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1. SUMMARY OF INCIDENT:

A. BASED ON INTERROGATION OF NUMEROUS WITNESSES AND UNC GUARD PERSONNEL INVOLVED, PLUS THE ANALYSIS OF 8X10 PHOTOGRAPHS OBTAINED THUSFAR, THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS PROVIDED:

(1) THERE IS SOME HISTORICAL BUILDUP TO THIS INCIDENT OF SEVERAL DAYS DURATION. A PLAN WAS MADE BY THE UNC PERSONNEL SEVERAL DAYS AGO TO CHOP THE TREE DOWN. SEVERAL UNARMED KOREAN MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL WENT TO THE AREA, EXAMINED THE TASK, AND DISCUSSED HOW TO SEST ACCOMPLISH THE JOB. SEVERAL KPA GUARDS TOLD THE SE PERSONNEL TO LEAVE THE TREE ALONE. THE DECISION ON 18 AUGUST WAS TO TRIM THE TREE AND KPA PERSONNEL WERE SO INFORMED.

(2) AT APPROXIMATELY 1810301, A UNC WORK CREW OF FIVE KOREAN LABORERS, ACCOMPANIED BY THREE UNC OFFICERS (2 U.S., 1 ROK) AND A SEVEN (7) MAN SECURITY FORCE, WAS DISPATCHED TO PRUNE A LARGE TREE VIC UNC CP 3 AT BT 956 028. THIS WAS A ROUTINE ACTION NECESSITATED BECAUSE THE TREE OBSCURED OBSERVATION BETWEEN UNC GUARD POST3 AND OBSERVATION POST 5.

(3) SHORTLY AFTER ARRIVAL, TWO (2) KPA OFFICERS AND APPROXIMATELY NINE (9) KPA GUARDS ARRIVED IN A TRUCK. ONE (1) KPA OFFICER BEGAN A DISCUSSION WITH THE ROK OFFICER, ASKING WHAT HE WAS DOING.

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PAGE 01 181735Z AUG 76 THE ROK OFFICER EXPLAINED THAT THE WORK PARTY WAS PRUNING THE TREE AND DID NOT INTENT TO CUT THE WHOLE TREE DOWN.

THE KPA OFFICER INDICATED THAT THIS WAS "GOOD". WORK CONTINUED FOR 10 TO 15 MINUTES AND SOME KPA PERSONNEL ENGAGED IN TRYING TO INSTRUCT THE UNC WORKERS HOW TO PRUNE THE TREES. ALL CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN UNC AND KPA PERSONNEL WEFE SPOKEN IN THE KOREAN (HANGUL) LANGUAGE.

(4) AT APPROXIMATELY 1050 HRS, THE KPA GD COMMANDER FOR NO KNOWN REAS

TOLD THE UNC OFFICER TO STOP THE WORK.

(5) A SHORT DISCUSSION FOLLOWED AND THE KPA OFFICER THREATENED THE UNC PERSONNEL.

(6) THE UNC CMDR DIRECTED THAT THE WURK CONTINUE SINCE THIS WAS A LEGAL, PEACEFUL MATTER.

(7) THE KPA OFFICER ATTEMPTED TO ORDER THE KOREAN LABORERS TO STOP WORKING.

(8) THE FOL OFFICER, IN CONFERENCE WITH THE U.S. CMDR, INDICATED TO THE KPA THAT WORK WOULD CONTINUE.

(9) THE KPA OFFICER SENT A GUARD ACROSS THE SA CHON BRIDGE, APPARENTLY TO CALL FOR REINFORCEMENTS. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, (SEVERAL MINUTES) APPROXIMATELY 30 KPA GUARDS WERE ON THE SCENE.

(10) THE KPA DEFICER TOOK HIS WATCH OFF, WRAPPED IT IN A HANDKERCHIEF AND PLACED IT IN HIS POCKET. ANOTHER KPA OFFICER ROLLED UP HIS SLEEYES. CPT BONTIFAS WAS OBSERVING THE TREE CUTTING AND DID NOT NOTICE THESE ACTIONS BY THE KPA OFFICERS.

(11) THE KPA OFFICER YELLED "KILL" AND STRUCK CPT BONIFAS KNOCKING HIM TO THE GROUND. FIVE OTHER KPA GUARDS JUMPED ON HIM AND CONTINUED TO BEAT HIM.

(12) IMMEDIATELY. ALL KPA GUARDS ATTACKED THE REMAINING UNC GUARDS BEATING THEM WITH AXE HANDLES AND CLUBS.

(13) ADDITIONALLY, THE KPA GUARDS PICKED UP THE AXES USED BY THE TREE PRUNERS AND ATTACKED UNC GUARDS. UNC WITNESSES OBSERVED KPA GUARDS BEATING CPT BUNIFAS WITH THE BLUNT HEAD OF THE AXES WHILE THE WAS ON THE GROUND.

HEATINGS. THE PHOTOGRAPHS CLEARLY REVEAL TWO INSTANCES WHERE SEVEN (7) AND NINE (9) KPA GUARDS WERE CLUSTERED AROUND ONE UNCOURT AND WERE BEATING THEM WITH AXE HANDLES. CLUBS. FEET AND FISTS. (15) ADDITIONALLY, THE PHOTOGRAPHS CLEARLY IDENTIFY UNC GUARDS ATTEMPTING TO BREAK CONTACT AND EVACUATE THE AREA OR EXTRICATE. OTHER UNC PERSONNEL.

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(15) THE ENTIRE ACTION LASTED NO MORE THAN FIVE OR SIX MINUTES.

(17) GOOD CLEAR PHOTOS WERE POSSIBLE SECAUSE, BASED ON HISTORICAL EXPERIENCE, NUMEROUS CAMERAS WITH TELEPHOTO LENSES HAVE BEEN PRE-POSITIONED IN THE UNC OPS AND MOST UNC GUARDS HAVE PERSONAL CAMERAS. MOST PHOTOS WERE TAKEN FROM OP 5 APPROXIMATELY 250-300 METERS FROM THE SCENE.

3. (C) COMMENT: THE CURRENT UNC/USFK/EUSA POLICY DIRECTIVE REGARDING USE OF FORCE AND FIREARMS BY UNC SECURITY FORCES CLEARLY SPECIFIES THAT:

A. PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE WITHIN THE JSA AREA IS ESSENTIAL. * B. UNC FORCES WILL USE A MINIMUM OF FORCE NECESSARY TO EXTRICATE THEMSELVES: ACTION WILL BE TAKEN TO TERMINATE ANY PHYSICAL INCIDENTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

C. MINOR INCIDENTS INITIATED BY KPA/CPV PERSONNEL SUCH AS SHOVING, SPITTING, ETC., ARE TO BE IGNORED.

O. THE DISCHARGING OF FIREARMS IN THE JSA BY MEMBERS OF THE UNC JSF IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED EXCEPT WHEN ORDERED BY THE SECURITY OFFICER ON THE SCENE OR WHEN NECESSARY TO PROTECT UNG PERSONNEL. WEAPONS ARE NOT TO BE USED TO THREATEN OR FRIGHTEN KPA/CPV PERSONNEL.

