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MR. MINISTER, DISTINGUISHED DELEGATES, GENTLEMEN.

MR. MINISTER, WITH YOUR PERMISSION, BEFORE I MAKE MY FINAL REMARKS, I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO INSERT SOME PERSONAL COMMENTS ABOUT OUR ESTEEMED COLLEAGUE, ADMIRAL ROBERT LONG, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, PACIFIC, WHO WILL BE RETIRING SOON. ADMIRAL LONG, A NATIVE OF KANSAS, IS AN ANNAPOLIS GRADUATE (CLASS OF '44), WHO SHARES WITH GENERAL VESSEY THE DISTINCTION OF BEING ONE OF THE FEW INDIVIDUALS STILL ON ACTIVE DUTY WHO SERVED IN COMBAT IN WORLD WAR II. AFTER THE WAR, ADMIRAL LONG BECAME A SUBMARINER AND COMMANDED THE USS SEA LEOPARD, THE USS PATRICK HENRY, AND THE USS CASIMIR PULASKI. THESE COMMAND ASSIGNMENTS WERE INTERSPERSED WITH STAFF ASSIGNMENTS OF EVER-INCREASING RESPONSIBILITY. ADMIRAL LONG ALSO HAD THE DISTINCTION OF SERVING UNDER ADMIRAL RICKOVER, WHO WAS THEN THE DIRECTOR OF NAVAL REACTORS. UPON HIS WELL-DESERVED PROMOTION TO ADMIRAL IN JULY 1977, HE WAS ASSIGNED AS VICE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS, AND BECAME COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, PACIFIC, ON 31 OCTOBER 1979. THIS BRIEF OUTLINE PROVIDES SOME INDICATION OF THE VARIED AND DISTINGUISHED CAREER OF ADMIRAL LONG, BUT IT CANNOT BEGIN TO CONVEY THE COURAGE, DEDICATION, AND PATRIOTISM WHICH FORMED THE BEDROCK UPON WHICH ADMIRAL LONG BUILT SO SUCCESSFULLY. ^{we all} ~~OUR NATION~~ OWES A PROFOUND DEBT OF GRATITUDE AND RESPECT TO ADMIRAL LONG, WHOSE CAREER EPITOMIZES THE FINEST TRADITIONS OF MILITARY SERVICE.

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On behalf of a grateful Nation, + Mother's friends,

ADMIRAL LONG, PLEASE ACCEPT MY PERSONAL CONGRATULATIONS
ON A DISTINGUISHED CAREER OF SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY.

(U) WE HAVE COME TO THE END OF ANOTHER SECURITY CONSULTATIVE MEETING. IT IS PERHAPS PROPER AT THIS POINT, TO STEP BACK FOR A MOMENT AND REFLECT ON THE BROADER MEANING OF THESE ANNUAL MEETINGS. THEY CERTAINLY HELP US TO FOCUS ON ISSUES OF EXTREME IMPORTANCE TO BOTH OUR NATIONS AND THEIR ARMED FORCES; THEY ARE INSTRUMENTAL IN MOVING US TO TAKE ACTION TO RESOLVE SUCH ISSUES; THEY PROVIDE AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR CAMARADERIE AND PLEASANT SOCIAL GET-TOGETHERS. BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY THEY SERVE TO REMIND US, OUR ALLIES AND FRIENDS, AND OUR POTENTIAL ENEMIES, THAT WE ARE CLOSE FRIENDS AND THAT OUR SECURITY RELATIONSHIP IS DEEP AND OF LONG STANDING. THAT RELATIONSHIP RESTS ON A FIRM FOUNDATION OF SHARED NATIONAL OBJECTIVES, WHICH SEEKS A WORLD OF ORDER AND PEACE AND OUR DEMONSTRATED DETERMINATION AND WILLINGNESS TO MAKE SACRIFICES BOTH IN BLOOD AND TREASURE IN ACHIEVING THOSE OBJECTIVES. THIS ANNIVERSARY YEAR OF THE SIGNING, ON 27 JULY 1953, OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT ENDING THE FIGHTING IN YOUR COUNTRY, UNDERSCORES AGAIN OUR UNITY AS WE CONTINUE OUR EFFORT TOGETHER IN THE CAUSE OF PEACE.

(U) I AM PARTICULARLY PLEASED THAT WE WERE ABLE TO



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CALL ON PRESIDENT REAGAN. YOU HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR DIRECTLY FROM HIM HIS VIEWS REGARDING THE IMPORTANCE OF KOREA AND THE STRENGTH OF OUR COMMITMENT TO THE INTEGRITY OF YOUR COUNTRY, AS WELL AS HIS ADMIRATION FOR PRESIDENT CHUN'S STATESMANSHIP IN SEEKING TO START A MEANINGFUL DIALOGUE WITH THE NORTH.

