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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 16, 1975

Tom Barnes

I don't mind getting a signed version of the letter, and, if we told the Koreans that a signed version would follow, I will. Did we? If not, and in view of the fact that often do not send signed follow-up copies, and that to get one will take another three days, I expect that it will look a little funnyto the Koreans. If you feel differently, or if we promised them one, just send it back.

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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December 15, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR BRENT SCOWCROFT

FROM:

THOMAS J. BARNES

SUBJECT:

Reply to Letter from President Park

President Park Chung Hee wrote a letter to President Ford prior to the President's departure for Peking (Tab B). Bud McFarlane signed off on the proposed reply, and State transmitted the message telegraphically to Seoul.

We now need the President's signature on the original letter, which we have dated November 29, the same day the cable went out.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the memorandum to the President at Tab I transmitting the original text of the letter to the President for his signature.



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

BRENT SCOWCROFT

SUBJECT:

Reply to President Park

President Park wrote you a letter (Tab B) prior to your departure for Peking. Park requested that in your talks with the Chinese you again stress that the termination of the U.N. Command will never take place without alternative arrangements for the preservation of the Armistice Agreement.

We approved a reassuring reply to President Park and cabled the text to our Embassy in Seoul for delivery prior to your arrival in Peking. We now request your signature on the original text.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the letter at Tab A.



THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

November 29, 1975

Dear Mr. President:

I very much appreciate receiving your views on the Korean question in anticipation of my visit to Peking.

During my meetings in Peking there will certainly be general discussions on international matters, but I do not expect that there will be extended discussions on Korea or that Chinese views will differ from their previously expressed rigid support for the North Korean position.

I can assure you I will continue to make clear to the Chinese that we will not accept the exclusion of the Republic of Korea from any negotiations related to Korea. Further, we intend to reiterate our position that the U.N. Command termination is directly linked to preservation of the Armistice.

We will also express the continued hope that the People's Republic of China and North Korea will respond constructively to our joint proposal for a meeting of all of the parties to the Armistice, including the Republic of Korea, to discuss ways to preserve the Armistice Agreement and to explore other measures to reduce tension on the Korean Peninsula.

I can also assure you that, as in the past, you will be personally briefed on the substantive aspects of my visit to Peking, including any discussions on Korea which take place.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

His Excellency
Park Chung Hee
President of the
Republic of Korea
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FOR: Mr. Brent Scowcroft

National Security Council

The White House

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REMARKS:

Signed original of letter is attached. Advance copy was forwarded on November 18 and reply was sent on November 28 to Embassy Seoul for delivery to President Park.

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George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary

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November 26, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR BRENT SCOWCROFT

FROM:

THOMAS J. BARNES

SUBJECT:

Proposed Reply to Letter from President Park

President Park Chung Hee wrote a letter to the President (Tab B) requesting that during his visit to Peking the President again make clear that we will never agree to the termination of the U.N. Command without alternative arrangements for the preservation of the Armistice Agreement.

At Tab A is a proposed reply that the State Department drafted for the President's signature. It notes while we do not expect the Chinese to engage in any extended discussions on Korea, the President will make clear we cannot accept the exclusion of the ROK from any negotiations on Korea, and that U. N. Command termination is linked to preservation of the Armistice Agreement.

The reply concludes with the assurance that President Park will receive a personal briefing on the substantive aspects of the China trip, including any discussions on Korea.

We have cleared the proposed reply with Paul Theis' office.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the memorandum to the President at Tab I transmitting the proposed reply to the President for his signature.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

November 26, 1975

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MEMORANDUM FOR LIEUTENANT GENERAL BRENT SCOWCROFT
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: President's Reply to President Park

This memorandum transmits a proposed telegraphic reply to President Park. The reply notes that while we do not expect the Chinese will wish to engage in any extended discussions on Korea, the President will make clear that we cannot accept the exclusion of the ROK from any negotiations on Korea and that UN Command termination is linked to preservation of the Armistice Agreement.

The reply concludes with the assurance that President Park will be personally briefed on the substantive aspects on the China trip, including any discussions on Korea.

George Springsteen
Executive Secretariat

Attachments:
Proposed reply to President Park
Letter to the President from President Park

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THE AMBASSADOR OF KOREA WASHINGTON, D. C.