4. (C) OVERALL EVALUATION: UNC PERSONNEL REACTED TO A SURPRISE, UNPROVOKED ATTACK WITH RESTRAINT AND SELF-DISCIPLINE. BOTH US OFFICERS WERE STRUCK DOWN ALMOST IMMEDIATELY LEAVING THE FORCE WITHOUT A US OFFICER IN CHARGE. TOTAL TIME OF CONTACT WAS MINIMAL. UNC PERSONNEL WERE OUTNUMBERED 3 TO 1. BOTH UNC AND IKPA PERSONNEL WERE ARMED WITH PISTOLS. INDISCRIMINATE USE OF FIREARMS BY BOTH SIDES MAY HAVE PRECIPITATED AN INCIDENT OF GRAVER CONSEQUENCES. THERE IS SOME EVIDENCE OF AN ON-THE-SPOT DECISION BY THE KPA TO GAIN A NUMERICAL ADVANTAGE AND ISOLATE THE UNC LEADERS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

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1. HEREWITH IS TEXT OF STATEMENT TO BE MADE BY SENIOR MEMBER, UNCMAD AT NEXT MILITARY ARMISTICE MEETING WHICH COULD (BUT IS UNLIKELY TO) CONVENE 19 AUGUST.

2. TEXT

THE CINCUNC UNITED NATIONS COMMAND HAS ORDERED ME TO PASS A FORMAL PROTEST TO THE SUPREME COMMANDER OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE, SARMY, QUOTE YESTERDAY, AN UNPROVOKED ACT OF SEVERE HOSTILITY WAS INITIATED BY MEMBERS OF THE KPA SECURITY FORCE AGAINST THE UNC SECURITY FORCE IN THE JOINT SECURITY AREA. THIS INCIDENT OF MOST GRAVE CONSEQUENCES WAS AN OPEN AND FLAGRANT ACT OF BELLIGERENCY BY THE KOREAN PEOPLE, SARMY RESULTING IN THE DEATH OF TWO UNC SECURITY OFFICERS. THIS INCIDENT NOT ONLY JEOPARDIZED THE ENTIRE FRAMEWORK OF THIS COMMISSION BUT IT VIOLATES

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THE NEUTRALITY OF THE JSA AS AGREED UPON BY BOTH SIDES IN JULY 1953, AS WELL AS ALL INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED CONVENTIONS IN REGARDS TO ARMISTICE AGREEMENTS. NEVER BEFORE IN THE THENTY-THREE YEARS SINCE THE CEASE FIRE WAS FORMALLY SIGNED HAS THERE BEEN THE OUTRIGHT AND BRUTAL MURDER OF JSA SECURITY FORCE PERSONNEL. THIS WAS NOT THE ERUPTION OF AN UNPLANNED ARGUMENT. IT WAS THE DETRER ATE

DELIBERATE MURDER OF UNC PERSONNEL WHO, WHILE ENGAGED IN ROUTINE MAINTENANCE FUNCTIONS OF A TYPE YOUR PERSONNEL OFTEN PERFORM, HERE ATTACKED UNMERCIFULLY BY AN NUMERICALLY SUPERIOR FORCE. WIELDING AXES AND CLUBS. I ASK YOUR ASSISTANCE THAT AN INCIDENT SUCH AS THIS WILL NOT OCCUR AGAIN, END OF GUOTE, GENERAL HAN, I WANT YOUR ASSURANCE THAT YOU WILL PASS THIS PROTEST TO YOUR SUPREME COMMANDER AS EXPEDIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE.

I WILL TELL YOU THE FACTS SURROUNDING THIS INCIDENT AND I AM TELLING YOU NOW THAT I DO NOT INTEND TO DEBATE THEM OR DIRECT YOUR INTEND TO DEBATE THEM OR DISCUSS ANY IRRELEVANT SUBJECT. DIRECT YOUR ATTENTION TO THE PHOTOS ON MY LEFT AND THE CHART ON MY RIGHT. AT APPROXIMATELY 1939 HOURS YESTERDAY MORNING, A UNC WORK CREW ARRIVED IN THE VICINITY OF OUR CHECKPOINT EAST OF THE SA CHON BRIDGE, (POINT) THE WORK PARTY CONSISTED OF FIVE KOREAN LABORERS WHICH WERE ACCOMPANIED BY THREE UNC OFFICERS AND A SEVEN MAN SECURITY FORCE. THEIR PURPOSE WAS TO PRUNE THE TREE INDICATED IN THE PHOTO TO MY LEFT. THIS TREE HINDERED OBSERVATION BETWEEN TWO OF OUR CHECK POINTS AND PRUNING IT WAS A ROUTINE MAINTENANCE TASK, POSING ABSOLUTELY NO THREAT TO YOUR SIDE.

SHORTLY AFTER OUR WORK CREW BEGAN, TWO OF YOUR OFFICERS AND APPROXIMATELY NINE OF YOUR ENLISTED MEN DROVE UP IN A TRUCK AND GOT OUT. (POINT) ONE OF YOUR OFFICERS BEGAN A DISCUSSION WITH THE RANKING UNC OFFICER AND ASKED HIM WHAT HE WAS DOING, WHEN THE UNC OFFICER EXPLAINED THAT THE WORK PARTY WAS PRUNING TREES, YOUR OFFICER INDICATED THAT THIS WAS "GOOD". THE WORK CONTINUED FOR 10 OR 15 MINUTES AND SOME OF YOUR PERSONNEL EVEN ENGAGED IN TRYING TO INSTRUCT OUR WORKERS HOW THE TREE SHOULD BE PRUNED.

AT APPROXIMATELY 1050 HOURS, YOUR OFFICER TOLD THE UNC OFFICER TO STOP THE WORK, THERE FOLLOWED A DISCUSSION BETWEEN THE OFFICERS OF THE TWO SIDES DURING WHICH YOUR OFFICER THREATENED OUR PERSONNEL.

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DUR OFFICER, PERFORMING A PEACEFUL MISSION AND WITHIN HIS PREROGATIVES, DIRECTED OUR PERSONNEL TO CONTINUE WORKING. AT THIS POINT, YOUR OFFICER TRIED TO DIRECT THE WORK FORCE TO STOP WORKING. THE UNC OFFICER AGAIN INDICATED THAT THE WORK WOULD CONTINUE AND YOUR OFFICER SENT A GUARD ACROSS THE SA CHON BRIDGE, HIS MISSION WAS EVIDENTLY TO CALL FOR REINFORCEMENTS, FOR WITHIN A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME ADDITIONAL KPA GUARDS ARRIVED (POINT) BOTH FROM HITHIN THE JSA AND FROM THE WEST SIDE OF THE SA CHON BRIDGE UNTIL THERE WERE APPROXIMATELY 30 OF YOUR PERSONNEL IN THE AREA. YOU WILL RECALL THE UNC HAD 10 SECURITY PERSONNEL IN THE AREA.

