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SUBJECT: LETTER TO KOREAN MINISTER OF DEFENSE ON M48 TANKS (U)

REF: KOREAN MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE LETTER, 6 AUG 1955

1. THE FOLLOWING LETTER TO MINISTER SUN WAS SIGNED BY THE SECRETARY ON 24 AUGUST 1955. QUOTE: DEAR MR. MINISTER, THANK YOU FOR YOUR CORRESPONDENCE OF 6 AUGUST REGARDING THE LETTER OF OFFER FOR THE PURCHASE OF M48 TANKS. I KNOW HOW IMPORTANT THIS MATTER IS FOR THE DEFENSE OF KOREA, AND I AM PLEASED THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO PROCEED WITH THE UPGRADE PROJECT. WE WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO SUPPORT THIS UNDERTAKING. HOWEVER, THE ACT MUST CONFORM TO THE RECENTLY ENACTED PROVISIONS OF THE NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORITY ACT. THE ACT REQUIRES A PERIOD FOR CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW. WE CAN EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE YOU WITH AN OFFER BY EARLY SEPTEMBER 1955. WE WILL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO EARLY SEPTEMBER 1955 TO ENABLE YOU TO COMPLETE YOUR REVIEW AND THEN ACCEPT THE LETTER OF OFFER AS SOON AS IT IS FORMALLY ISSUED. PAR. I HOPE THESE ACTIONS WILL ASSIST YOU IN IMPLEMENTING THIS IMPORTANT PROJECT. SINCERELY, SGT. DONALD RUMSFELD, SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

UNQUOTE.

2. (U) PLEASE DELIVER THE TEXT OF THIS LETTER TO MINISTER SUN. ORIGINAL LETTER FOLDED SEPARATELY. ODS 31 DEC 1955

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