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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 1, 1974

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for your letter of September 10, 1974, and your most gracious invitation to Mrs. Ford and me to visit the Republic of Korea. We are delighted to accept and look forward to seeing you at that time and to discussing issues of common concern.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford

His Excellency
Park Chung Hee
President of the
Republic of Korea
Seoul



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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

October 1, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. GEORGE S. SPRINGSTEEN
Executive Secretary
Department of State

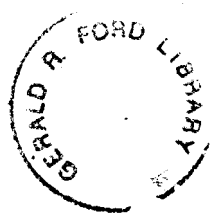
SUBJECT:

REFERENCE: Pres letter to Pres Park
Chung Lee

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for JEANNE W. DAVIS
Staff Secretary



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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ACTION

September 30, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER *HK*

SUBJECT: Proposed Reply From You to the South Korean President Park Chung Hee Accepting His Invitation To Visit Korea Following the Japan Visit

At Tab A is a draft letter from you to President Park Chung Hee of Korea. In that letter you formally accept his invitation (Tab B) for you and Mrs. Ford to visit Korea.

The draft reply has been coordinated with Paul Theis' office.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the draft reply to President Park at Tab A.



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memo fwded to Pres 9/30/74 (12:25pm)



President of the Republic of Korea

(Translation)

September 10, 1974

Excellency:

I have the honor to extend my cordial invitation to Your Excellency and Mrs. Ford to visit my country in late November or early December this year at Your Excellency's convenience.

I am confident that Your Excellency's visit to Korea will greatly contribute to further strengthening the friendly relations between our two countries.

I look forward to the pleasure of welcoming Your Excellency and Mrs. Ford in Seoul.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,

/s/ Park Chung Hee

His Excellency
Gerald R. Ford
President of the
United States of America
Washington, D. C.





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1974. 9. 10.

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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September 25 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR:

SECRETARY KISSINGER

FROM:

W. R. SMYSE

SUBJECT:

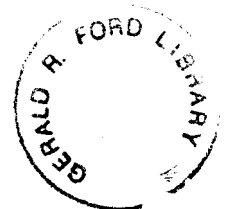
Proposed Reply From the President to
South Korean President Park Chung Hee
Accepting His Invitation for the President
To Visit South Korea Following His
Japan Visit

At Tab I is a draft memorandum from you to the President attaching a proposed reply from the President to President Park Chung Hee responding to President Park Chung Hee's letter of September 10, 1974, inviting the President and Mrs. Ford to visit South Korea following their visit to Japan. The President's draft reply simply conveys the President's formal acceptance of President Park's invitation which has already been relayed to Park through normal diplomatic channels.

The President's draft reply has been coordinated with Paul Theis' office.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the draft memorandum to the President at Tab I.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

September 17, 1974

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MEMORANDUM FOR LIEUTENANT GENERAL BRENT SCOWCROFT
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Letter from President Park Inviting
President Ford to Visit Korea

Attached is the original and an English translation of a letter from President Park Chung Hee of the Republic of Korea to President Ford inviting President and Mrs. Ford to visit Korea in late November or early December of this year. The letter was delivered to Assistant Secretary for East Asian and Pacific Affairs Designate Habib by Ambassador Hahn of Korea on September 17.

George S. Springsteen
George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

- 1. Original letter in Korean
- 2. English translation

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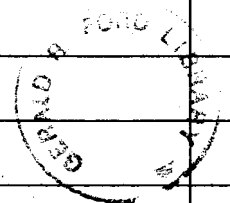
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SUBJECT: *Pres Park Chung Hee of South Korea invites Pres & Mrs Ford to visit Korea Nov & Dec 1974*

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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November 29, 1974

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ATTACHMENT

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Mr. George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary
Department of State

SUBJECT: Presidential Message to President Park

Will you please transmit the attached cable to Embassy Seoul
for delivery to President Park.

Jeanne M. Davis
Staff Secretary

Attachment

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TO: AMEMBASSY SEOUL

Please pass the following message for President Ford to President Park:

Begin text

Dear President Park:

Please let me express my appreciation for the cordial hospitality that you and the people of the Republic of Korea extended to me during my visit. The warmth of the welcome by so many of the Korean people was truly overwhelming.

I appreciated the opportunity to exchange views with you during our meetings and to greet other Korean leaders at the reception and dinner that you kindly gave for me.

I believe that the United States and Korea will remain firm friends in the future as they have been in the past. I was pleased to reaffirm the depth of our friendship and of our commitment during this visit.