NOW I HANT YOU TO LISTEN VERY CAREFULLY TO WHAT IS SAID. ALSO PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO THE PHOTOGRAPHS. YOUR OFFICER TOOK OFF HIS HATCH, WRAPPED IT IN A HANDERCHIEF AND PLACED IT IN HIS POCKET. ANOTHER OF YOUR OFFICERS ROLLED UP HIS SLEEVES. OUR SENIOR OFFICER WAS BUSY WITH THE TREE PRUNING DETAIL AND DID NOT SEE THIS. IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER YOUR OFFICER APPROACHED OUR OFFICER AND, CRYING "KILL", STRUCK HIM KNOCKING HIM TO THE GROUND, (POINT) FIVE OF YOUR OTHER PERSONNEL JUMPED ON HIM WHILE HE WAS DOWN. CONTINUING TO BEAT HIM. EITHER IN RESPONSE TO THE ORDER TO "KILL" OR BECAUSE YOUR OFFICER HAD STARTED A FIGHT, YOUR OTHER PERSONNEL IMMEDIATELY AND SAVAGELY TURNED ON THE REMAINING UNC PERSONNEL AND AXE HANDLES BEGAN TO APPEAR AMONG YOUR PERSONNEL. NOTE ALSO THE UNC GOARD BEING PUSHED OVER THE HALL IN THE PHOTOGRAPH.

IN THE PHOTO IN THE LOWER RIGHT YOU CAN SEE THAT YOUR PERSONNEL, NUMERICALLY SUPERIOR, ARE TRYING TO ISOLATE INDIVIDUAL UNC GUARDS, A TACTIC YOU HAVE USED IN THE PAST. NOTE ALSO THE MAN IN THE EXTREME RIGHT OF THE PHOTO WHO IS APPARENTLY DEPARTING THE SCENE FOR HELP.

IN THIS TOP CENTER PHOTOGRAPH YOU CAN SEE OTHER KPA GUARDS CARRYING CLUBS ENTERING FROM THE FAR RIGHT. ALSO NOTE YOUR PERSONNEL PICKING UP ROCKS IN THE CENTER RIGHT OF THE PICTURE.

IN THE PHOTO ON THE LOWER LEFT YOU CAN SEE THAT THE UNC GUARDS ARE TRYING TO AVOID CONFLICT ... NOTE THE MAN BEING GRABBED FROM BEHIND AND THE GUARDS THROWING ROCKS. AGAIN YOUR PERSONNEL ARE SHOWN WITH

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FINAL SECTION OF 2 CLUBS.

IN THE PHOTO AT LOWER RIGHT YOUR GUARDS CONTINUE TO SWING THEIR CLUBS. THE UNC GUARDS ARE STILL TRYING TO DISENGAGE AND YOUR GUARDS CONTINUE TO SURROUND INDIVIDUALS.

AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE ANIMALISTIC SAVAGERY
INVOLVED IN THIS INCIDENT, BESIDES THE CLUBS, SOME
OF YOUR GUARDS PICKED UP THE AXES BEING USED BY OUR
WORK PARTY TO PRUNE THE TREES AND USED THEM AS
WEAPONS DURING THE ATTACK, THIS IS CLEARLY SHOWN IN
ALL THREE PHOTOS ON THIS CHART, THESE SAME PERSONNEL
HERE SEEN BEATING OUR OFFICER WITH THE BLUNT HEAD OF
THE AXES WHILE HE LAY HELPLESS ON THE GROUND.

AGAIN YOU CAN CLEARLY SEE THE UNC PERSONNEL TRYING TO EXIT THE AREA (LONG PAUSE) AND YOUR GUARDS SURROUNDING (POINT) ONE HAN AND BRUTALLY BEATING HIM.

IN THIS PHOTO (13) YOU CAN ALSO SEE A UNC GUARD ON THE GROUND, HELPLESS. AGAIN NOTE THE MAN ATTACKING WITH THE AXE, AND THE UNC GUARD IN THE CENTER OF THE PICTURE BEING BEATEN BY 8 OF YOUR GUARD PERSONNEL.

THE PHOTO ON THE LEFT SHOWS YOUR GUARDS CONTINUING

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TO BEAT THIS MAN AND ANOTHER GUARD CARRYING A CLUB, JOINING THE HAN WITH THE AXE TO ATTACK A LONE UNC GUARD IN TOP LEFT OF PICTURE.

THE FINAL PHOTO SHOWS 21 OF YOUR GUARDS OF WHICH AT LEAST 9 HAVE CLUBS OR AXES. THE UNC GUARDS ARE STILL ATTEMPTING TO DISENGAGE WHILE MERCILESS BEATING CONTINUES.

I THINK THAT THESE PHOTOGRAPHS SHOW A NUMBER OF INTERESTING THINGS -- 1. A UNC WORK PARTY PEACEFULLY ENGAGED IN A ROUTINE ACTION. 2. THE ARRIVAL OF A LARGE NUMBER OF YOUR PERSONNEL, 3. AN ALTERCATION WHERE YOUR TROOPS HAVE A NUMERICAL SUPERIORITY, AR R SUDLYWRME WITH KLAND AXES. UNC ATTEMPTS, EVEN FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE FIGHT TO DISENGAGE AND 5. CONTINUED BEATING OF INDIVIDUAL UNC SECURITY GUARDS WHO WERE HOPELESSLY OUTNUMBERED AND POSED ABSOLUTELY NO THREAT TO YOUR PERSONNEL.

THIS UNPROVOKED ASSAULT SURPASSED IN BRUTALITY EVEN YOUR ATTACK ON MAJOR HENDERSON LAST YEAR. IN NO MAY COULD THE PRUNING OF TREES, A ROUTINE MAINTENANCE ACTIVITY, BE CONSIDERED EITHER HOSTILE OR PROVOCATIVE - AND YET YOUR GUARDS TOOK THE VERY AXES MEANT FOR PEACEFUL USES AND TURNED THEM INTO INSTRUMENTS OF DEATH.

THE SIGHT OF YOUR GUARDS SMASHING THE FACE OF BLEEDING AND HELPLESS MEN WAS REPORTED BY NO LESS THAN 8 PERSONNEL.

ACTIONS SUCH AS THESE REVOLT THE SENSES OF CIVILIZED MEN. I CALL ON YOU TO REPUDIATE THESE HEINOUS CRIMES AND PUNISH THE MURDERERS. UNQUOTE

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1. JOINT SECURITY AREA (JSA) INCIDENT, AT 188285Z AUG 76 A FIGHT DEVELOPED INVOLVING 18 UNC GUARDS ON A WORK DETAIL AND 16 KPA GUARDS AT CHECK POINT THREE (COORD BY 956 028), DURING INCIDENT, KPA STRENGTH IN AREA INCREASED TO 100, RESULTING CASUALTIES FROM THE INCIDENT AS FOLLOWS: TWO U.S. ARMY KIA: FOUR U.S. ARMY ENLISTED PERSONNEL MIA; FOUR KATUSA ENLISTED HIA; FIGHT WAS STARTED BY KPA GUARDS, NO FIRE ARMS WERE DISCHARGED DURING INCIDENT, ONE U.S. HIA RECEIVED STAB WOUND IN BACK! THREE U.S. WIA MINOR INJURIES. ONE KIA KILLED BY BLOWS ON THE HEAD AND STAB WOUNDS; ONE KIA KILLED BY BLOWS TO HEAD, ONE KATUSA RECEIVED STAB WOUND IN BACK; THREE KATUSA RECEIVED MINDR INJURIES.

2. JBA COMMANDER REQUESTED AUGMENTATION AND AT 180251Z AUG 76 2ND DIVISION DISPATCHED A COMPANY FROM SECOND OF THE MINTH TO HELD FAD N+127 (COORD CT 905 802), KPA PROPOSED IMMEDIATE MEETING OF SECURITY MANAGERS WHICH UNC REJECTED DUE TO LARGE NUMBER OF KPA PERSONNEL IN VICINITY, MILITARY ARMISTICE COMMISSION MEETING WAS THEN REQUESTED

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BY UNC AT 1803092 AUG 76 PROPOSING THAT MEETING TAKE PLACE AT 1902002 AUG 76. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO FOLLOW.

