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E.O. 12356: N/A  
TAGS: PREL, KS KN  
SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR WALKER'S LETTER TO PRESIDENT CHUN

1. AMBASSADOR DELIVERED PRESIDENT REAGAN'S LETTER PERSONALLY TO PRESIDENT CHUN AT 1500 HOURS (SEOUL TIME) ON OCTOBER 10. SEPTEL REPORTS SUBSTANCE OF AMBASSADOR WALKER'S MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CHUN. AMBASSADOR WALKER ALSO DELIVERED TO THE PRESIDENT THE FOLLOWING PERSONAL LETTER:

2. BEGIN TEXT:

- "DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:  
- I JOIN PRESIDENT REAGAN AND ALL THE AMERICAN PEOPLE  
- IN EXTENDING TO YOU AND THE PEOPLE IN THE REPUBLIC  
- OF KOREA OUR DEEPLY FELT GRIEF OVER THE TERRIBLE  
- VIOLENCE WROUGHT UPON YOUR PEACEFUL MISSION IN  
- RANGOON, BURMA YESTERDAY. WE MOURN WITH YOU FOR THE  
- KOREANS WHO LOST THEIR LIVES AND WERE WOUNDED WHILE  
- ON A MISSION WHICH SOUGHT BETTER WORLD CONDITIONS  
- AND UNDERSTANDING.

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- MRS. WALKER AND I COUNTED SOME OF THOSE LOST AMONG  
- OUR CLOSEST AND DEAREST FRIENDS IN THE WORLD, SO WE  
- CAN UNDERSTAND THE GREAT SENSE OF PERSONAL LOSS  
- WHICH YOU MUST FEEL. WE OFFER SINCERE SYMPATHY  
- AND CONDOLENCES.  
- "MY OWN PERSONAL SENSE OF OUTRAGE IS TEMPERED BY  
- THE CONVICTION THAT IN THE LONG RUN WE SHALL BE  
- ABLE TO PREVAIL OVER THE EVIL FORCES WHICH  
- PERPETRATE SUCH DESPICABLE ACTS. WE MUST MAKE  
- SURE THOSE WHO MIGHT CONDONE OR SUPPORT SUCH  
- VIOLENCE ARE DENIED ACCEPTANCE BY CIVILIZED  
- NATIONS.  
- AS PRESIDENT REAGAN HAS SAID IN HIS LETTER, AND  
- WILL UNDOUBTEDLY REPEAT WHEN HE COMES NEXT MONTH,  
- THIS TRAGEDY ONLY UNDERSCORES THE NECESSITY FOR  
- OUR TWO COUNTRIES TO WORK CLOSELY TOGETHER AND TO  
- KEEP THE CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION OPEN BETWEEN US.  
- AS WE ARE BROUGHT INTO HARMONY IN OUR SENSE OF  
- GREAT LOSS, LET US HOPE WE CAN MAINTAIN THAT  
- HARMONY AS WE CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS TOWARD A MORE  
- PEACEFUL AND SECURE WORLD.  
- RESPECTFULLY, SIGNED RICHARD L. WALKER. END TEXT.

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TAGS: PREL, PTER, OVIP (CHUN, DOO HWAN) BM, KS  
SUBJECT: RANGOON ATROCITY: ROKG ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. SEOUL RADIO AND TV OCTOBER 10 QUOTE PRESIDENT CHUN (M-R: CHON TU-HWAN) AS HAVING TOLD 5 A.M. EMERGENCY CABINET MEETING THAT NO ONE COULD DOUBT NORTH KOREANS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR RANGOON EXPLOSION. THE VERNACULAR PRESS LINE HAS BEEN MODERATE, CALLING FOR THE NATION TO UNITE AND BUILD NATIONAL STRENGTH IN THE LIGHT OF THIS SECOND TRAGEDY TO HIT KOREA IN SUCH A SHORT TIME.
2. SPECIAL EDITIONS OF SEOUL NEWSPAPERS OCTOBER 10 REPORT THE RANGOON EXPLOSION AND PRESIDENT CHUN'S RETURN TO SEOUL. LIKELY NORTH KOREAN COMPLICITY HEADLINED. AMONG ITEMS REPORTED:
  - --FOLLOWING THE SECOND SPECIAL CABINET MEETING NIGHT OF OCTOBER 9, BEFORE PRESIDENT CHUN'S RETURN, GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN, CULTURE AND INFORMATION MINISTER LEE JIN-HIE (M-R: YI CHIN-HUI), READ STATEMENT ATTRIBUTING EXPLOSION TO NORTH KOREANS, AND ANNOUNCING ALL GOVERNMENT AND SECURITY AGENCIES WERE BEING PUT ON FULL ALERT. LEE'S STATEMENT READ, "THIS INCIDENT SHOWS THE TRUE CHARACTER OF THE NORTH KOREAN REGIME, A GROUP OF BARBARIC INTERNATIONAL TERRORISTS."
  - -- THREE GOVERNMENT TEAMS HAVE BEEN DISPATCHED VIA SPECIAL KOREAN AIRCRAFT TO RANGOON. A MEDICAL TEAM OF 17, HEADED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL MEDICAL CENTER CHANG KYONG-SIK (M-R) AND CARRYING MEDICINES, WAS REPORTEDLY TO BRING THE NINE MOST SERIOUSLY WOUNDED KOREANS TO BANGKOK FOR FURTHER MEDICAL TREATMENT. AN 11-MEMBER TEAM HEADED BY MUN YOUNG-KU (M-R), CHAIRMAN OF THE PETITION SCREENING COMMITTEE AT THE MINISTRY OF GOVERNMENT

