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SUBJECT: HIGHLIGHTS OF EIGHTH SECURITY CONSULTATIVE MEETING

SUMMARY: AS NOTED REPTEL, AUGUST 26-27 EIGHTH SECURITY CONSULTATIVE MEETING WAS NOTABLE BOTH FOR STRONG COMPARISON IT GAVE OF BASIC HEALTH OF SECURITY RELATIONSHIP AND PROGRESS ON SPECIFIC ISSUES. PENDING DISTRIBUTION COMPLETE TRANSCRIPTS OF MEETINGS, FOLLOWING IS INTERIM OUTLINE REPORT OF HIGHLIGHTS OF PLENARY AND WORKING SESSIONS. END SUMMARY.

1ST PLENARY OPENING REMARKS AT FIRST PLENARY SESSION SET
FOR MEETING WITH NND BOH DECLARING ROK DESIRE TO DO BEST
TO REDUCE RELIANCE IN SECURITY AREA, AND SECDEF WELCOMING
THIS AND PROMISING US SUPPORT. IN SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION OF
THREAT AND ROK FORCE IMPROVEMENT PLAN, TWO SIDES WERE IN
SUBSTANTIAL AGREEMENT WITH SOME DIFFERENCES OVER DETAIL.

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2. ROK THREAT BRIEFING POINTED UP MINOR ROK-JUS DIFFERENCES ON TOTAL NUMBER OF FORCES, AND DIFFERENT ESTIMATES OF NORTH KOREA'S ABILITY SUSTAIN WAR INDEPENDENTLY. ROKS THOUGHT LIKELIHOOD OF BOTH GENERAL ATTACK AND ATTACK ON NORTHWEST ISLANDS MORE IMMINENT THAN US SIDE DID. SECRETARY SCHLESINGER URGED ROKS TO FOCUS NOT ONLY ON BLOODY ASPECTS OF INTELLIGENCE REPORTS, BUT ALSO ON STRENGTH VIA A VIS NORTH SO AS TO DETECT AREAS FOR POSSIBLE MILITARY LEVERAGE. HE SAID HE BELIEVED ROK AND US ESTIMATION WOULD NOT FALTER IN FACE NORTH'S DIPLOMATIC OFFENSIVE. IN COURSE DISCUSSION HE ALSO CALLED FOR DEVELOPMENT OF DOUBTBREAKERS TO TUNNELS, REPORTED NORTHERN VIOLATIONS, AND DEMONSTRATE WARFARE.

3. DESCRIBING RATIONALE FOR NEW FIVE-YEAR FORCE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, ROK SIDE NOTED THAT EAST NORTHERN DEFENSE EXPENDITURES HAD SURPASSED SOUTH'S EXPENDITURES AND LISTED VULNERABLE AREAS AS FOLLOWS:

ROKS PLAN DOLS 500 MILLION PER YEAR FOR IMPROVEMENT SPENDING TO BRING ROK FORCES TO GLOBE PARITY WITH NORTH KOREAN FORCES. IN SUPPORT THESE ROK EFFORTS TO BUILD SELF-DEFENSE, KOREAN GOVERNMENT SET GOALS ON FOUR PRINCIPLES: (1) COMPLETION AND PLAN BY END FY '77; (2) FOLLOW-ON FMS CREDIT SUPPORT FOR FORCE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM; (3) TECHNICAL AND SUPPORT FOR ROK DEFENSE RESEARCH.

4. COMMENTING ON PROGRAM SECRETARY SCHLESINGER AGREED THAT IT WAS IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION AND THAT ROK KEEP-UP EFFORTS WERE RECEIVED IN US. SECRETARY THOUGHT HIGHEST PRIORITY FOR FORCE IMPROVEMENT LAY IN AREAS OF CLOSE AIR SUPPORT, ARMOR AND ANTI-TANK CAPABILITIES. BROADCASTING THERE HE WAS TO REPEAT SEVERAL TIMES DURING CONFERENCE, SECRETARY RECOMMENDED "COMPLEMENTARITY" OF ROK AND US FORCES WITH KOREANS CONCENTRATING ON BUILDING FORCE DEVELOPMENT LEAVING MORE COMPLEX AIR AND NAVAL TASKS TO US. CHAIRMAN GENERAL BROWN ALSO NOTED THAT PLAN WAS AMBITIOUS, THAT COST ESTIMATES WERE OPTIMISTIC, AND THAT ROK REQUIRED FURTHER STUDY.