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November 25, 1975

The Honorable
Henry A. Kissinger
Secretary of State
Department of State
Washington, D. C. 20520

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to request your kindness in forwarding the enclosed 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.

In this regard, I refer to the Note Verbale of November 18, 1975 from the Embassy to the Department of State forwarding the advance cable transmittal of the above-mentioned letter to His Excellency the President of the United States. It was indicated at that time that the original letter would be forthcoming.

Please accept, Mr. Secretary, my appreciation for your kindness in conveying this message and the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Pyong-choon Hahm

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President of the Republic of Korea

(Translation)

November 19, 1975

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honour to express my highest esteem for Your Excellency's unsparing efforts in pursuit of world peace, and having learned that you are shortly visiting mainland China for the peace and stability in Northeast Asia, I wish to inform you of my views on the Korean question once again in this particular communication.

In this connection, it is gratifying to note that the current session of the United Nations General Assembly adopted the friendly resolution on the Korean question which presented the most realistic and responsible approach that the United Nations could ever take for a peaceful settlement of the Korean problems. I believe that this is simply the result of close cooperation by our friendly powers of which the United States took the lead.

It is, however, a matter of deep regret that the General Assembly also adopted the communist resolution which is in no way compatible with the friendly resolution and fraught with a danger of destroying the peace and security on the Korean peninsula. Such an anomalous situation thus created casts serious skepticism about the United Nations role with regard to the Korean question.

We consider that the problems pending between the South and the North of Korea should be primarily resolved through dialogue between them as immediate parties concerned. We therefore have been urging the North Koreans to resume the South-North dialogue as soon as possible, which was unilaterally suspended by them in August 1973.

As long as the dialogue remains suspended, the prospects for a peaceful settlement of the Korean question only seem discouraging.

The peace and security should by all means be maintained on the Korean peninsula. Therefore, the Korean Armistice Agreement should continue in force

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as the only legal instrument that secures the maintenance of peace and the prevention of renewed hostilities in Korea, and the United Nations Command should not be dissolved unless alternative arrangements would have been agreed upon among the parties directly concerned.

We have already expressed our hope, as specified in the friendly resolution recently adopted by the United Nations General Assembly, that all the parties directly concerned will embark on talks as soon as possible with a view to working out alternative arrangements designed for a continued adherence to the Armistice Agreement, and made a concrete proposal with respect to the question of the United Nations Command. I wish to reassert the willingness of my Government to enter into negotiations for this purpose at any time.

Needless to say, the Republic of Korea is a principal party to the Korean question. Our firm position is that there can never be any settlement of the Korean problems without the participation of the Republic of Korea and that she should be allowed to take part in all phases of negotiation affecting Korea whatever form they will assume. I understand that this is also the very view of the United States Government.

In connection with the above, I wish to request Your Excellency that on the occasion of your visit to mainland China this time you will once again make our position clear to the Chinese leaders, particularly that the termination of the United Nations Command will never take place without alternative arrangements for preservation of the Armistice Agreement.

Taking this opportunity, I earnestly hope that Your Excellency's trip this time will gain a historic momentum toward the peace and security in this region and in the world as a whole.

With the highest regards and esteem, I remain.

Sincerely,

/s/ Park Chung Hee

His Excellency Gerald R. Ford
President of the United States of America
Washington D. C.
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November 19, 1975

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

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As long as the dialogue remains suspended, the prospects for a peaceful settlement of the Korean Question only seem discouraging. The peace and security should by all means be maintained on the Korean peninsula. Therefore, the Korean Armistice Agreement should continue in force as the only legal instrument that secures the maintenance of peace and the prevention

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Needless to say, the Republic of Korea is a principal party to the Korean Question. Our firm position is that there can never be any settlement of the Korean problems without the participation of the Republic of Korea and that she should be allowed to take part in all phases of negotiations affecting Korea whatever form they will assume. I understand that this is also the very view of the United States government.

In connection with the above, I wish to request, Your Excellency, that on the occasion of your visit to mainland China this time you will once again make our position clear to the Chinese leaders, particularly that the termination of the U.N. Command will never take place without alternative arrangements for the preservation of the Armistice Agreement.