With best wishes,

Gerald Ford

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TO: JEANNE DAVIS

GEORGE SPRINGSTEIN

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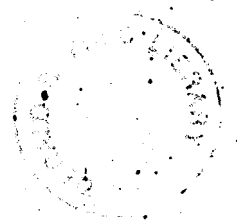
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November 25, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: GENERAL SCOWCROFT
FROM: W. R. Smyser 
SUBJECT: Presidential Messages of
Appreciation for his Korean Visit

Attached (at Tab B) is a draft telegram from the President to President Park of South Korea expressing appreciation for Park's hospitality.

At Tab A is a letter from the President to Secretary Schlesinger expressing appreciation for his visit to the Second Division at Camp Casey. The memorandum from you to the President at Tab I would forward the letter for his signature.

Both messages have been cleared with Paul Theis.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the memorandum at Tab I, and that you approve the telegram to President Park at Tab B.

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*Message OK.
Letter not necessary.
President has spoken
personally with Schlesinger
on the subject*



MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT
SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation to
Secretary Schlesinger

At Tab A is a proposed letter from you to Secretary Schlesinger asking him to convey to the officers and men of the U.S. forces in Korea your appreciation for their hospitality during your visit last week.

Paul Theis concurs.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the letter at Tab A.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Jim:

Will you please convey to the officers and men of the U. S. Forces in Korea, and the Second Division in particular, my deep appreciation for their hospitality during my visit last week.

The men I saw were fine men, and I was proud to be associated with them. Every American would feel the same way to see our soldiers defending peace in that distant part of the world.

I know you must be proud to have such men serving in our armed forces.

Sincerely,

The Honorable James R. Schlesinger
Secretary of Defense
Department of Defense
Washington, D. C. 20301

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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ACTION

November 25, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR:

GENERAL SCOWCROFT

FROM:

W. R. Smyser

SUBJECT:

Presidential Messages of Appreciation
for his Korean Visit

Attached (at Tab A) is a draft telegram from the President to President Park of South Korea, expressing appreciation for Park's hospitality.

Attached (at Tab B) is a draft letter from the President to Secretary Schlesinger expressing appreciation for his visit to the Second Division at Camp Casey.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you approve the two messages.

Telegram to President Park

Approve _____ Approve as Amended _____

Letter to Secretary Schlesinger.

Approve _____ Approve as Amended _____

These messages have been cleared with Paul Theis.

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TO: AMEMBASSY SEOUL

FROM: WHITE HOUSE

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President Park:

Begin text

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I believe that the United States and Korea will remain firm
friends in the future as they have been in the past. I was pleased
to reaffirm the depth of our friendship and of our commitment during
this visit.

With best wishes,

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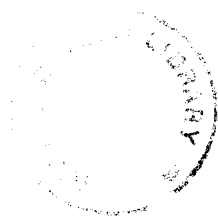
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Date: AUG 27 1975

For: Lt. Gen. Brent Scowcroft
National Security Council
The White House

Pursuant to referral dated _____, NSC No. 5065 (if any)
a copy of which is attached, we are enclosing the following:

Information copy
of direct reply Translation Other
Draft reply for: President's signature Other signature
We believe no response is necessary for the reason cited below

The attached item, which was sent directly to the Department
of State, is being forwarded for your attention.

We believe no response is necessary for the reason cited below
A draft reply is attached
A draft reply will be forwarded
A translation is attached
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REMARKS:

Attached is signed original of President Park's August 11 letter
to the President expressing appreciation for the US decision to
oppose the admission of the Viet Nams to the UN if the Republic
of Korea were not admitted. The President has already replied
to President Park's letter.

DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION:

To: The President From: President Park
Date: August 11, 1975 Subject: Letter of Appreciation for
US Support on UN Membership Question



Richard E. Hedgja
for
George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary

Aug. 12, 1975

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MEMORANDUM FOR LIEUTENANT GENERAL BRENT SCOWCROFT
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: ROK President's Letter of
Appreciation for US Support
on UN Membership Question

Attached is a letter from President Park to the President passed to the Department by the Korean Ambassador. President Park expressed appreciation for the US decision to oppose the admission of the Viet Nams to the United Nations if the admission of South Korea was not approved. He said he feels the US position will provide momentum toward the eventual admission of South Korea.

The Korean Embassy has provided the Department with a copy of President Park's letter and we will shortly forward a recommended reply.

George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary

Attachment:

As stated.

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THE AMBASSADOR OF KOREA
WASHINGTON, D. C.

