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THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

5 MAR 1982



MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE

SUBJECT: Maintenance of US Equipment in WESTPAC by ROK
Industry (U)

(C) At the 13th US/Republic of Korea (ROK) Security Con-
sultative Meeting (SCM) in San Francisco in April 1981 the
South Korean Minister of National Defense Choo Young Bock,
recommended that the US utilize ROK defense industry to
maintain US military equipment in the Western Pacific.
In August 1981 a US team, which included representatives of
the Services and Department of Defense agencies, visited ROK
facilities. Their trip report, which was published in December
1981, indicates that ROK facilities are fully capable of main-
taining most US military equipment in the Western Pacific.
I came to the same conclusion during my September 1981 visit
to Korea.

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(C) Preparations for the 14th ROK/US SCM are now underway.
The meeting this year will be in Seoul. Secretary Weinberger,
during this meeting, should be able to announce some progress
in this area and to indicate that the Services will subse-
quently be negotiating more programs with them over the next
several months. I would like each of you to have your
staffs, on a priority basis, identify some items that the
ROK could rebuild/overhaul and which the Secretary could
announce at the upcoming 14th SCM. In selecting items for
maintenance by the ROK you should be guided by the following
guidelines:

- a. Maintenance by ROK industry should result in econ-
omies for the US.
- b. US quality standards must be maintained.
- c. If costs equal or approach those of the US, then
offsetting advantages, such as timely improvement in combat
readiness must be cited.

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Whenever it is to the advantage of the US (i.e. more economical
and/or improves combat readiness) we should utilize the ROK

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industrial base. Continued use of this capability is in our interest as well as that of our Korean ally. Reports on your progress in this area are to be submitted to OASD(MRA&L) on a quarterly basis starting 15 March 1982.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paul Carter".

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SUBJECT: Maintenance of US Equipment in WESTPAC by ROK
Industry (U) -- ACTION MEMORANDUM

(C) At the 13th US/Republic of Korea (ROK) Security Consultative Meeting (SCM) in San Francisco in April 1981 the ROK proposed the US make greater use of their industrial base to maintain US equipment in the Western Pacific. A US team visited the ROK in August 1981 and toured ROK industrial facilities. They concluded that ROK industry was capable of maintaining much of the US equipment inventory in the Western Pacific. I believe you came to the same conclusion after viewing the ROK Defense Industry exhibits in Seoul in September/October 1981.

(C) The Services were asked in January to identify items they have in the Western Pacific the ROK could rebuild under contract. In two meetings over the last ten days the Services have indicated they are studying and analyzing the problem. Having participated in the initial study, we believe they should be in a position to be more responsive. Unless they are directed to do something now they will continue to procrastinate. I recommend you sign the memorandum to the Service Secretaries directly under.

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NOEL C. KOCH

Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (ISA)

SUBJECT: Maintenance of US Equipment in WESTPAC by ROK Industry

I have coordinated on attached memorandum. However, we should make it clear to the ROK and the Military Departments that, assuming our studies indicate overhaul work in WESTPAC area is feasible, we would normally contract the work on a competitive basis wherever possible. For example, a recent program to place USAF aircraft engine overhaul in Europe was competed among several NATO country sources, as well as Spanish, and Israeli companies. Nevertheless, ROK industry should be in a very good competitive position.

Attachment
as stated

Jim Wade

for

Richard D. DeLauer

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