Taking this opportunity, I earnestly hope that Your Excellency's trip this time will gain historic momentum toward peace and security in this region and the world as a whole.

With highest regards and esteem, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Park Chung Hee





DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

November 18, 1975

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MEMORANDUM FOR LIEUTENANT GENERAL BRENT SCOWCROFT THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Letter to the President from President Park

Attached is a copy of a November 19 letter to the President from Korean President Park Chung Hee on the Korean Question. President Park points to the importance of the continuation of the Armistice Agreement for peace in Korea and stresses that the ROKG should participate in any negotiations concerning the Korean Question. President Park also requests that the President, during his trip to the PRC, make our views on Korea clear to the Chinese. The Department will be forwarding a proposed reply shortly.

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George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary

Attachment:

Letter to the President

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EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA WASHINGTON, D. C.

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The Embassy of the Republic of Korea presents its compliments to the Department of State and has the honor to enclose an advance copy of a letter for transmittal 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.

The Embassy would be grateful if the Department of State would be kind enough to forward the aforementioned to its high destination. The original letter will be forthcoming.

The Embassy of the Republic of Korea avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Department of State the assurances of its highest consideration.

Washington, D. C.

November 18, 1975

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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT PARK'S LETTER ON PRESIDENT'S TRIP TO PEKING.

REF: SEOUL 8923

FOR AMBASSADOR

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT PARK. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE IS IN REPLY TO PRESIDENT PARK'S NOVEMBER 19 LETTER ON THE KOREAN QUESTION AND THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO PEKING.

2. BEGIN TEXT DEAR MR PRESIDENT:

I VERY MUCH APPRECIATE RECEIVING YOUR VIEWS ON THE KOREAN QUESTION IN ANTICIPATION OF MY VISIT TO PEKING.

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DURING MY MEETINGS IN PEKING THERE WILL CERTAINLY BE GENERAL DISCUSSIONS ON INTERNATIONAL MATTERS, BUT I DO NOT EXPECT THAT THERE WILL BE EXTENDED DISCUSSIONS ON KOREA OR THAT CHINESE VIEWS WILL DIFFER FROM THEIR PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED RIGID SUPPORT FOR THE NORTH KOREAN

POSITION.

I CAN ASSURE YOU I WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE CLEAR TO THE CHINESE THAT HE WILL NOT ACCEPT THE EXCLUSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA FROM ANY NEGOTIATIONS RELATED TO KOREA. FURTHER, WE INTEND TO REITERATE OUR POSITION THAT THE UN COMMAND TERMINATION IS DIRECTLY LINKED TO PRESERVATION OF THE ARMISTICE.

WE WILL ALSO EXPRESS THE CONTINUED HOPE THAT THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND NORTH KOREA WILL RESPOND CONSTRUCTIVELY TO OUR JOINT PROPOSAL FOR A MEETING OF ALL OF THE PARTIES TO THE ARMISTICE, INCLUDING THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA; TO DISCUSS WAYS TO PRESERVE THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT AND TO EXPLORE OTHER MEASURES TO REDUCE TENSION ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA.

I CAN ALSO ASSURE YOU THAT, AS IN THE PAST, YOU WILL BE PERSONALLY BRIEFED ON THE SUBSTANTIVE ASPECTS OF MY VISIT TO PEKING, INCLUDING ANY DISCUSSIONS ON KOREA WHICH TAKE PLACE.

WITH BEST WISHES.

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THE WHITE HOUSE washington

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

BRENT SCOWCROFT

SUBJECT:

Proposed Reply to President Park

President Park has written you a letter (Tab B) requesting that in your talks in Peking you again stress that the termination of the U.N. Command will never take place without alternative arrangements for the preservation of the Armistice Agreement.

The State Department has prepared, and we have revised slightly, a proposed reply for your signature (Tab A). The reply assures President Park that you will make clear to the Chinese that we cannot accept exclusion of the ROK from any negotiations on Korea, and that U.N. Command termination is linked to preservation of the Armistice Agreement. The reply concludes with the assurances that President Park will receive a personal briefing on the substantive aspects of the China trip, including any discussion on Korea.

