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1. C - ENTIRE TEXT.

- FOLLOWING AN EARLIER SUMMIT MEETING AT THE WHITE HOUSE AND A LUNCHEON HOSTED BY THE PRESIDENT, ROK PRESIDENT CHUN DOO BYAN AND FOREIGN HINISTER LHO MET WITH THE SECRETARY AND SENIOR STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS AT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE MONDAY AFTERHOOM FEBRUARY 2. A FULL LIST OF PARTICI-PANTS IS IN PARAGRAPH 19.
- AFTER WELCOMING PRESIDENT CHUN TO THE DEPARTMENT, THE SECRETARY SAID THAT HE WISHED TO ENSURE THAT ANY OF CHUN'S CONCERNS WHICH WERE NOT ADEQUATELY COVERED IN THE WHITE HOUSE MEETING HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE FULLY EXPLORED. CHUN REITERATED HIS PARTICULAR APPRECIATION FOR THE PRESI-DENT'S ASSURANCES THAT THERE WOULD BE NO FURTHER WITH-DRAVAL OF U.S. COMBAT FORCES FROM THE KOREAN PENINSULA.
- ECONOMIC PROBLEMS -- NOTING THAT A SEPARATE MEETING WITH THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER WAS IN PROGRESS TO DISCUSS ECONOMIC MATTERS, PRESIDENT CHUN STATED THAT HE HOPED THAT THE USA COULD GIVE SPECIAL CONSIDERATION TO KOREA OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS. HERETOFORE, THE ROK HAD BEEN TREATED THE SAME AS JAPAN AND OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN RELATION TO TRADE ISSUES. SUSTAINED ECONOMIC GROWTH WAS MECESSARY, CHUN NOTED, FOR POLITICAL STABILITY AND NATIONAL SECURITY.
- IN THIS CONNECTION PRESIDENT CHUN SUGGESTED THAT JAPAN OUGHT TO BEAR A GREATER SHARE OF THE BURDEN OF MAINTAINING THE SECURITY OF THE REGION. THE U.S. AND THE ROK TOGETHER FORMED A BULWARK FOR THE DEFENSE OF JAPAN AND GREATER JAPANESE FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND BURDEN SHARING WAS NEEDED CHOTE, IN A SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SHIN INDICATED THAT THE ROK WAS MOPING FOR UP TO ONE BILLION DOLLARS IN SOFT LOANS FROM JAPAN).
- .THE SECRETARY EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION AND AWARENESS OF KOREA'S FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION IN OUR ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP AND SAID HE REALIZED THAT THIS IS A DIFFIGURT TIME FOR THE KOREAN ECONOMY. WE TOO MAYE OCCASIONALLY HAD PROBLEMS WITH OUR JAPANESE FRIENDS IN

THE ECONOMIC AREA. NOTING THAT THE U.S. OID NOT WISH TO SE A PARTY TO THE TAGTIC OF RESORTING TO TRADE EARNIERS. THE SECRETARY STRESSED THAT WE NEED A SOMEWHAT MOSE VIGOROUS ECONOMIC DIALOGUE WITH OUR FRIENDS IN TOKTO IN ORDER TO AVOID PROBLEMS. WE WILL LOOK FOR WAYS IN OWN RELATIONSHIPS WITH KOREA TO BE HELPFUL IN KOREA'S PRESENT UNUSUAL ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES, AND IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR DIALOGUE WITH JAPAN WE WILL DO ALL WE CAS TO BE MELPFUL.