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THIS IS TO INFORM YOU OF THOSE ACTIONS THIS HEADQUARTERS HAS IN PREPARATION IN THE WAKE OF THE 18 AUGUST INCIDENT WHICH RESILTED IN THE MURDER OF TWO ARMY OFFICERS. EACH WILL BE DETAILED IN A SEPARATE MESSAGE.

2. THE FIRST WILL SET FORTH THE STATEMENT TO BE MADE BY THE SENIOR MEMBER. UNC MAC AT THE MEETING WE HAVE CALLED FOR 1911001 -WHENEVER THAT MEETING ACTUALLY OCCURS, THOUGH SUCH STATEMENTS ARE NOT MORHALLY SUBMITTED TO HIGHER HEADQUARTERS, THE SERIOUSNESS OF THIS INCIDENT PROMPTS ME TO PROVIDE IT FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

3. THE SECOND IS THE TEXT OF A LETTER I PROPOSE TO SEND TO MY DERESITE NUMBER AND CO-SIGNER OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT, THE SUPPREME COMMANDER KPA (KIM IL SUNG), ARTICLE 251 OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR SUCH A CHANNELS IT HAS BEEN EMPLOYED BEFORE; AND CERTAINLY THE GRAVITY OF THE SITUATION DICTATES IT BE USED IN THIS INSTANCE, THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT IS UNCLASSIFIED; MY LETTER WOULD ALSO BE UNCLASSIFIED; AND IT MIGHT THEREFORE HAVE UTILITY IN OTHER WAYS.

4. THE THIRD WILL SET FORTH OUR GENERAL PLANS FOR COMPLETING WORK WE SET OUT TO DO YESTERDAY, NAMELY TO REMOVE THE

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OBSTRUCTION TO DUR SURVEILLANCE (AND CONSEQUENT PROTECTION) OF OUR MOST EXPOSED CHECK POST IN THE JSA. I AM PERSUADED THAT THE JOB MUST BE DONE - AND QUICKLY.



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1. THO AMERICAN ARMY OFFICERS SERVING IN THE UNITED HATIONS COMMAND WERE KILLED IN AN ASSAULT BY NORTH KOREAN GUARDS TODAY. THE FOLLOWING DRAFT PRESS RELEASE PREPARED BY UNC SUMMARIZES WHAT IS PRESENTLY KNOWN ABOUT THE INCIDENT.

2. TEXT: SECUL -- THO UNITED NATIONS COMMAND OFFI-CERS WERE MURDERED IN AN UNPROVOKED ASSAULT BY WK BUARDS THIS MORNING AT THE JOINT SECURITY AREA. PANHUNJOH.

3. THE THO ARMY OFFICERS, BOTH AMERICANS, DIED FROM MASSIVE HEAD INJURIES AND STAB HOUNDS IN-FLICTED BY AN ESTIMATED 30 RPT 30 NK GUARDS WHO ATTACKED A SMALL UNC HORK PARTY WITH AXES, METAL PIKES AND AXE HANDLES ABOUT 10:45 A.M.

4. A ROK ARMY ENLISTED MAN. A SECURITY GUARD ASSIGNED TO THE U.S. ARMY SUPPORT GROUP, JSA, SUS-TAINED STAB WOUNDS AND IS IN THE 121ST EVACUATION HOSPITAL IN SECUL.

5. A ROKA OFFICER, FOUR OTHER U.S. SOLDIERS AND

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THREE ADDITIONAL ROKA SOLDIERS MERE TREATED FOR MINOR CUTS AND BRUISES.

6. THE UNC HAS CALLED FOR THE 379TH HILITARY ARMISTICE COMMAND MEETING TO CONVENE AT 11:00 A.H., HJCSDAY, AUGUST 19. NK HAS NOT YET REPLIED.

7. THE THREE UNC OFFICERS AND THE ENLISTED GUARDS WERE ESCORTING FIVE KOREAN SERVICE CORPS WORKERS WHO WERE ROUTINELY TRIMMING BRANCHES FROM A TREE SOME 35 TO 40 YARDS FROM UNC CHECKPOINT NUMBER THREE AT THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE BRIDGE OF NO RETURN.

8. TWO NK OFFICERS AND SEVERAL GUARDS CAME TO THE AREA OF THE NORK, AFTER SOME DISCUSSION DUR-ING WHICH A NK OFFICER EXPRESSED NO OBJECTION TO THE TREE TRIMMING, THE NK'S SUDDENLY DEMANDED THAT THE KSC'S STOP WORK.

9. SHORTLY AFTERWARDS A NK VEHICLE BROUGHT ADDI-TIONAL GUARDS AND THE NK OFFICER WAS HEARD TO TELL THEM QUOTE TO KILL END QUOTE THE UNC PERSONNEL AND THE FIGHT ENSUED WITH MANY OF THE NKS JOINING IN.

18. THESE MURDERS WERE THE FIRST DEATHS EVER IN THE JOINT SECURITY AREA, SITE OF THE JOINT ARMISTICE COMMAND MEETINGS, IT IS A NEUTRAL AREA WITHIN THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE WHERE FREE ACCESS AND MOVEMENT ARE GUARANTEED BY THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT. THE NKS ALSO DAMAGED THREE UNC VEHICLES DURING THE MELEE.

11. IDENTIFICATION OF THE CASUALTIES IS PENDING NOTI-FICATION OF THE NEXT OF KIN, UNC CONTINUES TO INVESTIGATE THE INCIDENT, END TEXT.

12. IF QUERIED BY MEDIA EMBASSY WILL USE FOLLOWING PRESS LINE: 0) WHAT IS THE USG REACTION TO THE INCIDENT? A) ANY INCIDENT INVOLVING THE DEATHS OF AMERICANS IS REGARDED AS AN EXTREMELY SERIOUS MATTER BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.

13. 0) WHAT INTERPRETATION DOES THE USG PUT ON THE INCIDENTS A) WE COULD NOT SPECULATE ON THE MOTIVATION OF THE OPRK.

14. 0) DD YOU HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENT? A) AN INVESTIGATION BY THE PROPER AUTHORITIES IS

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(C) HEREWITH IS TEXT OF LETTER CINCUNG PROPOSES TO SEND TO THE SUPREME COMMANDER, KPA.