We have cleared the proposed reply with Paul Theis' office. Following your approval, we will cable the text of the message for delivery to President Park.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the proposed reply at Tab A.



THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

Dear Mr. President:

I very much appreciate receiving your views, in your November 19 letter, on the Korean question in anticipation of my visit to Peking.

During my meetings in Peking, there will certainly be general discussions on international matters. I do not expect, however, that there will be extended talks on Korea, or that the Chinese will diverge from their previously expressed rigid support for the North Korean position.

I assure you I will continue to make clear to the Chinese that we will not accept the exclusion of the Republic of Korea from any negotiations related to Korea. Further, we intend to reiterate our position that U. N. Command termination is directly linked to preservation of the Armistice.

We will also express the continued hope that the People's Republic of China and North Korea will respond constructively to our joint proposal for a meeting of all of the parties to the Armistice, including the Republic of Korea, to discuss ways to preserve the Armistice Agreement and to explore other measures to reduce tension on the Korean Peninsula.

I assure you that, as in the past, you will receive a personal briefing on the substantive aspects of my visit to Peking, including any discussions on Korea which take place.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

His Excellency
Park Chung Hee
President of the
Republic of Korea
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1. FOLLOWING IS MOFA ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF NOVEMBER 19 LETTER TO PRESIDENT FORD FROM PRESIDENT PARK WHICH ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER LHO DISCUSSED WITH THE AMBASSADOR NOVEMBER 18, (REFTEL). MOFA DIRECTOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND TREATIES BUREAU HAN WOO SUK WHO HANDED LETTER TO POLCOUNS SAID IT HAS BEING TRANSMITTED TO KOREAN EMBASSY BOTH TELEGRAPHICALLY AND BY POUCH FOR DELIVERY BY AMBASSADOR HAHM.

BEGIN TEXTS

FORM -- .

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

I HAVE THE HONOUR TO EXPRESS MY HIGHEST ESTEEM FOR YOUR EXCELLENCY'S UNSPARING EFFORTS IN PURSUIT OF WORLD PEACE, AND HAVING LEARNED THAT YOU ARE SHORTLY VISITING MAINLAND CHINA FOR THE PEACE AND STABILITY IN MORTHEAST ASIA, I WISH TO INFORM YOU OF MY VIEWS ON THE KOREAN QUESTION ONCE AGAIN IN THIS PARTICULAR COMMUNICATION.

IN THIS CONNECTION, IT IS GRATIFYING TO NOTE THAT THE CUPRENT SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY ADDRESS THE

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FRIENDLY RESOLUTION ON THE KOREAN QUESTION WHICH PRESENTED THE MOST REALISTIC AND RESPONSIBLE APPROACH THAT THE UNITED NATIONS COULD EVER TAKE FOR A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE KOREAN PROBLEMS. I BELIEVE THAT THIS IS SIMPLY THE RESULT OF CLOSE COOPERATION BY OUR FRIENDLY POWERS OF WHICH THE UNITED STATES TOOK THE LEAD.

IT IS, HOWEVER, A MATTER OF DEEP REGRET THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ALSO ADOPTED THE COMMUNIST RESOLUTION WHICH IS IN NO WAY COMPATIBLE WITH THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION AND FRAUGHT WITH A DANGER OF DESTROYING THE PEACE AND SECURITY ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA. SUCH AN ANAMALOUS SITUATION THUS CREATED CASTS SERIOUS SKEPTICISM ABOUT THE UNITED NATIONS ROLE WITH REGARD TO THE KOREAN QUESTION.

WE CONSIDER THAT THE PROBLEMS PENDING BETWEEN THE SOUTH AND THE NORTH OF KOREA SHOULD BE PRIMARILY RESOLVED THROUGH DIALOGUE BETWEEN THEM AS IMMEDIATE PARTIES CONCERNED. WE THEREFORE HAVE BEEN URGING THE NORTH KOREANS TO RESUME THE SOUTH#NURTH DIAPLOGUE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, WHICH WAS UNILATERALLY SUSPENDED BY THEM IN AUGUST 1973.