August 11, 1975

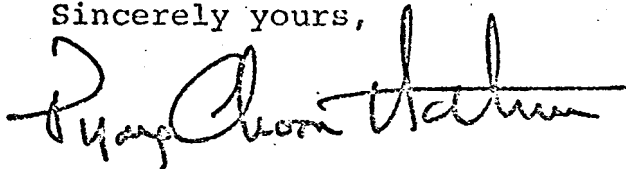
Dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to transmit the enclosed cable letter addressed to His Excellency Gerald R. Ford, President of the United States of America, from His Excellency Park Chung Hee, President of the Republic of Korea.

It would be very much appreciated if the enclosed letter could be forwarded to its high destination.

Please accept, Mr. Secretary, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Pyong-choon Hahm".

Pyong-choon Hahm

The Honorable
Henry A. Kissinger
Secretary of State
Washington, D. C.

August 11, 1975

Excellency:

I have the honour to express my sincere appreciation for the invaluable support and cooperation which Your Excellency's government has rendered for further consideration of our application for membership in the United Nations.

I wish also to extend to Your Excellency my deep gratitude and respect for the insight and resolution with which Your Excellency came to the decision that, in order to ensure a general application of the principle of universality, the government of the United States will oppose the admission of South and North Vietnam if my country's application is not approved.

I consider that the decision has provided an important momentum in regard to the overdue admission of the Republic of Korea into the world organization and earnestly hope that Your Excellency's government will continue to exert efforts towards an early admission of my country.

Assuring Your Excellency of ever closer cooperation and friendship between our two countries, I avail myself of this opportunity to renew the assurances of my highest consideration.

Park Chung Hee
President of the Republic of Korea

His Excellency
Gerald R. Ford
President of the United States of America
Washington, D. C.

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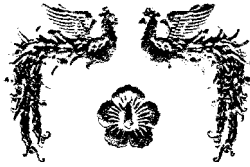
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By l/la, NARA, Date 3/6/04

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President of the Republic of Korea

(Translation)

August 11, 1975

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His Excellency
Gerald R. Ford
President of the United States of America
Washington, D. C.

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State Dept. Guidelines

By ld, NARA, Date 3/6/04

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

August 16, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR LIEUTENANT GENERAL BRENT SCOWCROFT
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Presidential Reply to ROK President's
Letter of Appreciation for US Support
on UN Membership Question

Attached is a draft reply from the President to a letter from President Park which was forwarded in my memorandum of August 11.

In his letter President Park expressed appreciation for the US decision to oppose the admission of the Viet Nams to the UN if the admission of the Republic of Korea is not accepted. The draft reply expresses regret that we were not able to achieve the admission of South Korea to the UN at this time but assures President Park that we will continue our efforts to that end.

for *C. Arthur Bag*
George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

1. Draft reply.
2. President Park's letter of August 11.
3. President Park's letter of July 22.

SUGGESTED REPLY

Dear Mr. President:

I deeply appreciated your letters of July 22 and August 11 regarding the importance you place upon the admission of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations and the United States support on this question.

I very much regret that we were not able to secure the entry of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations at this time. I can assure you, however, that we will vigorously continue our efforts in close cooperation with your government in the hope that United Nations membership for the Republic of Korea will soon be achieved.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford

His Excellency
Park Chung Hee
President of the Republic of Korea
Seoul



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MEMORANDUM FOR LIEUTENANT GENERAL BRENT SCOWCROFT
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George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary

Attachment:

As stated.

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THE AMBASSADOR OF KOREA
WASHINGTON, D. C.

August 11, 1975

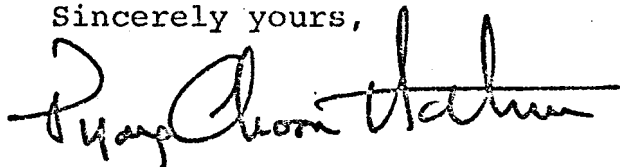
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Pyong-choon Hahm

The Honorable
Henry A. Kissinger
Secretary of State
Washington, D. C.

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August 11, 1975

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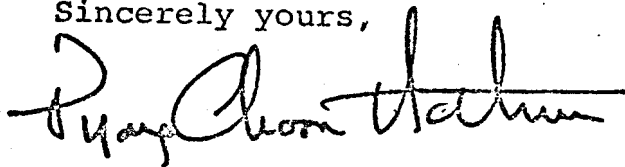
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Barbara McKinley
for George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary

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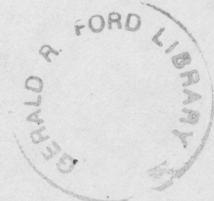
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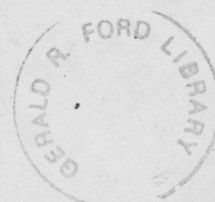
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Gerald R. Ford
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Washington, D. C.