THE SUPREME CHMANDER KOREAN PEOPLE'S ARMY

RECENT ACTS OF YOUR SIDE COMMITTED IN THE JOINT SECURITY AREA AT ABOUT 1045 HOURS ON 18 AUGUST 1976 DISPLAY A CALLOUS DISREDARD NOT DNLY FOR THE PROVISIONS OF THE ARMISTICE

AGREEMENT. BUT ALSO FOR HUMAN LIFE. THE BRUTAL AND VICIOUS KILLING OF THO OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO THE JOINT SECURITY AREA AND THE WANTON INJURING OF OTHERS RESULTING FROM THE UNPROVOKED BUT APPARENTLY PREMEDITATED ATTACK BY MEMBERS OF THE KPA UPON A SMALL UNITED NATIONS COMMAND MORKING PARTY CONSTITUTES A SERIOUS PROVOCATION. THE SUBSEQUENT RANSACKING OF A UNITED NATIONS COMMAND GUARD POST IS FURTHER EVIDENCE THAT THESE MURDERS HERE EITHER THE UNDISCIPLINED ACTS OF A MARUDING BAND OF HOODLUMS OF A DELIBERATE VIOLATION OF THE OBLIGATIONS OF

YOUR SIDE UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT WE, AS COMMANDERS OF THE MILITARY FORCES IN

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KOREA, DO ALL IN OUR POWER TO MAINTAIN THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT AND THEREBY PREVENT A RECURRENCE OF HOSTILITIES. I AM USING THIS MEANS PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 251 OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT, TO INFORM YOU PERSONALLY OF THE SERIOUS NATURE OF THESE VICTOUS ACTS AGAINST MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND, I REMIND YOU OF YOUR OBLIGATION NOT ONLY TO PREVENT A RECURRENCE OF INCIDENTS OF THIS TYPE BUT ALSO TO PROMPTLY PUNISH THOSE INVOLVED IN SUCH CRUEL AND UNPROVOKED ACTIONS AND TO MAKE ADEQUATE REPARATIONS TO THE FAMILIES OF THOSE KILLED AND INJURED.

> (SIGNED) RICHARD G' STILWELL GENERAL, UNITED STATES ARMY COMMANDER IN CHIEF, UNC UNQUOTE

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SUBJECT: GENERAL PLAN FOR COMPLETING WORK IN JSA STILWELL SENDS REF A' CINCUNC MSG 1816552 AUG 76

1. AS STATED IN REF A, I AM CONVINCED THAT WE MUST COMPLETE THE TASK OF CLEARING THE FIELD OF VIEW BETWEEN OUR MOST EXPOSED (AND FREQUENTLY HARASSED) CHECK POINT (3) AND THE OBSERVATION POST WHICH OVERNATCHES THAT CHECK POINT, WE MUST OD THIS FOR TWO FUNDAMENTAL REGSONS, FIRST, TO IMPROVE THE SECURITY OF CHECK POINT NO. 3 AND SECOND, OF EVEN GREATER LONG-TERM SIGNIFICANCE, TO MAKE UNEQUIVOCALLY CLEAR THAT WE WILL NOT TOLERATE EROSION OR DENTIAL OF DUR LEGITIMATE RIGHTS AND AUTHORITIES IN THE JSA AND DMZ AS SPECIFIED IN THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT AND SUBSEQUENT IMPLEMENTING AGREEMENTS.

2. CHECK POINT NO. 3 IS LOCATED JUST SOUTH OF THE BRIDGE OF NO RETUR AND IS CLOSELY COVERED BY TWO KPA CHECK POINTS. IT HAS BEEN PERIODICALLY SUBJECTED TO VARIOUS HARASSMENTS. (7 JUNE 1715 HRS *1 KP OFFICER AND 9 EM DROVE UP TO GP 3 DISMOUNTED AND MADE THREATENING GESTURES AND VERBAL THREATS; 10 JUNE 1915 GLASS THROWN IN ROAD NEAR GP NO. 3) THE TREE IN QUESTION IS VIRTUALLY ON LINE BETWEEN CHECK

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POINT NO. 3 AND OUR OBSERVATION POST; AND ITS FOLIAGE HAS GROWN TO THE POINT WHERE CHECK POINT NO. 3 IS BLOCKED FROM SIGHT OF THE PERSONNEL MANNING THE O.P. THE TREE ALSO SHIELDS OF THE MOVEMENT OF KPA PERSONNEL APPROACHING CHECK POINT NO.3 FROM ITS REAR. THUS THE DECISION TO PRUNE THE LOWER BRANCHES OF THAT TREE.

3. OUR RIGHT TO PRUNE THAT TREE IS BEYOND DISPUTE. A. THERE IS, FIRST AND FOREMOST, THE RIGHT OF SELF-DEFENSE, MY SECURITY FORCE COMMANDER HAS AN INHERENT RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SAFTY OF THE PERSONNEL MANNING THE SEVERAL POSTS, DISCHARGE OF THAT RESPONSIBILITY, REQUIRES, UBTER AKUA, THAT WE INSURE AGAINST ANY SINGLE ELEMENT BEING SURPRISED AND OVERRUN. CHECK POINT NO. 3 IS NOW SUBJECT TO PRECISELY THAT

EVENTUALITY.

B' THE THO SECURITY FORCES JOINTLY SHARE RESPONSIBILTY FOR MAINTENANCE OF LAW AND ORDER IN THE JSA, TO THAT END, THE AGREEMENT GUARANTEES BOTH UNIMPEDED ACCESS TO AND MOVEMENT THROUGH ANY PORTION OF THE JSA, BY PAST AND ACCEPTED PRACTICE OF MANY YEARS. EACH HAS TAKEN THE ACTIONS DEEMED ESSENTIAL FOR SECURITY PURPOSES, THESE ACTIONS HAVE INCLUDED CONSTRUCTION OF NEW OR ADDITIONAL GUARD FACILITIES, ACCESS ROADS, AND ALL MANNER OF ROUTINE MAINTENANCE ACT (VITIES INCLUDING THE REMOVAL OF VEGETATION WHERE APPROPRIATE.

4. THUS, ALTHOUGH IT IS ONLY A DAMN TREE, IT INVOLVES A MAJOR PRINCIPLE. SPECIFICALLY, THAT PRINCIPLE IS EXERCISE OF OUR RIGHT TO TAKE ESSENTIAL MEASURES. WHICH ARE IN NO WAY PREJUDICIAL TO THE KPA SECURITY FORCE TO INSURE THE PROTECTION OF OUR FORCES. HE ----CANNOT BE DENIED THAT RIGHT, WE CANNOT ACCEPT THE PREMISE THAT MEASURES TO PROTECT OUR FORCE MUST BE CONCURRED IN BY THE KPA.

5. THERE ARE TWO PRIMARY COURSES OF ACTION: A' THE FIRST IS TO READY THE MAXIMUM SECURITY FORCE WE ARE AUTHORIZED TO DEPLOY (35 MINUS GUARD POST POPULATION) PLUS A SKILLED ENGINEER WORK DETAIL; MOVE TO THE TREE SITES EXPEDITIOUSLY COMPLETE THE TASK AND EXPERIT-TOUSLY MOVE OUT, THE KPA WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE GIVEN PRIOR NOTICE OF GUR INTENTION TO COMPLETE THE JOB; SEND SIMILAR NOTIFICATION TO THE NEUTRAL NATIONS SUPERVISORY COMMISSION AND THE PRESS, INVITING THE PARTICIPATION OF SOTH, THE VEHICLE FOR KPA NOTIFICATION COULD BE THE NEXT MAC MEETING ITSELF OR ANY OF THE OTHER ESTABLISHED MAC CHANELS, 6. THE ADVANTAGE OF THE FIRST COURSE I THAT IF PROPERLY HANDLED, THE JOB COULD BE COMPLETED BEFORE THE KPA

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COULD REACT. HOWEVER WITH THIS APPROACH WE WOULD FELL THE TREE IN THE INTEREST OF SPEED. THE DISADVANTAGE IS THAT, SHOULD THE JOB TAKE LONGER THAN WE ANTICIPATE, THE KPA WILL REACT IN FORCE, WITH WITH FORCE.