(U) MR. MINISTER, WE HAVE HAD A FINE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. OUR COMMITTEES HAVE CERTAINLY WORKED HARD AND FRUITFULLY, AND I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY OF MEETING YOU AGAIN AND OBTAINING THE BENEFITS OF YOUR INSIGHTS. WE HAVE BEEN FRANK IN OUR INTERCHANGES, MR. MINISTER, AS ONLY TRUE FRIENDS OF LONG STANDING CAN BE. I HOPE FRANKNESS WILL ALWAYS BE THE HALLMARK OF THESE MEETINGS. WE HAVE BEEN ABLE WITH A CERTAIN DEGREE OF SATISFACTION TO REVIEW OUR PAST ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND SUCCESSFULLY TO SET THE COURSE FOR THE FUTURE. IN THAT CONNECTION IT IS HEARTENING THAT WE AGREE ON BOTH OBJECTIVES AND PRIORITIES -- ON THE IMPORTANCE OF FORCE MODERNIZATION AND SUSTAINABILITY OF OUR FORCES IN COMBAT.

(S) I WANT TO THANK YOU AGAIN FOR BEING SO FORTHCOMING REGARDING FUNDING BY YOUR GOVERNMENT UNDER THE COMBINED DEFENSE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM OF ATTACK HELICOPTER FACILITIES WHICH WE DISCUSSED YESTERDAY AT OUR PRIVATE MEETING. THE FIRST SQUADRON WILL ARRIVE IN YOUR COUNTRY IN 1988 AND, HOPEFULLY, WE WILL BE ABLE TO ADD TWO MORE IN THE EARLY 1990'S.

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(U) I BELIEVE, MR. MINISTER, THAT WE SHOULD COMMEND THE WORK ACCOMPLISHED IN THE ROK/US SENIOR LEVEL WORKING GROUP MEETINGS (SWM) WHICH WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN ASSURING THAT OUR DISCUSSIONS OF THE PAST FEW DAYS WERE PRODUCTIVE. I THINK THAT MATTERS RAISED AT THESE MEETING WHICH REQUIRE FURTHER ACTION SHOULD BE HANDLED BY THE SENIOR LEVEL WORKING GROUP IN KOREA AND MY STAFF. THE SENIOR LEVEL WORKING GROUP, WORKING AS IT DID THIS PAST YEAR, WILL MAKE CERTAIN THAT THESE ISSUES ARE GIVEN THE NEEDED VISIBILITY, AND ARE DEALT WITH EXPEDITIOUSLY.

Some items to Staff will have been addressed separately

(U) I LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING WITH YOU AGAIN NEXT YEAR IN YOUR COUNTRY, MR. MINISTER. ~~AND NOW, MAY WE HEAR~~
~~YOUR CLOSING REMARKS.~~



Opening Remarks - Press Conference

- This is my third SCM - find these meetings fruitful in that I can obtain the insights of my colleague and an appreciation of his view points.

- These meetings help us to get to know each other better -- as close allies should.

- As you can see from press release - a wide variety of topics covered.

- In general we were concerned with the state of our armed forces, how to make them better and how to assure that peace is maintained on the peninsula by preserving a strong deterrent posture.

- This is the 30th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice Agreement. In the interim we have preserved the peace -- so we must be doing something right.

- The US has a strong commitment to Korea - based on a history of shared sacrifices and a mutual Defense Treaty. We intend to honor that commitment.

FIFTEENTH UNITED STATES-REPUBLIC OF KOREA
SECURITY CONSULTATIVE MEETING
APRIL 15, 1983 - WASHINGTON, D.C.

1. The fifteenth annual Security Consultative Meeting between the United States and the Republic of Korea was held in Washington on April 14 and 15, 1983. Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger and Minister of National Defense YOON Sung Min led their respective delegations, which included senior foreign affairs and defense officials of both countries. Prior to the meeting, the chairmen of the Joint Chiefs of Staff of the two countries presided over the U.S.-ROK Military Committee meeting on April 13, 1983. During his stay in Washington, Minister Yoon called on President Reagan, and at the invitation of Secretary Weinberger, Minister Yoon visited several U.S. military and defense industry installations on his way to Washington.

2. On the 30th anniversary of the conclusion of the United States-Korea Mutual Defense Treaty, the two delegations noted with satisfaction that the ties of security cooperation between the two countries have greatly contributed to peace and stability in Northeast Asia, as well as on the Korean peninsula. The delegations pledged to continue to work together as allies in the cause of peace on the peninsula and in the region.