- THE SECRETARY ASSURED PRESIDENT CHUN THAT KOREA COULD RELY UPON THE UNITED STATES AS A SOURCE OF RELITERA FUEL SUPPLIES AND TECHNOLOGY FOR KOREA'S MUCLEAR POWER PROGRAM, AND HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR KOREA'S WISC ADHERENCE TO A NON-PROLIFERATION POLICY.
- ROTING CHUN'S REFERENCE TO THE INTER-RELATIONSHIP OF POLITICS, ECONOMICS, SOCIAL STABILITY AND HATIONAL SECURITY, THE SECRETARY SAID HE REALIZED THAT AS A RESULT OF VIETHAM, THE WATERGATE EPISODE AND SOME U.S. POLICIES IN RECENT YEARS, THERE HAD BEEN SOME CONCERN AMONG OUR FRIENDS AND ALLIES ABOUT THE RELIABILITY OF U.S. SECURITY DELIGATIONS. IT WAS HIS STRONG BELIEF THAT DIFFICULTIES IN OTHER AREAS OF OUR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS MULTIPLY WHEN THE CONFIDENCE THAT HATIOHS MAVE IN THEIR BASIC SECURITY BECOMES WEAKENED. A FIRST PRIORITY FOR AMERICA IS TO REESTABLISH CONFIDENCE IN OUR SECURITY RELATIONSHIPS. THESE DOUBTS ANONG AMERICA'S FRIENDS, MHETHER IN TOKYO, EUROPE, OR ELSEMHERE, MAVE WAD THEIR PART IN FUELING DEFENSIVE AND PROTECTIONIST ATTITUDES.
- THE U.S. HAS ALREADY BEGUN, THE SECRETARY SAID, A MORE INTENSIVE DIALOGUE WITH THE SOVIET UNION BASED ON THE PRINCIPLES OF RECIPROCITY AND STRENGTH MORE THAN ON THE IDEAS WHICH IN THE RECENT PAST HAVE BEEN EMBODIED IN THE CONCEPT OF DETENTE. THE VORLE HAS SEEN FACED WITH INCREASING SOVIET INTERVENTIONS EITHER DIRECTLY OR BY PROXY (E.G. CUBA), IN AFRICA, THE HIDDLE EAST AND CENTRAL AMERICA. THE FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR THE NEW ADMINISTRATION IN WASHINGTON IS TO PROJECT A NEW DIRECTION IN U.S. POLICY WHICH WILL NO LONGER ACCEPT WITH COMPLACENCY SUCH SOVIET INTERVENTIONISH THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.
- 18. TURNING TO CHINA, THE SECRETARY SAID WE REGARD U.S. COOPERATION WITH THE PRC AS AN IMPORTANT STRATEGIC ASSET. OF COURSE, THE PRC MAY INCREASINGLY PRESS US IN THE FIELD OF ARMS. BOTH ROK AND U.S. EXPERIENCE INDICATE THE NEED FOR GREAT CARE AND SENSITIVITY AS WE LOOK AT THIS ISSUE. U.S. POLICY HAS BEEN TO REFRAIN FROM SELLING LETHAL WEAPONS TO THE PRC. AND THE SECRETARY SAID THAT HE DID NOT VISUALIZE ANY NEAR TERM CHANGE IN THAT POLICY. IN ANY EVENT, CHANGE WOULD COME ONLY AFTER DETAILED CONSULTATION WITH OUR TRADITIONAL FRIENDS --ESPECIALLY THE ROK. THERE WOULD BE "NO SURPRISES" THE SECRETARY EMPHASIZED. INSTEAD, THE ADMINISTRATION SOUGHT TO REESTABLISH U.S. RELIABILITY, CONSISTENCY AND CREDICAL ITY.
- 11. RECALLING WITH WARMTH HIS MANY DISCUSSIONS IN EARLIER YEARS WITH PRESIDENT PARK, ESPECIALLY DURING THE DIFFICULT DAYS OF MUTUAL INVOLVEMENT IN VIETNAM, THE SECRETARY NOTED THAT IN VIETNAM KOREA HAD PROVED AGAIN TO BE A TRUE AND LASTING FRIEND OF THE USA. IT WILL BE THAT RELATIONSHIP OF LASTING FRIENDSHIP WHICH WILL DOMINATE THE FUTURE.
- PRESIDENT CHUN EXPRESSED WARN APPRECIATION FOR THE

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SEGRETARY'S ASSURANCE THAT ANY POLICY OF PROVIDING LETHAL WEAPONS TO CRIPA VOTED ONLY BE REACHED AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION. CHUN EXPRESSED SOME RESERVE ABOUT THE DEPENDABILITY OF FUTURE CHINESE FRIENDSHIP, SINCE MAJOR CHANGES IN THE LINDERSHIP OF COMMUNIST POWERS COULD BE EXPERTED IN THE CONTING YEARS. I SUCH LEADERSHIP CHANGES COMMON TO MAKE INTOLOGICAL AGGRESSION BY MAJOR COMMON TO THE HOLOGICAL AGGRESSION BY MAJOR COMMON TO THE FORCE, HE FELT THE FREE WORLD SHOULD AFTER THE SIS GUARD AGAINST THE POTENTIAL THAT THE PROFERS OF THE HIGHT AGAIN IN THE FUTURE JOIN HANDS.

- 13. CHUR EATT LOTE APPROVAL NEVERTHELESS FOR THE CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE WHICH BOTH JAPAN AND THE U.S. WERE ATTEMPTING TO PLAY IN THEIR RELATIONSHIPS WITH CHINA. IN THE ARCE OF LAME AND ECONOMIC TIES HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT IN TOTURE THE REP; BLIC OF KOREA HIGHT BE ABLE TO SHAVE AT AN ADVANCED BASE FOR AMERICAN BUSINESS INTERFESTS AS TYLL TEXTANDED THEIR MARKETS ON THE CHINA MAINEARD.
- 15. ACKNOWLEDGING THAT UNDEFICIAL CONTACTS ARE OFTEN DIFFIGULT FOR THE HISG AS WELL AS THE RORG, THE SECRETARY INFORMED CHUIL THAT THE USG COULD NOT CONTROL PRIVATE GITTERS OR EVEN AMERICAN LEGISLATORS FROM HUDULGING IN FOREIGN FORBYS: HOWEVER, RECEIT AMERICAN EXPERIENCE (E.G. IN TEHRAIN) PASSIEFT A VERY UNCOMFORTABLE FEELING. IN THE HINDS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND, THEREFORE, PERHAPS FEVER PEOPLE WILL BE READY TO INDUIGE IN SUCH PERSONAL FIRECRAFIC ACTIVITY WITH HOSTILE REGIMES.