AS IS WELL KNOWN, THEY DON, T FOLLOW THE RULES LIMITING NUMBERS OF SECURITY PERSONNEL IN THE JSA.

7. THE ADVANTAGE OF THE SECOND COURSE IS THAT WE WOULD MAVE PLACED SQUARELY ON THE PUBLIC RECORD OUR INTENT TO COMPLETE AN ESSENTIAL, AUTHORIZED AND NON PROVOCATIVE ACTION; AND ANY COUNTERMEASURES UNDER TAKEN BY THE KPA HOULD BE UNDER THE OBSERVATION OF CREDIBLE, THIRD PARTY OBSERVERS, MOREOVER, SINCE SPEED WOULD BE LESS INPORTANT, WE WOULD STICK TO THE ORIGINAL OBJECTIVE OF PRUNING THE TREE, THE DISADVANTAGES OF THIS COURSE ARE THAT THE KPA WILL SURELY PUBLICLY DISPUTE OUR RIGHT; DISTORT OUR INTENT; AND, IF THEY SO CHOOSE, MAKE MAXIMUM PREPARATIONS TO FRUSTRATE OUR EFFORTS.

8. IN MY JUDGEMENT, THE FIRST COURSE OF ACTION HAS THE HIGHER.
PROBABILITY OF SUCCES SUCCES BEING DEFINED AS EXERCISE OF OUR
RIGHTS AND REMOVAL OF THE OBSTRUCTION.
ALL MY MILITARY INSTINCT TELL ME THIS IS THE RIGHT WAY TO PROCEED.
HOHEVER, I APPRECIATE THAT BROADER CONSIDERATIONS MAY SUPPORT THE
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5. (S) FOR ALL: BE PREPARED FOR INCREASED AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE REQUIREMENTS.

6. (S) REPEAT. THIS IS AN ALERT WARNING ORDER. TAKE NO DEPLOYMENT ACTIONS WITHOUT CINCPAC AUTHORIZATION.

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SUBJECT: INFORMING PRESIDENT PARK OF IMPENDING MILITARY MEASURES

JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

1. CHARGE AND GENERAL STILLWELL SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CALL ON PRESIDENT PARK TO INFORM HIM OF CERTAIN MEASURES HE INTEND TO TAKE AND OTHERS HE ARE CONSIDERING IN CONNECTION WITH AUGUST 18 JOINT SECURITY AREA INCIDENT.

2. YOU SHOULD TELL PARK THAT WE CONSIDER INCIDENT TO BE HIGHLY PROVOCATIVE ON PART OF NORTH KOREA AND THAT WE MUST MAKE IT ABSOLUTELY CLEAR TO PYONGYANG THAT IT DOES NOT HAVE A FREE HAND TO ENGAGE IN THIS OR SIMILAR ACTIONS



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IN THE FUTURE. TO SUPPORT THE STRENGTH OF THIS MESSAGE TO PYONGYANG, WE PROPOSE IMMEDIATELY ESTABLISHING DEFCUN 3 IN SOUTH KOREA AND TO BRING INTO THE ROK AN ADDITIONAL SQUARROW OF F-4'S FROM KADENA. IN ADDITION WE ARE EXAMINING THE POSSIBILITY OF TAKING SUCH MEASURES AS:

(A) HOLDING A B-52 BOMBING EXERCISE IN SOUTH KOREA.

(B) BRINGING AN F-111 SQUADRON INTO THE ROK. (C) MOVING A CARRIER TASK FORCE INTO THE SEA OF JAPAN.

3. YOU SHOULD REQUEST PARK'S VIEWS ON NORTH KOREAN ACTIONS AND INTENTIONS, AND REPORT HIS REACTION TO OUR MOVES AND ANY SUGGESTIONS HE MAY HAVE FOR FURTHER ACTION. KISSINGER



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SUBJECT: IMPENDING MILITARY MOVES IN CONNECTION WITH AUGUST 18 PANMUNJOM

1. EMBASSY SHOULD IMMEDIATELY INFORM GOJ AT APPROPRIATE

LEVEL THAT US INTENDS TO TAKE CERTAIN PRECAUTIONARY HILITARY MOVES AS RESULT OF AUGUST 18 INCIDENT AT PANHUNJOM.

2. YOU SHOULD EXPLAIN THAT WE VIEW INCIDENT AS PROVOCATION ON PARTOF NORTH KOREANS AND THAT HE THINK IT IMPORTANT TO MAKE IT CLEAR TO PYONGYANG THAT WE ARE PREPARED FOR ANY FURTHER ACTIONS THEY MAY CONTEMPLATE. TO GET THIS MESSAGE.

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TO NORTH KOREANS, UNC FORCES ARE BEING PUT ON DEFCON THREE AND WE ARE TRANSFERRING A SQUADRON OF F-415 FROM KADENA TO ROK.

3. WE DO NOT INTEND TO MAKE ANY PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF THESE MOVES. SEPARATE PRESS GUIDANCE FOR RESPONSE TO POSSIBLE QUESTIONS WILL FOLLOW.

4. WE WILL KEEP YOU ABREAST OF THE SITUATION AS IT DEVELOPS SO THAT YOU MAY KEEP THE JAPANESE INFORMED. KISSINGER

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SUBJECT: KOREA: HOSTILE RESOLUTION

1. ASSUME THAT NORTH KOREANS ARE WORKING HARD AT COLOMBO, NOT DNLY TO GET NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT TO ENDORSE A RESOLUTION AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO THE ONE THEIR FRIENDS SUBMITTED AUGUST 16 FOR THE UN AGENDA, BUT ALSO TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL CO-SPONSORS. THEY ALREADY HAVE 24 (WITH SOMALIA ADDED) OF THE 43 CO-SPONSORS THEY HAD LAST YEAR, OF THE REMAINING 19, AMONG WHOM THEY ARE UNDOUBTEDLY ACTIVE NOW AT COLOMBO, WE MUST ASSUME THAT THEY WILL FIND SUPPORT FROM THE FOLLOW-ING HARD LINE STATES: CUBA, BENIN, EQUATORIAL GUINEA, GUINEA BISSAU, LIBYA, CAMBODIA AND MOZAMBIQUE.

2. WHILE IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO HAVE MUCH SUCCESS IN DETERRING THE ABOVE-MENTIONED GROUP FROM CD-SPONSORSHIP, THERE ARE 12 REMAINING CO-SPONSORS FROM LAST YEAR THAT WE BELIEVE MIGHT BE DISSUADED FROM OVER-HASTY ASSOCIATION WITH HOSTILE RESOLUTION. THEY ARE: EGYPT, RWANDA, SUDAN, SYRIA, TANZANIA, YUGOSLAVIA, SENEGAL, GHANA, UPPER VOLTA, YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC, CAPE VERDE AND MAURITANIA. WITHIN THIS GROUP, WE RECOGNIZE THAT OUR CHANCES OF DETERRING YUGOSLAVIA, TANZANIA AND SYRIA FROM CO-SPONSORSHIP ARE LIMITED, BUT WE WOULD HOPE THEY MIGHT

BE GIVEN PAUSE BY THE PROMINENCE WHICH THE HARSH AUGUST 5 STATEMENT BY THE NORTH KOREAN GOVERNMENT IS GIVEN IN THE

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HOSTILE ITEM. THIS STATEMENT, THE TEXT OF WHICH IS BEING REPEATED SEPTEL, IS EXTREMELY MOSTILE IN TONE TOWARD THE U.S., AND WE COULD ARGUE THAT ENDORSEMENT OF THE HOSTILE ITEM IS TANTAMOUNT TO SUPPORT OF THE SENTIMENTS EXPRESSED THEREIN. SINCE THESE THREE COUNTRIES, DESPITE THEIR CONSISTENT SYMPATHY FOR NORTH KOREA, ALSO DESIRE FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. FOR VARIOUS REASONS, WE WOULD HOPE THEY WOULD GIVE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO ANY ENDORSEMENT OR CO-SPONSORSHIP OF THE HOSTILE ITEM. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE MAIN EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE, TOGETHER WITH ROK'S, WITH OTHERS. DO NOT APPROACH EGYPT AT THIS TIME.