AS LONG AS THE DIALOGUE REMAINS SUSPENDED, THE PROSPECTS FOR A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE KOREAN QUESTION ONLY SEEM DISCOURAGING.

THE PEACE AND SECURITY SHOULD BY ALL MEANS BE MAINTAINED ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA. THEREFORE, THE KOREAN ARMISTICE AGREEMENT SHOULD CONTINUE IN FORCE AS THE ONLY LEGAL INSTRUMENT THAT SECURES THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND THE PREVENTION OF RENEMED HOSTILITIES IN KOREA, AND THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND SHOULD NOT BE DISSOLVED UNLESS ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS WOULD HAVE BEEN AGREED UPON AMONG THE PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED.

WE HAVE ALREADY EXPRESSED OUR HOPE, AS SPECIFIED IN THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION RECENTLY ADOPTED BY THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY. THAT ALL THE PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED WILL EMBARK ON TALKS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITH A VIEW TO WORKING OUT ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS DESIGNED FOR A CONTINUED ADHERENCE TO THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT, AND MADE A CONCRETE PROPOSAL WITH RESPECT TO THE OUFSTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND. I WISH TO REASSERT THE WILLINGNESS OF MY GOVERNMENT TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS FOR THYS

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PURPOSE AT ANY TIME.

NEEDLESS TO SAY, THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA IS A PRINCIPAL PARTY TO THE KOREAN QUESTION. OUR FIRM POSITION IS THAT THERE CAN NEVER BE ANY SETTLEMENT OF THE KOREAN PROBLEMS WITHOUT THE PARTICIPATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THAT SHE SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO TAKE PART IN ALL PHASES OF NEGOTIATION AFFECTING KOREA WHATEVER FORM THEY WILL ASSUME. I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS ALSO THE VERY VIEW OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE ABOVE, I WISH TO REQUEST YOUR EXCELLENCY THAT ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR VISIT TO MAINLAND CHINA THIS TIME VOU WILL ONCE AGAIN MAKE OUR POSTTION CLEAR TO THE CHIMESE LEADERS. PARTICULARLY THAT THE TERMINATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND WILL NEVER TAKE PLACE WITHOUT ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR PRES. SERVATION OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT.

TAKING THIS OPPORTUNITY, I EARNESTLY HOPE THAT YOUR EXCELLENCY'S TRYP THIS TIME WILL GAIN A HISTORIC MOMENTUM TOWARD THE PEACE AND SECURITY IN THIS REGION AND IN THE WORLD AS A WHOLE.

WITH THE HIGHEST REGARDS AND ESTEEM, I REMAIN,

SINCERELY,

ISI PARK CHUNG HEE

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Dear Mr. President:

I very much appreciate receiving your views, in your November 19 letter, on the Korean question in anticipation of my visit to Peking.

During my meetings in Peking, there will certainly be general discussions on international matters. I do not expect, however, that there will be extended talks on Korea, or that the Chinese will diverge from their previously expressed rigid support for the North Korean position.

I assure you I will continue to make clear to the Chinese that we will not accept the exclusion of the Republic of Korea from any negotiations related to Korea. Further, we intend to reiterate our position that U.N. Command termination is directly linked to preservation of the Armistice.

We will also express the continued hope that the People's

Republic of China and North Korea will respond constructively to

our joint proposal for a meeting of all of the parties to the Armistice,

including the Republic of Korea, to discuss ways to preserve the

Armistice Agreement and to explore other measures to reduce tension

on the Korean Peninsula.

I assure you that, as in the past, you will receive a personal briefing on the substantive aspects of my visit to Peking, including any discussions on Korea which take place.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford

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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT PARK'S LETTER ON PRESIDENT'S TRIP TO

REF: SEOUL 8923

FOR AMBASSADOR

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT PARK. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE IS IN REPLY TO PRESIDENT PARK'S NOVEMBER 19 LETTER ON THE KOREAN QUESTION AND THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO PEKING.

2. BEGIN TEXT DEAR MR PRESIDENT:

I VERY MUCH APPRECIATE RECEIVING YOUR VIEWS, ON THE KOREAN QUESTION IN ANTICIPATION OF MY VISIT TO PEKING.

