MEMORANDUM OF ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE, THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA TO ESTABLISH AND DEVELOP MILITARY ARCHIVES COOPERATION ACTIVITIES TO SEARCH FOR INFORMATION RELATING TO U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL MISSING IN ACTION BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER THE KOREAN WAR

The Department of Defense of the United States of America (hereinafter referred to as "the U.S. side") and the Ministry of National Defense of the People's Republic of China (hereinafter referred to as "the Chinese side"), in order to advance the development of the good cooperative relationship between the two militaries, through friendly consultation, have reached the following arrangement to develop military archives cooperation to search for information relating to U.S. military personnel missing in action before, during, and after the Korean War.

Item One

In order to implement the mutual arrangement between U.S. and Chinese defense and military leaders, both sides will develop this cooperation to reflect shared humanitarian spirit.

Item Two

Both sides intend to develop this cooperation through consultation based on equality and the principles of mutual interest and mutual benefit.

Item Three

The U.S. side will initiate requests, provide leads for investigation, and pay the Chinese side for relevant research and investigation work in accordance with the separate arrangement referred to in Item Four.

In response to the U.S. side's requests, the Chinese side will: 1) arrange for special archival personnel to collect information and leads, from persons who were involved, were eyewitnesses, or have knowledge; and, 2) review, organize, research, and appraise the related military archives and records. Moreover, the Chinese side will provide to the U.S. side all relevant results.

Item Four

Based on the requirements of the Chinese research effort, the Chinese side will submit a proposed team composition and an estimated budget necessary to accomplish their responsibilities. The U.S. side will review the estimated budget and proposed team composition for the Chinese side to accomplish the above-

mentioned responsibilities and tasks. After reaching consensus on these matters, the two sides intend to conclude a separate arrangement that would detail the basis and terms under which the U.S. side will provide funding to the Chinese side for its work. Each year, both sides will review the separate arrangement and amend it as necessary before beginning a new year's work.

Item Five

In order to achieve good positive results through cooperation, the archives department specialists on both sides intend to establish a vehicle for meeting annually. This meeting will be held alternately in the United States and China.

The results during the course of the related cooperation will not be shared with a third nation without the consent of both sides.

The Chinese side's special archival personnel will submit a semiannual report of the progress of their work to DPMO through the U.S. Embassy in Beijing. Should there be any findings and results, the Chinese archival personnel may report such to the U.S. side at any time within the six-month period.

This memorandum of arrangement is not intended to be a binding document.

This arrangement will be effective upon signature by both sides. Either side will notify the other side of its intent to terminate this arrangement by giving written notice six months in advance of the termination.

Done in duplicate in Shanghai, on February 29th, 2008, in the English and Chinese languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For and on behalf of The Department of Defense United States of America	For and on behalf of The Ministry of National Defense People's Republic of China
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