3. WITH REGARD REMAINING 8 CO-SPONSORS, THERE HAS BEEN RECENT EVIDENCE REPORTED FROM CAPITALS IN EACH OF THESE CASES THAT THEY ARE OPEN TO A MORE MODERATE POSITION ON THE KOREAN ISSUE, GIVEN THE CONSIDERABLE DEBATE THE KOREAN ISSUE HAS HAD AT COLOMBO, WE BELIEVE THAT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO EMPHASIZE WITH THEM ANY DIVERGENCES BETHEEN THE COMMON DENOMINATOR OF NON-ALIGNED THINKING EMERGING ON KOREA AND THE HOSTILE ITEM. FURTHERMORE, ALL OF THESE COUNTRIES HAVE INDICATED AT VARIOUS TIMES THEIR ACCEPTANCE OF LOGIC THAT SOUTH KOREAN GOVERNMENT MUST BE A PARTY TO HORKING OUT PROBLEMS OF PEACE AND SECURITY ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA, AN ELEMENT WHICH NORTH KOREANS HAVE NOT ADMITTED EITHER IN THEIR ITEM OR IN THEIR STATEMENTS AT COLOMBO. THIS ELEMENT IS, OF COURSE, CONTAINED IN THE SECRETARY'S JULY 22 PROPOSAL AND WILL BE COVERED IN ALTERNATE APPROACH TO THE KOREAN PROBLEM WHICH WILL SURFACE SHORTLY AT THE UNITED NATIONS.

4. FOR KATZENI TO THE EXTENT THAT OPPORTUNITY PRESENTS IN FINAL DAY OF CONFERENCE, WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR USING ABOVE ARGUMENTATION ESPECIALLY ON GROUP OF COUNTRIES IN PARA 2 (THE 12 NAMED MINUS YUGOSLAVIA, TANZANIA, EGYPT, SYRIA) SHARING EFFORT WHERE POSSIBLE WITH ROK DEL (E.G., SUDAN, SENEGAL AND UPPER VOLTA WITH WHOM ROK HAS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AND SUCH REPRESENTATIVES OF KOREA CORE GROUP COUNTRIES AS APPEAR TO HAVE GOOD ENTRE WITH THESE DELEGATIONS. WE PLAN TO BE INSTRUCTING OUR EMBASSIES IN THESE AND OTHER CAPITALS TO DISCUSS KOREAN ISSUE NEXT WEEK AFTER RETURN OF NON-ALIGNED DELEGATIONS, BUT WISH TO HEAD OFF ANY ADDITIONAL COMMITMENTS TO OTHER SIDE WHICH MIGHT BE UNDER CONSIDERATION IN THE INTERIM. WE BELIEVE THAT, SINCE YOU WILL BE CLEARLY ADDRESSING AN ITEM WHICH HAS BEEN SUBMITTED FOR UNGA DEBATE, THERE WILL BE NO QUESTION OF APPEARING TO TAKE ROLE IN NAM DELIBERATIONS ON THIS ISSUE.



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5. WITH REGARD TO PUERTO RICO, WE NOTE WITH CONCERN PREDICTION THAT PUERTO RICO LANGUAGE MAY COME DIRECTLY FROM HOSTILE DRAFTING COMMITTEE TO SUMMIT PLENARY, IN OUR TALKS WITH NGUZA HERE, HE PROMISED ACTIVE ROLE ON THIS PROBLEM. WE BELIEVE IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO SEE IF HE COULD BE HELPFUL IN OPPOSING ANY CONSENSUS ON UNDESTRABLE LANGUAGE. KISSINGER



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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO AUGUST 18 INCIDENT: PRESS GUIDANCE

JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

- 1. FOLLOWING IS PRESS GUIDANCE TO BE USED REGARDING CURRENT AND CONTEMPLATED RESPONSES TO AUGUST 18 PANMUNJOM INCIDENT, GUIDANCE SHOULD BE ADHERED TO STRICTLY AND SHOULD BE USED ONLY IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS: QUOTE
- O, ARE WE TAKING ANY MILITARY ACTIONS IN RESPONSE TO THE NORTH KOREAN ATTACK INTHE JSAT
- A. HE HAVE TAKEN THE PRECAUTIONARY MOVE OF INCREASING THE READINESS STATUS OF THE FORCES IN THE AREA. THIS INCREASED ALERT STATUS HAS BEEN TAKEN IN VIEW OF THE UNPROVOKED AND PREMEDITATED ASSAULT WHICH OCCURRED IN THE JOINT SECURITY AREA AND RESULTED IN THE MURDER OF 2 US OFFICERS AND THE INJURY OF US AND KOREAN PERSONNEL.
- Q. ARE WE MAKING ANY FORCE CHANGES IN KOREA? WHAT OTHER MEASURES HAVE BEEN TAKEN OR ARE CONTEMPLATED?
- A. HE CANNOT DISCUSS ANY OTHER MEASURES THAT MAY BE TAKEN, UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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E.G. 11652: GOS TAGS: PFOR, POPS. SUBJECT: KOREAN AUGMENTATION MOVES

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- 1. REFTEL CONTENTS CONVEYED TO AMERICAN AFFAIRS DIRECTOR GENERAL YAMAZAKI MHO EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR TIMELY NOTI-FICATION.
- 2. SECURITY DIVISION CHIEF SATU NOTED THAT ALTHOUGH USG DOES NOT INTEND TO MAKE AMMOUNCEMENT, ITS INTENT IS TO DEMONSTRATE RESULVE TO PYONGYANG. ACCORDINGLY, HE SAID, FONDFF WILL PREPARE PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND DIET COMMITTEE GUIDANCE ON ASSUMPTION THAT DEPLOYMENT WILL COME TO PUBLIC NOTICE.
- YAMAZAKI ASKED WHETHER GOJ COULD CONFIRM PUBLICLY THAT IT HAD BEEN INFORMED OF FEA DEPLOYMENT IN ADVANCE, EMBOFF SAID THAT IF MATTER CAME TO PUBLIC ATTENTION AND GUESTION WAS ASKED, GOJ COULD CONFIRM THIS, BUT HE NOTED THAT USG UID NOT INTEND TO ANNOUNCE HILITARY DETAILS, SATO SUBSEQUENTLY AGREED THAT GOJ WOULD LIMIT RESPONSE TO CONFIRMING ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF F-4 DEPLOYMENT BUT WOULD NOT REFER TO USG EXPLANATION CONVEYED FIRST SENTENCE OF PARA 2 REFTEL.



