue like the Rangoon incident. A more appropriate UN forum would be the Human Rights Commission, which meets in Geneva February-March 1984.

-- OPPOSITION TO MEMBERSHIP: Vote against North Korean admission to international organizations to which it seeks membership. For example, Pyongyang has applied for membership to the International Maritime Organization (IMO). South Korea is already a member.

-- NONALIGNED MOVEMENT: Sound out friendly members to determine if they would try to get the Movement to make some expression of condemnation. Although still a long shot, prospects would be better if there were solid evidence of North Korean complicity.