5. WORKING SESSIONS: WORKING SESSION FIRST ADDRESSED QUESTION OF THREAT DISCUSSING NORTH KOREAN INTENT, ARTILLERY COVERAGE OF

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NORTHWEST ISLANDS, AND PROBABLE ATTACK SCENARIO. ROKS ANTICIPATE SHORT, VIOLENT ATTACK ON SPOUL BY AS MANY AS 10 DIVISIONS WHICH MIGHT BE LAUNCHED IN EARLY WINTER.

TURNING BACK
ROK REQUEST FOR GUARANTEE OF AUTOMATIC US SUPPORT OF ISLANDS, US SIDE SAID [REDACTED] WOULD PROVIDE TIME FOR CONCLUSIONS ENVISAGED IN MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY.

PLAN, IT WAS RECOGNIZED THAT IT WOULD FACILITATE US SUPPORT IF PLAN GAVE DUE CONSIDERATION TO COMPLEMENTARITY WITH US FORCES, AS REGARDS NEW PROJECTS IN PLAN EMPHASIS PLACED ON GROUND FORCES.

7. IN THE AREA OF LOGISTICAL SUPPORT IT WAS AGREED THAT THERE IS NOT ENOUGH AMMUNITION IN COUNTRY AND THE US SIDE SAID IT WOULD SEEK RELIEF FROM CURRENT LEGISLATIVE RESTRAINTS, ALSO FOR MORE DOMESTIC RESUPPLY PLANS WAS ACKNOWLEDGED AND THE ROKS OFFERED STORAGE AND OTHER SERVICES FOR PREPOSITIONED STORES AS ONE ALTERNATIVE TO CURRENT RESUPPLY PLAN, "QUICK TRIP". US SIDE AGREED TO CONTINUE PROVIDING SOME TYPES AVIATION AND LUBES, OFFERED EX-VIETNAM SQUADRON OF A-1H, 2F-5AS AND ONE RF-4A, AND SAID IT WOULD RECONSIDER WHAT WILL BE DONE WITH B-1B IN STORAGE IN KOREA.

8. IN RESPONSE ROK REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL DATA AND SUPPORT OF CO-PRODUCTION SCHEMES, INCLUDING RADIOS, RELOS, TANKS, AND VULCAN GUNS, US SAID IT WOULD CONSIDER REQUESTS ON CASE BY CASE BASIS. AT CONCLUSION MEETING STANDING ACTION OFFICERS COMMITTEE WAS INSTITUTIONALIZED.

9. SECOND PLANNING LAST FULL MEETING UNDERSOOKED AND SUMMARIZED KEY POINTS ABOVE WITH AND SUH EXPRESSED DEEP GRATITUDE FOR US SUPPORT AND PLEASURE AT BEING ABLE TO REPORT TO PRESIDENT PARK THAT MEETING HAD BEEN MOST SUCCESSFUL. SECRETARY SCHLESINGER MADE FOUR CONCLUDING POINTS: (1) NORTH KOREAN STRENGTH GROWING ROK STRENGTH HAD GROWN RELATIVELY FASTER. (2) ROKS POLITICAL COHESION AND WILL WERE STRONG AND THIS WAS VITAL. (3) THERE WAS NEED FOR COMPLEMENTARITY OF FORCES AND IN THIS REGARD US WOULD AUGMENT EXERCISES TO SHOW ENEMY ITS CAPABILITY AND WOULD PURSUE PLANS TO INTRODUCE US AIR SHOULD INVASION TAKE PLACE. (4) ALL RECENT DEVELOPMENTS REFLECTED COMMENDABLE GREATER SELF-HELP ON PART

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