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4. YAMAZAKI SAID THAT IF ASKED GOJ WOULD TAKE POSITION THAT A DEPLOYMENT OF THIS NATURE NOT SUBJECT TO PHIOR CONSULTATION PROVISION OF MST ARRANGEMENTS. YAHAZAKI ASKED THAT WE KEFP GOJ INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS BUT OFFERED NO FURTHER REACTION.



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LIMITED OFFICIAL USE SEOUL 6422 CINCPAC FOR POLAD. E.O. 11652: N/A TAGS: MARR, MOPS, KS, KS, US SUBJECT: ROK MEDIA REACTION TO DMZ INCIDENT REFT SEOUL 6408

1. WEDNESDAY EVENING UNC ANNOUNCEMENT OF MURDER OF THO U.S. MILITARY OFFICERS AT PANMUNJOM DOMINATED THURSDAY MORNING PAPERS WITH REPORTS UNC COMMANDER STILWELL WILL STRONGLY PROTEST INCIDENT; THAT UNC CALLED FOR MAC MEETING TODAY. PRESS FRONTPAGED TOKYO CORRESPONDENT DISPATCH THAT PANMUNJOM INCIDENT GIVEN PAGE-ONE COVERAGE IN WEDNESDAY JAPANESE PAPERS, AND UPI TOKYO STORY THAT PYONGYANG RADIO ASSERTED GIS IGNORED NK REQUEST TO STOP WORK IN JSA, BUT DID NOT MENTION ANYTHING ABOUT DEATHS OF TWO US MILITARY OFFICERS AND INJURY OF OTHERS. PRESS ALSO FRONTPAGED EXCERPTS 8/18 ROKG MCUI SPOKESMAN KIM DONG HOIS STATEMENT VOICING ANGER OVER INCIDENT, CALLING IT "BARBAROUS AND INHUMANE, .. WE DEPLORE IT IN THE NAME OF ALL FREE WORLD PEOPLE ... PRESS IN CITY-NEWS PAGES GAVE TOP PLAY TO EXCERPTS 8/18 INTERVIEW WITH WITNESS KSC WORKER KNAK DUK HWAN. PRESS FRONTPAGED UPI STORY CITING WH SPOKESMAN DISCLOSING PRESIDENT FORD CALLED INCIDENT "VICIOUS AND UNPROVOKED MURDER".

2. CHOSUN ILBO'S PAGE THREE FEATURE COLUMN CARRIED

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DISCUSSION BETHEEN KYUNGHEE UNIVERSITY PROF KIN JOM KON AND KOREAN MILITARY SCIENCE RESEARCH INSTITUTE DIRECTOR DR. CHOI SUK. CHOI CALLED INCIDENT AN "OPEN CHALLENGE TO ARMISTICE AGREEMENT" ... KIM SAID "IT INTENTIONAL ATTACK ORDERED BY HIGHER AUTHORITIES .. TIMED TO COINCIDE WITH U.S. ELECTION AND NAC SUMMITRY ... IT HAS PROVEN NATURE OF TERRORIST NK ... WE MUST WATCH U.S. REACTION. . CHOI: "U.S. COULD HARDLY LAUNCH A DIRECT RETALIATORY ACTION AGAINST NK." KIMS "U.S. IS LIKELY TO REACT WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT, HOW THE U.S. WILL EVALUATE RECENT SERIES OF PROVOCATIONS IS AN OPEN QUESTION, THE U.S. MUST COME UP WITH STRONG COUNTER MEASURES AGAINST THE NK THREAT. THROUGH THE ARMISTICE SYSTEM, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PREDICT WHO THE NEXT U.S. PRESIDENT WILL BE, BUT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE SHOULD RECOGNIZE AGAIN THE TERRORIST NATURE OF NK. SOME AMERICANS BELIEVE KIM IL SUNG CAN BE BROUGHT INTO RESPONSIBLE INTERNATIONAL DIALOGUE, BUT ROKG AND ROK PEOPLE SHOULD BE ALERT AGAINST POSSIBLE US-NK CONTACTS, OUR POSITION IS DIFFERENT FROM VNJ BUT WE CAN'T SAY "IT WON'T HAPPEN HERE" (IMPLYING ABANDONMENT BY USG.)" CHOI: "WE KOREANS WILL TRY TO INFORM THE WORLD ABOUT THE BRUTALITY OF NK. "

3. EDITORIAL COMMENT: LEADING INEPENDENT DONGA ILBO CARRIED REACTION COMMENT FROM KOREANS WHO AGREED INCIDENT WAS INTENTIONAL PROVOCATION AND THAT U.S. WILL REACT ACCORDINGLY, BUT THROUGH ARMISTICE STRUCTURE, KOREA PROF, SAID ACTION DESIGNED PUSH FORD ADMINISTRATION INTO CORNER PRIOR TO ELECTION. THAT OTHER NK PROVOCATIONS LIKELY DURING ELECTION PERIOD. YUCHONGHOE REP. HAM MYUNG-SOO SAID SENIOR U.S. OFFICIALS LAST SPRING AT GEORGETONN SEMINAR EXPRESSED FEAR OF INCIDENTS DURING ELECTION PERIOD. HAM SAID INCIDENT AIMED TO ACCELERATE USFK PULLOUT.

PROF. KIM HONG-CHUL SAID NK ATTEMPTING TO MAKE DIRECT NK-USG CONTACT THROUGH PROVOCATION, WILL MATCH U.S. REACTION CAREFULLY, NK KNOWS US WILL BE ON SPOT DUE TO CURRENT U.S. PUBLIC ATTITUDE, WAR COLLEGE PROF, CHOI YUNG SAID INCIDENT INTENDED TO SPEED USFK DEPARTURE, DRIVE U.S. PUBLIC TO ISOLATIONISM, AND TO STRENGTHEN DPRK INTERNATIONALLY.

4. OFFICIAL SECUL SHINMUN ARTICLE SAID NK ATTEMPTING CREATE WAR ATMOSPHERE TO DISTRACT NK POPULACE FROM DOMESTIC TROUBLES AND TO CAUSE U.S. PUBLIC TO CALL FOR USFK PULLOUT. "WE ARE GRAVELY CONCERNED ABOUT UNC REACTION."

5. POLITICAL PARTY REACTION: SPOKESMAN FOR GOVERNMENT PARTY SAID "DRP CANNOT SUPPRESS THEIR INDIGNATION, THE ONLY WAY TO STOP THIS KIND OF ATROCITY IS TO RETALIATE AGAINST THIS BARBARIOUS ACT. " OPPOSITION NOP SPOKESMAN SAID "BOTH U.S. AND KOREAN AUTHORITIES SHOULD PREPARE COMPLETE COUNTERMEASURES BY

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WHICH THEY CAN STOP ANY FUTURE RECURRENCE OF THIS TYPE OF INCIDENT."

6. COMMENT: LIKE ALL KOREANS WE HAVE TALKED TO IN LAST 24 HOURS, PRESS, IN ADDITION TO EXPRESSING INDIGNATION, IS CLEARLY DEEPLY CONCERNED THAT U.S. MAY NOT REACT WITH SUFFICIENT SHOW OF STRENGTH, SOUTH KOREANS ARE WATCHING, STERN BT

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