DURING MY MEETINGS IN PEKING THERE WILL CERTAINLY BE GENERAL DISCUSSIONS ON INTERNATIONAL MATTERS. BUT I DO NOT EXPECT, THAT THERE WILL BE EXTENDED DISCUSSIONS ON KOREA OR THAT CHINESE VIEWS WILL DIFFER FROM THEIR PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED RIGID SUPPORT FOR THE NORTH KOREAN

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POSITION.

I CAM ASSURE YOU I WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE CLEAR TO THE CHINESE THAT WE WILL NOT ACCEPT THE EXCLUSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA FROM ANY NEGOTIATIONS RELATED TO KOREA. FURTHER, WE INTEND TO REITERATE OUR POSITION THAT THE UN COMMAND TERMINATION IS DIRECTLY LINKED TO PRESERVATION OF THE ARMISTICE.

WE WILL ALSO EXPRESS THE CONTINUED HOPE THAT THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND NORTH KOREA WILL RESPOND CONSTRUCTIVELY TO OUR JOINT PROPOSAL FOR A MEETING OF ALL OF THE PARTIES TO THE ARMISTICE, INCLUDING THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, TO DISCUSS WAYS TO PRESERVE THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT AND TO EXPLORE OTHER MEASURES TO REDUCE TENSION ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA.

I CAN ALSO ASSURE YOU THAT, AS IN THE PAST, YOU WILL BE PERSONALLY BRIEFED ON THE SUBSTANTIVE ASPECTS OF MY VISIT TO PEKING, INCLUDING ANY DISCUSSIONS ON KOREA WHICH TAKE PLACE.

WITH BEST WISHES.

SINCERELY,

GERALD FORD

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DRAFT REPLY LETTER

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I assure you I will continue to make clear to the Chinese that we will not accept the exclusion of the Republic of Korea from any negotiations related to Korea. Further, we intend to reiterate our position that the UN Command termination is directly linked to preservation of the Armistice.

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With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Gerald Ford

His Excellency
Park Chung Hee
The Blue House
Seoul, Korea

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

URGENT ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

BRENT SCOWCROFT

SUBJECT:

Proposed Reply to President Park

President Park wrote you a letter (Tab B) requesting that in your talks in Peking you again stress that the termination of the U.N. Command will never take place without alternative arrangements for the preservation of the Armistice Agreement.

The State Department has prepared a proposed reply for your signature. Tab A). The reply assures President Park that you will make clear to the Chinese that we cannot accept exclusion of the ROK from any negotiations on Korea, and that U.N. Command termination is linked to preservation of the Armistice Agreement. The reply concludes with the assurance that President Park will receive a personal briefing on the substantive aspects of the China trip, including any discussions on Korea.

We have cleared the proposed reply with Paul Theis' office. A

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the proposed reply at Tab A.

Following your approval, we will cable the text of the message for delivery to President Park.

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MEMORANDUM FOR LIEUTENANT GENERAL BRENT SCOWCROFT THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: ROK President's Letter on UN

Membership for the ROK and the

two Viet Nams

Attached is an unopened envelope containing the signed original of a letter to the President from President Park urging the U.S. to oppose membership for the two Viet Nams in the United Nations unless the ROK is also admitted. The text of President Park's letter (forwarded by separate memorandum on July 23) is also attached.

George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary

Attachment:
As stated.

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Excellency:

In connection with the applications recently filed by South and North Vietnam for membership in the United Nations, I have the honour to refer to the long pending question of admission of the Republic of Korea into the United Nations.

As Your Excellency is well aware, the application of the Republic of Korea for membership was considered by the Security Council first in 1949, then in 1955, 1957, and 1958. On each occasion, however, the admission of the Republic of Korea into the world organization was not realized, despite a majority support of the members of the Security Council, due to the veto exercised by the Soviet Union.

Having given careful consideration to the recent developments in and around the Korean peninsula, I proposed in my Special Statement on the New Foreign Policy on June 23, 1973 that both the Republic of Korea and North Korea be admitted to membership in the United Nations as an interim measure pending unification, a realistic step to further consolidate peace in this area and help create a foundation for peaceful unification of the country. This policy has been endorsed by Your Excellency's government and also received support of a majority of member states of the United Nations.