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Executive Secretary

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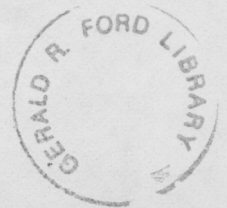
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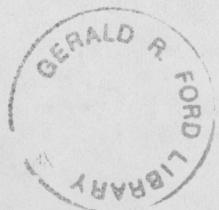
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Washington, D. C.



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July 29, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR LIEUTENANT GENERAL BRENT SCOWCROFT
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Presidential Reply to ROK President's
Letter on UN Membership for ROK and
the Two Viet Nams

Attached is a draft reply from the President to a letter from President Park which was passed to the Department by Ambassador Hahn on July 23. President Park urged our opposition to the UN membership applications of the two Viet Nams unless the ROK is also admitted. The reply informs President Park that the United States intends to give vigorous support to ROK membership in the U.N. and to oppose membership for the two Viet Nams without the ROK.

for *E. Arlen Bag*
George S. Springsteen, Jr.
Executive Secretariat

Attachment:

Letter to President Park
Letter from President Park

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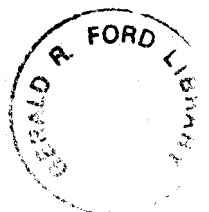
SUGGESTED REPLY

Dear Mr. President:

I deeply appreciated your letter regarding the importance which you place on the admission of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations and its relationship to the admission of the two Viet Nams. We have very carefully reviewed the considerations raised in your letter, as well as the other factors bearing on the question of admission of the two Viet Nams.

I can assure you that we are prepared to support your membership application vigorously and to make known to other Security Council members our view that your application should be dealt with in conjunction with the applications of South and North Viet Nam. In that regard, we intend to convey privately to other key governments, including the USSR and the PRC, that any attempt to press for membership of the Viet Nams this year without the agreement on the admittance of the Republic of Korea would be opposed by the United States.

We will, of course, consult closely with you on the tactics and timing with regard to this question and I understand that you will shortly be

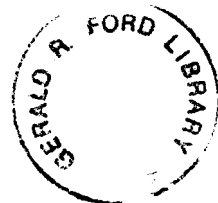


reactivating your pending request for United Nations membership.

I believe that the position I have described above fully reflects our mutual concern that the Republic of Korea be accepted into the United Nations.

Sincerely,

Gerald Ford



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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO PRESIDENT PARK
ON UN MEMBERSHIP

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REF: {A} SEOUL 5573; {B} SEOUL 5574

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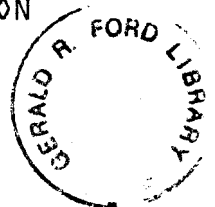
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DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

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I BELIEVE THAT THE POSITION I HAVE DESCRIBED ABOVE FULLY REFLECTS OUR MUTUAL CONCERN THAT THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA BE ACCEPTED INTO THE UNITED NATIONS.
SINCERELY, GERALD FORD.

UNQUOTE. END TEXT.

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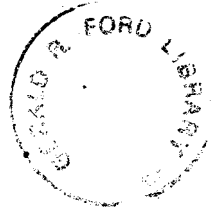
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His Excellency
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Washington, D. C.





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Washington, D.C. 20520

July 23, 1975

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Richard E. Healy
for

George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary

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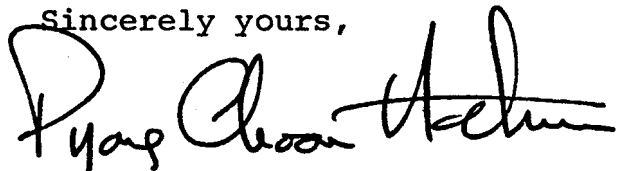
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August 12, 1975

~~SECRET~~MEMORANDUM FOR LIEUTENANT GENERAL BRENT SCOWCROFT
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: ROK President's Letter of
Appreciation for US Support
on UN Membership Question

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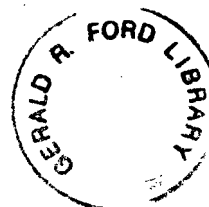
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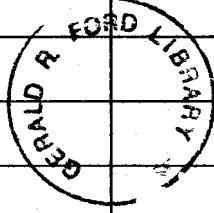
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