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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Post Security Consultative Meeting (SCM) Actions --  
INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

(U) Your talks in Korea identified a number of issues for exploration and follow-up. This memorandum reviews these issues and informs you of their status.

(S) Our principal concern is the strategy and planning for the defense of Korea. The concept of the Short War (SW) Strategy is generally understood; however, the forces and resources needed to implement it are still being evaluated in Korea. These revised requirements will be incorporated in the suggested revision to Op Plan 5027 being prepared by COMUS-K for submission to CINCPAC and the JCS. After reviewing preliminary estimates of requirements, we believe that policy issues arise which would merit your attention. For example, the SW strategy may require full U.S. mobilization in order to provide the necessary airlift support, the immediate commitment of CONUS based B-52s, and the necessary large number of tactical aircraft. Consequently, we have sent a memo to the JCS requesting that it prepare for your review by January 1976 the projected NK attack scenario, US force deployments and logistic support requirements for the defense of Korea, and the underlying rationale. We think this effort is of the highest priority.

(S) We have also asked the JCS for a review of the Korean Force Improvement Plan (FIP) in relation to the new strategy. We believe the two must be connected. We have a legitimate interest in how the ROKs spend their funds as long as we contribute so materially to the defense of Korea. While there will be problems on this score, we should try to integrate our planning with that of the ROKs. We will take steps to assure that a technical review of the FIP is conducted simultaneously with the review of the strategy and that the two are related.

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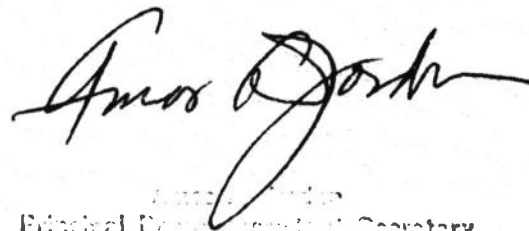
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4) Attached is a listing of other more specific matters surfaced in your talks. Some of them are related closely to the issues discussed above, but deserve special treatment. Next to each topic is a brief explanation or background statement and an indication in the last column of what action will be taken or is ongoing. We would welcome any instructions you have on this follow-up.

4) In addition to your visit assuring the Koreans of the firmness of our commitment to their defense, we are reaping some more concrete results. Recently, it has been reliably reported that President Park ordered that procurement of submarines no longer be regarded as a viable option for ASW and directed that alternative plans, including use of P-3 aircraft, be studied. However, the ROK has turned down our request on the reprocessing plant. We have gone back at them on this matter.



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Section 514 of FAA

That section prohibits expenditures for War Reserves for Allies unless taken out of Security Assistance.

LA and I&L are working this and ISA will assist as required in developing convincing rationale.

Cost Effectiveness of F-5s  
vice A-7s or A-10s

Study would include evaluation of aircraft equipped with PGMs.

PA&E requested to make the study.

Provision of Expert Team to  
Discuss ASW and Missiles

General Stilwell sensitive on this matter. Recent ROK Presidential directive regarding ASW indicates we should move quickly, and not await conclusions of complicated study.

Tasking memo from ISA to JCS will request formation of teams and preliminary recommendations regarding substance of talks.

Credit Support for the  
Force Improvement Plan (FIP)

ROKs informally requested \$200 million per year for 5 years of FMS credit support for the FIP.

FMS credit request for FY 1976 is \$100M. DSAA will try to use any additional FY 76 funds which may become available. Will press for increased credit program for ROK in out years.

Periodic Rotational Deploy-  
ment of Aircraft

SecDef has requested review of Air Force proposal which inter alia recommends development of such a plan.

ISA will monitor developments to assure adequate deployments to Korea are planned.

Deployment of F-15s and AWACS

JCS should be asked to provide assessment role F-15s and AWACS could play in complementing ROK forces and how and when both could be used.

Tasking memo by ISA being prepared to JCS/Air Force to plan for early demonstration of AWACS in Korea.

Provision of F-4s and F-5s

ROKs assured at SCM that we would respond quickly and favorably to their requests.

Requests to Congress cleared by State, but held up at NSC.

Vietnam Retrograde Equipment

ROKs offered A-37 aircraft on sale basis and O-1 aircraft as excess.

DSAA will assure that transfers are completed if ROK agrees.

NIKE-HERCULES Transfer

ROKs told that method of transfer not worked out but effort will be made to keep cost at a minimum.

DSAA is working on most feasible and cheapest method of transfer.

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Additional Post-SCM Actions

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Status/Background</u>	<u>Action</u>
Assessment of North and South Korean vulnerabilities	Vulnerabilities should be assessed so that NK weaknesses can be exploited and measures taken to counter-balance South Korea's vulnerabilities.	Memo from ISA being sent to DIA/JCS, information to CINCPAC and COMUS-K.
Nuclear Strategy	SecDef proposal that at next year's SCM the question of nuclear deterrence and role of nuclear weapons should be discussed.	Drs. Cotter & Wade have been requested to prepare a suitable analysis.
Augmentation of Joint Exercises		Memo from ISA to the JCS will request views and an augmented schedule will be prepared.
Cancellation of Exercises	Some confusion here. Several exercises have been cancelled in the past for political reasons. However, several exercises have been less for training than for political purposes.	ISA will undertake a review of criteria governing what constitutes a significant exercise and review projected exercises with State to assure agreement and hopefully preclude future cancellations.
Retention of M-60 Tanks	ROK request raised whole question of armor in ROK forces. Reassessment of armor problem necessary.	General Stilwell will continue to deal with ROKs on specific issue of removal of M-60s. ISA memo to JCS will ask for reevaluation of problem and options including M-48s.
Defense of the NW Islands	A joint State/Defense cable was held up at NSC but discussion at the SCM on this issue followed thrust of that cable.	Cable which has been modified to address ROK request for UNC liaison team to islands has been dispatched.
Quick Trip		Replace with realistic planning as developed in review of the strategy. ISA will make certain Army informs ROK that Quick Trip is superceded.

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HAWK

ISA has prepared memo to NSC requesting approval to transfer HAWK assets and permit orderly planning.

PGMs

ROKs must initiate a request to purchase.

DSAA will monitor.

Support of Defense Industries

ROKs informed that support must be addressed on a case-by-case basis.

Concerned Defense elements should monitor requests with view to acting expeditiously. ISA will press State to act quickly on such requests.

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