 THE USG WILL PROWN ON SUCH ACTIVITY, BUT WILL NOT AND CARNOT ATTACH! TO BLOCK IT.
- 16. CHUN COMMANIED THAT HE HOPED KOREA'S OTHER ALLIES
 AND FRIENDS WOULD ALSO BE SENSITIVE TO THE PROBLEMS
 THAT CAN BE CREATED BY CERTAIN KINDS OF CONTACTS WITH
 MORTH KOREA. IN FLOENT MONTHS THERE HAD BEEN SOME
 TENSION BETWEEN THE FOK AND JAPAN LARGELY BECAUSE OF THE
 VISIT TO HORTH KOREA OF SOME LDP LEGISLATORS FROM TOXYO
 AND THE VAPIGUS STATEMENTS THAT HAD BEEN HADE UPON THEIR
 RETURN TO JAPAN. THIS HAD GIVEN OBVIOUS ENCOURAGEMENT
 TO NORTH ROPPA UPICH IN THE SAME PERIOD WAS SENDING
 MORTH KORESE ASSED INFILTRATORS INTO SOUTH KOREA PARTIALLY EQUIPPED WITH JAPANESE-HADE EQUIPMENT. CHUN
 HOPED THAT THE USA AS THE LEADER OF THE FREE WORLD WOULD
 URGE JAPAN TO REFRAIN FROM ENCOURAGING MORTH KOREAN
 AMBITIONS.
- 17. THE SECRETARY COMMENTED THAT PRESIDENT CHUM HAD ALREADY SHOWN THAT HE WAS MORE THAN A MATCH FOR THE SITUATION THROUGH HIS RECENT INVITATION TO NIM IL SUNG. THIS INITIATIVE DEMONSTRATED SOUTH KOREA'S LEADERSHIP AND SERVED EFFECTIVELY TO ANSWER THE CRITICS.
- 14. IN CLOSING, THE SECRETARY EXPRESSED GRATITUDE TO

PRESIDENT CHUN FOR KOREA'S SIGNIFICANT GIFT TO THE SMITHSONIAM INSTITUTION'S PROJECT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW MUSEUM OF EASTERN ART, A CONTRIBUTION WHICH WAS PRESENTED THE FOLLOWING DAY AT THE FREER GALLERY.

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19. THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE MEETING IN ADDITION TO PRESIDENT CHUN AND THE SECRETARY WERE AS FOLLOWS.

NOREAN SIDE: FOREIGN MINISTER LHO SHINYONG CH-R: NO SIN-YONG), AMBASSADOR NIN YONG-SHIX DH-R: KIM YONG-SIN), BLUE NOUSE SECRETARY GENERAL DR. KIM XYUNG-NON CH-R: KIM KYONG-NONI, ASSISTANT FOREIGN MINISTER GONG RO-HYUNG CH-R: KONG NO-MYONG), AND BLUE HOUSE PROTOCOL CHIEF KIM PYUNG-HOON CH-R: KIM PYONG-HUN). AMERICAN SIDE: UNDER SECRETARY STOESSEL, UNDER SECRETARY BUCKLEY, AMBASSADOR GLEYSTEEN, AMBASSADOR HOLDRIDGE, ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY WEAD ARMACOST, AND KOREA COUNTRY DIRECTOR RICH.

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Transcription of Sections 12-13:

- 12. President Chun expressed warm appreciation for the Secretary's assurance that any policy of providing lethal weapons to China would only be reached after careful consideration. Chun expressed some reserve about the dependability of future Chinese friendship, since major changes in the leadership of communist powers could be expected in the coming years. Such leadership changes could lead to [illegible] in which there could be a reversion to more ideological aggression by communist states[?]. Therefore, he felt the free world should keep up its guard against the potential that the PRC and the USSR [?] might again in the future join hands.
- 13. Chun expressed [?] approval nevertheless for the constructive role[?] both Japan and the U.S. were attempting to play in their relationships with China. In the areas of [illegible] and economic ties he expressed the hope that in the future the Republic of Korea might be able to serve as an advanced base for American business interests as they expanded their markets on the China mainland.