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ADMINISTRATION, IS TO BRING BACK THE BODIES OF THE KOREANS KILLED FOR BURIAL IN NATIONAL CEMETERY. A FACT-FINDING MISSION HEADED BY MINISTER OF SPORTS LEE WON-KYUNG (M-R: YI WON-KYONG), TO BE JOINED BY ROK AMBASSADORS TO BANGLADESH AND MALAYSIA, IS TO LOOK INTO THE FACTS SURROUNDING THE EXPLOSION.

-- NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SPEAKER CHAE MUN-SIK (M-R) ANNOUNCED IPU CONFERENCE WOULD CONTINUE AS SCHEDULED. IPU SECRETARY-GENERAL PIO-CARLO TEREZIO OFFERED CONDOLENCES ON BEHALF OF ALL THE FOREIGN DELEGATES.

3. THE ROKG HAS ANNOUNCED A THREE-DAY MOURNING PERIOD. AMBASSADOR WALKER HAS CANCELED A RECEPTION SCHEDULED TO BE HELD OCTOBER 10 TOGETHER WITH U.S. DELEGATION TO IPU CONFERENCE. A MEMORIAL SITE HAS BEEN OPENED TO THE PUBLIC AT THE NATIONAL CEMETERY. AMBASSADOR WALKER WILL VISIT THERE THIS AFTERNOON.

4. MOSCOW AND PYONGYANG HAVE ISSUED ROUTINE REPORTS ON THE INCIDENT, QUOTING FOREIGN PRESS REPORTS. THERE ARE THE USUAL EPITHETS FROM PYONGYANG BUT NO SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT.

5. PRELIMINARY INDICATIONS FROM THE MOFA IS THAT THE MEMORIAL SERVICE IS NOT LIKELY TO BE HELD BEFORE OCTOBER 15. NO REPEAT NO DECISION AS YET HAS BEEN MADE. WE HAVE HEARD THAT JAPANESE FONMIN ABE HAS BEEN DESIGNATED TO HEAD A VERY SENIOR JAPANESE DELEGATION. WALKER

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SUBJECT: RANGOON TRAGEDY: PROPOSED INCLUSION OF  
CONGRESSMEN PEPPER, HALL, AND MCGRATH IN USG DELEGATION  
TO FUNERAL CEREMONIES

1. (C) - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. IN A BREAKFAST MEETING OCTOBER 10, AMBASSADOR WALKER SUGGESTED THAT CONGRESSMEN PEPPER, HALL AND MCGRATH, PRESENTLY ATTENDING THE 70TH IPU CONFERENCE IN SEOUL MIGHT, IF THEY SO WISHED, REMAIN IN SEOUL TO FORM PART OF THE OFFICIAL U. S. DELEGATION TO THE FUNERAL CEREMONIES.

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ALL THREE CONGRESSMEN READILY AGREED TO THIS SUGGESTION.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT CONGRESSMEN PEPPER, HALL AND MCGRATH BE NAMED TO THE U. S. DELEGATION.

4. DATE OF MEMORIAL SERVICE HAS STILL NOT BEEN ANNOUNCED. WALKER

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