National Security Decision Memorandum 309

TO: The Secretary of Defense
    The Deputy Secretary of State
    The Director, Central Intelligence Agency

SUBJECT: Decisions on ROK Air Defense Requirements

The President has reviewed the Joint Chiefs of Staff study on the air defense requirements of the Republic of Korea, together with agency comments thereon, and has made the following decisions:

-- Formulation of U.S. policy in regard to the development of Republic of Korea forces to permit them to meet the North Korean threat with only U.S. logistic support should be delayed pending completion of the current National Security Study Memorandum on U.S. Policy on Korea.

-- The Republic of Korea's request to purchase an additional 18 F-4Es and 60 F-5E/Fs is formally approved.

-- The Republic of Korea should be approached as soon as possible to determine its interest in accepting eight of the twelve U.S. Hawk batteries in Korea in the FY 79 time frame.

-- The possibility of arranging sale of the Hawk batteries at a concessional price should be examined.

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cc: Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff