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 SUBJECT: NORTH KOREA UNILATERALLY DECLARES MILITARY  
 ARMISTICE COMMISSION (MAC) "USELESS," CALLS FOR  
 "NEW PEACE SYSTEM"

REFS: A) TELECON, UNMAC SEC CHILTON-POLMILOFF, 28 APR 94  
 B) FBIS SK2804090494

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1. ~~S~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. IMMEDIATELY AFTER A MILITARY ARMISTICE COMMISSION (MAC) SECRETARIES MEETING CALLED BY THE KOREAN PEOPLES ARMY (KPA) FROM 3:00-5:30PM LOCAL, UNCMAC SECRETARY COL CHILTON PHONED EMBASSY TO ADVISE THAT THE DPRK HAD MADE WHAT IT DESCRIBED AS A MAJOR "POLITICAL MOVE." KPA MAC SECRETARY KIM RYON-KI READ AND PROVIDED AN ENGLISH COPY OF A THREE PAGE STATEMENT WHICH DECLARED THAT THE ARMISTICE HAD BECOME "USELESS" AND THAT THE KPA UNILATERALLY WAS TAKING THREE MEASURES:

— THE KPA WOULD CEASE PARTICIPATION IN ALL MAC ACTIVITIES AND WOULD NOT RECOGNIZE UNC PARTICIPATION IN MAC FUNCTIONS.

— THE KPA WOULD "WITHDRAW" (I.E., EXPEL) THE POLISH DELEGATION TO THE NEUTRAL NATIONS SUPERVISORY COMMISSION (NNSC). (NOTE: IMMEDIATELY AFTER MEETING WITH UNCMAC SECRETARY CHILTON, KPA COLONEL KIM PROCEEDED TO THE POLISH NNSC CAMP, PRESUMABLY TO INFORM THEM OF THIS DECISION.)

— THE "KPA SUPREME COMMAND" WOULD MAKE CONTACT WITH "US ARMY" REPRESENTATIVES AT PANMUNJOM TO DISCUSS "PENDING MILITARY ISSUES," INCLUDING A NEW AGREEMENT TO ENSURE THE PEACE.

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3. ALTHOUGH THE KPA VIEWED THE MAC AS DEAD, KPA COLONEL KIM MADE CLEAR THAT NORTH KOREAN MILITARY OFFICERS WERE

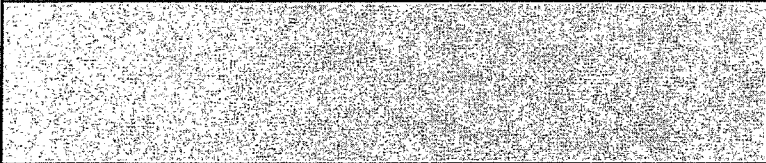
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WILLING TO MAINTAIN CONTACT AT PANMUNJOM THROUGH "LIAISON" OFFICERS AND THAT THE CONDITIONS OF THE ARMISTICE REMAINED IN EFFECT — THE KPA, HE SAID, HAD NO INTENTION OF IGNITING A WAR. CURRENT KPA REPRESENTATIVES WOULD REMAIN IN PLACE UNTIL A NEW TEAM ARRIVED FOR THE TALKS REFERRED TO IN THE THIRD MEASURE, OUTLINED ABOVE.



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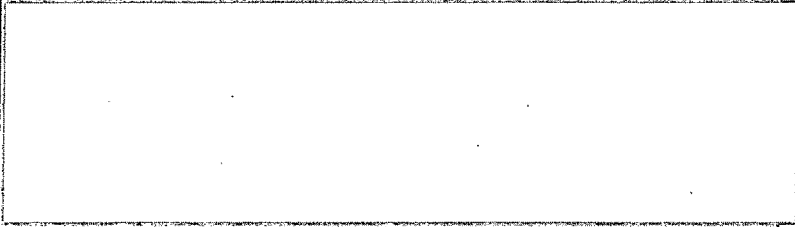
5. COLONEL CHILTON BRIEFED USFK/CFC CHIEF OF STAFF AT 1830 LOCAL; POLMILOFF ATTENDED. THE REACTION WAS CALM. CFC UNDERTOOK TO INFORM ROKG MILITARY OFFICERS AND THE SWISS AND SWEDISH NNSC REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DEVELOPMENTS.

6. AT 4:15PM, FBIS MONITORED PYONGYANG CENTRAL BROADCASTING'S TRANSMISSION (IN KOREAN) OF A DPRK FOREIGN MINISTRY STATEMENT REPUDIATING THE ARMISTICE STRUCTURE AND DEMANDING SERIOUS US-DPRK DISCUSSIONS ON ESTABLISHING A NEW PEACE MECHANISM. (REF B)

7. IN THE EARLIER MAC SECRETARIES MEETING, THE KPA CHARACTERIZED THE DPRK MOFA STATEMENT AS A "PROPOSAL," WHILE STATING KPA ACTIONS OUTLINED ABOVE WERE UNILATERAL ACTIONS, DISTINCT FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTRY STATEMENT.

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8. THE ROK FOREIGN MINISTRY REACTION IS CALM. MOFA OFFICIALS WERE MEETING AT COB APRIL 28 TO ANALYZE THE NORTH KOREAN FOREIGN MINISTRY'S STATEMENT. MOFA

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WARNED AGAINST OVERREACTING TO THIS MOVE WHICH, HE SAID, LOOKED LIKE A STEP IN A VERY FAMILIAR PATTERN. THE NORTH HAS REPEATEDLY ARGUED THAT THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT WAS "ABROGATED" BY U.S. ACTIONS. CITATION OF PATRIOT MISSILES AND APACHE HELICOPTERS AS VIOLATIONS THAT "OBLITERATE" THE ARMISTICE MIRRORS CHARGES MADE BY THE NORTH OVER THE DECADES. THE KPA'S THREAT TO EXPEL THE REMAINING (POLISH) MEMBER OF THE NEUTRAL NATIONS SUPERVISORY COMMISSION (NNSC) AND TO BOYCOTT SECRETARY'S MEETINGS OF THE MILITARY ARMISTICE COMMISSION (UNCMAC) WERE EXTENSIONS OF ACTIONS THEY HAD PREVIOUSLY TAKEN: THE OTHER NNSC MEMBER ON THE DPRK SIDE OF THE DMZ (THE CZECHS) HAD BEEN REMOVED BY THE NORTH IN 1993 AND THE UNCMAC HAD NOT MET OFFICIALLY FOR SOME TWO YEARS SINCE A ROK GENERAL WAS NAMED SENIOR MEMBER.

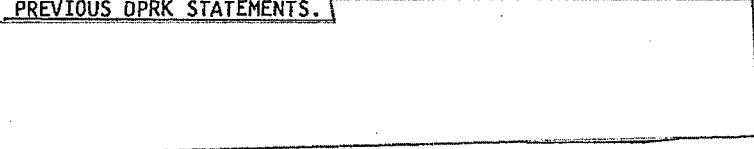
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9. THAT AT FIRST GLANCE HE AND HIS COLLEAGUES SAW NO CAUSE FOR ALARM, BUT WERE ANALYZING ELEMENTS OF THE STATEMENT THAT DID NOT FIT THE PATTERN OF PREVIOUS DPRK STATEMENTS.

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RECOMMENDATION

10. IN PUBLIC STATEMENTS REACTING TO THE DPRK STATEMENT,

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EMBASSY SUGGESTS DEPARTMENT INCORPORATE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

- THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN THE MILITARY SITUATION ON THE PENINSULA. THE EFFECTIVE U.S./ROK DETERRENCE POSTURE REMAINS STEADY AND WE CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE SITUATION ALONG THE DMZ.
- WE REJECT THE NORTH KOREAN ARGUMENT THAT THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT HAS BEEN "ABROGATED" BY ANY U.S. ACTIONS. THE ARMISTICE IS FULLY IN FORCE AND ALL PARTIES REMAIN BOUND BY ITS TERMS.
- THE PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS UNDER THE ARMISTICE BETWEEN THE KOREAN PEOPLES' ARMY (KPA) AND THE UN COMMAND REMAIN IN PLACE AND NO PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN WITHDRAWN.
- THE U.S. SUPPORTS THE EVENTUAL REPLACEMENT OF THE ARMISTICE WITH A PERMANENT PEACE ARRANGEMENT TO BE REACHED BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA. SPECIFICALLY, WE ENDORSE ARTICLE 5 OF THE 1992 NORTH-SOUTH BASIC AGREEMENT WHICH COMMITS THE TWO SIDES TO TRANSFORM THE ARMISTICE INTO "A SOLID STATE OF PEACE" BUT ABIDE BY THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT IN THE INTERIM.
- THE U.S. WILL NOT NEGOTIATE BILATERALLY A NEW ARRANGEMENT TO REPLACE THE ARMISTICE. HOWEVER, OUR "BROAD AND THOROUGH" APPROACH FOR A THIRD ROUND OF BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS TO RESOLVE THE NUCLEAR ISSUE WOULD PERMIT DISCUSSION OF ISSUES RELATING TO SECURITY ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA.

11. EMBASSY HAS FAXED DPRK FOREIGN MINISTRY STATEMENT AS

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MONITORED BY FBIS SEOUL AND THE KPA STATEMENT GIVEN TO UNCMAC SECRETARY CHILTON TO EAP/K. UNCMAC WILL ALSO PROVIDE THE TEXT OF THE KPA STATEMENT BY CABLE.

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