The Security Council being expected to consider the applications of South and North Vietnam in the near future, it is my earnest hope that the Security Council will take up at the same time the pending applications of both the Republic of Korea and North Korea to allow them to enter the world organization or, if North Korea continues to oppose its membership in the United Nations, to admit the Republic of Korea alone into the organization while keeping the door open to North Korea for admission.

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In order to realize the admission of the Republic of Korea, my government considers it essential that Your Excellency's government will make its strong wish known to the other permanent members of the Security Council that the applications of South and North Vietnam should be dealt with by the Security Council in conjunction with those of South and North Korea and, in particular, its firm intention to oppose the admission of two Vietnams unless the Republic of Korea is also admitted to membership. As a matter of fact, my government has strong reservation on whether the two Vietnamese applicants are fully qualified for membership in conformity with the United Nations Charter, in view of the fact that there has not been established a legitimate government in South Vietnam and that both South and North Vietnam overthrew the lawful government in Saigon by force in violation of the Paris Agreement. In our view, the dual membership of South and North Korea in the United Nations not only conforms with the principle of universality but also has an important bearing on the prevention of renewed war and the establishment of a durable peace on the Korean peninsula.

I, therefore, wish to take this opportunity to request respectfully that Your Excellency's government would render full support to the above-mentioned position of my government in the interests of peace and peaceful unification of Korea as well as the peace and stability in the region as a whole.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,

Park Chung Hee

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



President of the Republic of Korea

(Translation)

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Sincerely,

/s/ Park Chung Hee

His Excellency Gerald R. Ford
President of the United States of America
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과하께서 잘 아시는 바와 같이, 대한민국 정부의 유엔가입 신청은 1949년 이래 수차에 걸친 유엔 안전보장이사회 심의에서 절대 다수의 지지를 받았음에도 불구하고 쏘련의 거부권 행사로 인하여 상금 실현을 보지 못하고 있읍니다 · 본인은 최근 한반도 내외의 정세를 고려한 끝에 지난 1973년 6월 23일 신외교정책을 발표하고, 남북한이 통일시까지 잠정적으로 유엔에 함께 가입하는 것이 한반도의 평확정착과 평확통일기반 조성을 위한 현실적인 조치임을 천명한 바 있으며, 이러한 현실적 정책은 귀국을 비롯하여 많은 유엔회원국의 지지를 받고 있읍니다·

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

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

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRESIDENTIAL REPLY TO LETTER FROM PRESIDENT PARK DELIVERED TO DEPARTMENT JULY 23. EMBASSY SHOULD PASS TEXT TO ROKG; DEPARTMENT WILL FORWARD ORIGINAL WHEN AVAILABLE.

2. BEGIN TEXT: QUOTE:

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.

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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 U.S.

WE WILL, OF COURSE, CONSULT CLOSELY WITH YOU ON THE TACTICS AND TIMING WITH REGARD TO THIS QUESTION. AND I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU (TLL SHORTLY BE REACTIVATING YOUR PENDING REQUEST FOR UN 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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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 Hahm 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.

George S. Springsteen, Jr. Executive Secretariat

Attachment:

Letter to President Park Letter from President Park

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MEMORANDUM FOR LIEUTENANT GENERAL BRENT SCOWCROFT THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: ROK President's Letter on UN Membership for ROK and the two

Viet Nams

Attached is a letter from President Park to the President passed to the Department by the Korean Ambassador. President Park's letter urges that the United States oppose membership applications of South and North Viet Nam unless the ROK is also admitted.

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.

July 23, 1975

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to transmit the enclosed advance copy of a 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 message could be forwarded to its high destination. The original of the letter will be forthcoming.

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

Sincerely yours,

Pyong-choon Hahm

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

EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA WASHINGTON, D. C.

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

July 22, 1975

Excellency:

In connection with the applications recently filed by South and North Vietnam for membership in the United Nations, I have the honour to refer to the long pending question of admission of the Republic of Korea into the United Nations.

As Your Excellency is well aware, the application of the Republic of Korea for membership was considered by the Security Council first in 1949, then in 1955, 1957, and 1958. On each occasion, however, the admission of the Republic of Korea into the world organization was not realized, despite a majority support of the members of the Security Council, due to the veto exercised by the Soviet Union.