3. Reviewing the security situation in Northeast Asia and the West Pacific area, with special reference to the Korean peninsula, the two delegations were in accord in their appraisal of the security environment in the region. Secretary Weinberger and Minister Yoon reconfirmed that the continuing, offensively oriented military buildup of North Korea poses a major threat to the security of the Republic of Korea as well as to the peace and stability of the region. The two delegations expressed satisfaction with progress in implementing plans to improve both U.S. and ROK military capabilities to deal with the North Korean threat.

4. The two sides reaffirmed that the security of the Republic of Korea is pivotal to the peace and stability of Northeast Asia and, in turn, vital to the security of the United States. Secretary Weinberger, reaffirming the security role of the United States as a Pacific power, reiterated the firm commitment of the United States to render prompt and effective assistance to repel any armed attack against the Republic of Korea in accordance with the United States-Korea Mutual Defense Treaty of 1954. The Secretary reconfirmed that the United States nuclear umbrella will continue to provide additional security to the Republic of Korea. The two sides had full and useful deliberations on the security situation in the region, and agreed to continue to work on further measures for mutual cooperation with a view to deterring war on the Korean peninsula.

5. Secretary Weinberger outlined the ongoing efforts and the future plans to upgrade U.S. forces in Korea and pledged to carry on the modernization efforts that are underway. Secretary Weinberger and Minister Yoon reaffirmed that the continuing improvement of the capabilities of U.S. Forces in Korea provides tangible evidence of the United States' firm resolve to help defend the Republic of Korea. The two sides confirmed that they would continue to improve their early warning capabilities and to broaden the exchange of strategic information.



6. Secretary Weinberger and Minister Yoon, expressing satisfaction with the effectiveness of the U.S.-ROK Combined Forces Command, agreed to continue joint efforts for the enhancement of the U.S.-ROK combined defense posture. Both sides further agreed on the importance of continuing combined exercises such as TEAM SPIRIT to strengthen mutual defense capabilities and stressed that such exercises do not constitute a threat to any nation. The two sides commended the ROK/U.S. Senior Level Working Group which directed preparations for the security consultative meeting. They agreed that the matters raised at the meeting which require further action should continue to receive the attention of that group to make sure these matters are given appropriate visibility and attention. *in Country*

7. Secretary Weinberger and Minister Yoon reviewed the progress of the ROK Force Improvement Plan and the development of the Korean defense industry and expressed satisfaction with U.S.-ROK cooperation in this area. Secretary Weinberger and Minister Yoon shared the view that the Korean defense industry is important not only for the defense of Korea, but also for strengthening U.S.-ROK combined defense preparedness. The delegations agreed to explore ways to improve cooperation through such activities as expanding use of Korean facilities for the maintenance of U.S. equipment. Secretary Weinberger assured Minister Yoon that the administration would continue to seek to improve the terms for the provision of FMS credit guarantees to the Republic of Korea. Secretary Weinberger and Minister Yoon also agreed, pursuant to their respective legislative processes, to augment stockpiles of war reserve materiel with a view to enhancing combat readiness and war sustaining capabilities. In this regard, they also agreed to give priority to improving the U.S.-ROK combined logistics support system for rapid and sustained supply of essential war materiel in the event of an emergency on the Korean peninsula.

8. Secretary Weinberger and Minister Yoon shared the view that the easing of tensions and the creation of an atmosphere for national reconciliation through dialogue between the South and North of Korea are essential for the establishment of lasting peace on the peninsula. In this regard, Secretary Weinberger praised the positive efforts of the Republic of Korea to resume the inter-Korea dialogue and reiterated his full support for the far-reaching "proposal for democratic reunification through national reconciliation" put forward by President Chun Doo Hwan.

9. Observing the thirtieth anniversary of the Armistice Agreement, both sides reaffirmed that the effective functioning of the United Nations Command as a peace-keeping mechanism holds continuing importance until alternative arrangements can be agreed upon to ensure lasting peace on the Korean peninsula. Secretary Weinberger and Minister Yoon applauded the recent initiative taken by the United Nations Command to notify the North Koreans of major exercises as a positive step to reduce tensions.

10. The two sides reaffirmed the importance and accomplishments of the Security Consultative Meeting and agreed to continue close consultations through the year on security matters of mutual concern, and to hold the next meeting in the Republic of Korea in 1984.

11. Minister Yoon expressed the sincere appreciation of the Korean delegation for the courtesies and hospitality of the Government of the United States and for the excellent arrangements which led to a productive and successful meeting.

