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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Jan 30, 1981

MEMO TO: BOB KIMMITT
TIM DEAL
JERRY OPLINGER

FROM: CHARLES P. TYSON

Request that you review and forward your comments to Don Gregg by 10:00 a.m. The President needs to have this book by 1:00 p.m. today, therefore, this is a most urgent matter.

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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCES

1. THE FOLLOWING GUIDANCES WERE PREPARED DURING THE PAST TWO WEEKS.

2. F-16 (POSTED MARCH 9 IN RESPONSE TO TAKEN QUESTION)

Q. HAS THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT MADE A REQUEST TO PURCHASE THE F-16?

A. THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT ORIGINALLY REQUESTED THE F-16 SEVERAL YEARS AGO AND WE HAVE BEEN IN AGREEMENT SINCE THAT TIME. OUR AGREEMENT WAS RECONFIRMED DURING THE FEBRUARY VISIT OF PRESIDENT CHUN AND THE KOREANS HAVE INDICATED TO US THAT THEY WISH TO PROCEED. WE ARE PROCESSING THE NECESSARY PAPERS NOW, AND WILL SHORTLY NOTIFY THE CONGRESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE LAWS.

3. NK OBSERVERS' TRAVEL TO DC (POSTED MARCH 11 IN RESPONSE TO TAKEN QUESTION)

Q. WHY DID THE STATE DEPARTMENT TURN DOWN THE REQUEST OF NORTH KOREAN OBSERVERS AT THE UN TO TRAVEL FROM NEW YORK TO WASHINGTON, DC FOR A SEMINAR SPONSORED BY THE UN INSTITUTE FOR TRAINING AND RESEARCH/WORLD BANK ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE?

A. PERMISSION FOR NORTH KOREAN UN MISSION PERSONNEL TO ENTER THE US IS GRANTED SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALLOWING THEM TO CONDUCT BUSINESS WITH THE UN HEADQUARTERS. GRANTING EXCEPTIONS TO THE RULE FALL ENTIRELY WITHIN THE DISCRETIONARY POWERS OF THE US GOVERNMENT. AS NORTH KOREA IS NOT A MEMBER OF EITHER OF THE SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS, THE UN OR THE WORLD BANK, WE DECIDED TO EXERCISE THIS DISCRETION. FURTHERMORE, WE ARE NOT INDIFFERENT TO THE EXTRAORDINARY LEVEL OF CRUDE INVECTIVE BEING HURLED AT THE US ADMINISTRATION AND PRESIDENT REAGAN PERSONALLY BY THE NORTH KOREAN GOVERNMENT.

4. F-16 (PREPARED MARCH 12; NOT USED)

Q. WHEN DID THE ROK GOVERNMENT ASK FOR PERMISSION TO BUY F-16'S?

A. THE REQUEST WAS FIRST MADE IN 1977. WE AGREED IN PRINCIPLE AT THAT TIME AND RECONFIRMED OUR AGREEMENT ON SUBSEQUENT OCCASIONS, MOST RECENTLY AT THE FEBRUARY SUMMIT MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENTS REAGAN AND CHUN IN WASHINGTON. WE ARE CURRENTLY WORKING OUT THE DETAILS

OF THE PROPOSED SALE. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT, WE WILL FORMALLY NOTIFY THE CONGRESS AS SOON AS OUR ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ARE COMPLETED.

5. CHOSEN SOREN TRAVEL (POSTED MARCH 16 IN RESPONSE TO MARCH 13 QUESTION)

Q. DID THE STATE DEPARTMENT ISSUE VISAS TO TWO MEMBERS OF CHOSEN SOREN TO COME TO THE UNITED STATES?

A. YES. OUR EMBASSY IN TOKYO ISSUED VISAS TO TWO PROFESSORS FROM NORTH KOREA UNIVERSITY IN TOKYO TO ATTEND A SEMINAR ORGANIZED BY THE INTERNATIONAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION IN PHILADELPHIA FROM MARCH 17-19. THESE VISAS WERE ISSUED THE FIRST WEEK IN MARCH AND ARE LIMITED SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ATTENDING THIS SPECIFIC CONFERENCE.

Q. WHY DID THE DEPARTMENT ISSUE THESE VISAS?

A. UNDER THE TERMS OF THE MCGOVERN AMENDMENT WE ARE OBLIGED TO ISSUE VISAS IN CASES WHERE IT WOULD NOT BE PREJUDICIAL TO THE NATIONAL SECURITY OR PUBLIC INTEREST. IN THIS CASE WE ARE COMPLYING WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS LEGISLATION.

6. NK DELEGATES TO UNITAR (PREPARED, MARCH 11, BUT NOT USED)

Q. YOU HAVE INDICATED THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT TURNED DOWN NORTH KROEA'S REQUEST TO SEND DELEGATES FROM THE UN IN NEW YORK THE CONFERENCE, BUT WHY DID YOU APPROVE SIMILAR REQUESTS FROM VIETNAM AND MONGOLIA?

A. WE NOTE THAT NORTH KOREA IS NOT A MEMBER OF EITHER THE UN OR THE WORLD BANK.

FYI: THE UNITAR/EDI CONFERENCE IS A TWO-WEEK SEMINAR IN WASHINGTON, D.C. THAT BEGAN THIS WEEK, SPONSORED BY THE UN INSTITUTE FOR TRAINING AND RESEARCH/WORLD BANK ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE. VIETNAM IS A MEMBER OF BOTH ORGANIZATIONS. MONGOLIA BELONGS ONLY TO THE UN. END FYI.

7. ROK AMNESTY AFFECTING 5,221 PERSONS (PREPARED MARCH 2; NOT USED)

Q. THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT HAS ANNOUNCED A MASS AMNESTY BENEFITTING 5,221 PERSONS ON THE OCCASION OF THE MARCH 1 INAUGURATION OF PRESIDENT CHUN. HAS THE DEPARTMENT ANY COMMENT?

A. WE ARE PLEASSED BY THE CONCILIATORY SPIRIT EVIDENCED BY THIS MOVE. AS WE HAVE SAID IN THE PAST, SUCH DECISIONS CONTRIBUTE TO THE STRENGTHENING OF RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS.

Q. WOULD YOU COMMENT ON AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL'S MARCH 1 ANNOUNCEMENT THAT IT IS INITIATING AN "URGENT CAMPAIGN" AGAINST HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES IN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA.

A. WE HAVE NOT YET SEEN THE REPORT BY AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL AND WOULD NOT WISH TO COMMENT ON IT UNTIL WE HAVE EXAMINED IT MORE CLOSELY. WE DO NOTE THAT THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA HAS MADE SEVERAL RECENT CONCILIATORY MEASURES IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS, INCLUDING THE COMMUTATION OF

OPPOSITION POLITICIAN KIM DAE JUNG'S SENTENCE, THE REDUCTION OF SENTENCES OF HIS CO-DEFENDANTS, THE RELEASE OF DISSIDENT POET KIM CHI HA AND THE AMNESTY AFFECTING OVER FIVE THOUSAND PERSONS ANNOUNCED ON MARCH 1. HAIG

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