Having given careful consideration to the recent developments in and around the Korean peninsula, I proposed in my Special Statement on the New Foreign Policy on June 23, 1973 that both the Republic of Korea and North Korea be admitted to membership in the United Nations as an interim measure pending unification, a realistic step to further consolidate peace in this area and help create a foundation for peaceful unification of the country. This policy has been endorsed by Your Excellency's government and also received support of a majority of member states of the United Nations.

The Security Council being expected to consider the applications of South and North Vietnam in the near future, it is my earnest hope that the Security Council will take up at the same time the pending applications of both the Republic of Korea and North Korea to allow them to enter the world organization or, if North Korea continues to oppose its membership in the United Nations, to admit the Republic of Korea alone into the organization while keeping the door open to North Korea for admission.

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In order to realize the admission of the Republic of Korea, my government considers it essential that Your Excellency's government will make its strong wish known to the other permanent members of the Security Council that the applications of South and North Vietnam should be dealt with by the Security Council in conjunction with those of South and North Korea and, in particular, its firm intention to oppose the admission of two Vietnams unless the Republic of Korea is also admitted to membership. As a matter of fact, my government has strong reservation on whether the two Vietnamese applicants are fully qualified for membership in conformity with the United Nations Charter, in view of the fact that there has not been established a legitimate government in South Vietnam and that both South and North Vietnam overthrew the lawful government in Saigon by force in violation of the Paris Agreement. In our view, the dual membership of South and North Korea in the United Nations not only conforms with the principle of universality but also has an important bearing on the prevention of renewed war and the establishment of a durable peace on the Korean peninsula.

I, therefore, wish to take this opportunity to request respectfully that Your Excellency's government would render full support to the above-mentioned position of my government in the interests of peace and peaceful unification of Korea as well as the peace and stability in the region as a whole.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,

Park Chung Hee

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



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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT PARK

REF: SEOUL HAID

1. BELOW IS TEXT OF MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD WHICH YOU SHOULD CONVEY TO PRESIDENT PARK AFTER SIGNATURE USA AGREEMENT.

QUOTE:

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

I WANT TO EXPRESS MY DEEP APPRECIATION TO YOU AND YOUR GOVERNMENT FOR YOUR COUNSEL-SUPPORT AND COOPERATION IN CARRYING OUT OUR JOINT RESPONSE TO THE NORTH KOREAN PROVOCATION OF AUGUST 18.

I BELIEVE THE RESOLUTE CHARACTER OF OUR ACTIONS HAS.

MADE IT CLEAR TO THE NORTH KOREAN REGIME THAT WE WILL

NOT TOLERATE AGGRESSIVE ACTS ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA.

THE MEASURED AND CALCULATED NATURE OF OUR RESPONSE HAS

ALSO DEMONSTRATED THAT, IN CONTRAST TO THE NORTH, WE DO

NOT SEEK A RECKLESS ESCALATION OF TENSIONS IN KOREA.

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I AM ALSO HOPEFUL THAT THE NORTH KOREAN CONCESSIONS
IN THE NEW JOINT SECURITY AREA ARRANGEMENTS, WHICH WERE
MADE POSSIBLE BY OUR FIRM ACTION, WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE
INCREASED SAFETY OF PERSONNEL AT PANMUNJOM.

THE EVENTS OF RECENT WEEKS HAVE DEMONSTRATED ONCE AGAIN THE CLOSE THES BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND OUR ABILITY TO PLAN AND WORK TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE OUR COMMON GOALS.

SINCERELY

GERALD R. FORD

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2. WE LEAVE IT TO YOUR DISCRETION WHETHER TO DELIVER
MESSAGE PERSONALLY TO PRESIDENT PARK. IN ANY DISCUSSIONS
WITH HIM YOU SHOULD AVOID RAISING QUESTION OF FUTURE
RETALIATORY MOVES WHICH YOU PROPOSED IN PARA 4 ED) REFTEL.

3. WE DO NOT INTEND TO MAKE MESSAGE PUBLIC BUT HAVE NO OBJECTION IF ROKG WISHES TO DO SO.

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