

November 22, 1974

**POOL REPORT
KYOTO TO SEOUL**

President left hotel at 7:50 a. m. , limo to heli-pad, and lift off at 8:00 a. m. reading a newspaper. Ride through Kyoto streets was uneventful, view riot police every 4 or 5 yards -- outfitted with shields and clubs. Few citizens around. At airport, some 1000 lined rooftop, waving paper flags. President raised both hands in good-by. Wearing his wide-lapeled, blue pin stripe suit. No hat. No coat. "Everything went perfectly," he told one of the Japanese officials before boarding Spirit '76.

Secretary Kissinger came back during flight to Seoul and said following -- for the record:

Said it was "our judgment" that the advantages in going to Seoul outweighed "some negatives." "on balance we believe it is the right thing to do."

About the embassy incident yesterday, Phil Habib agreed that Korean police action was "not customary" and "not normal diplomatic practice." This is in reply to question whether legal go into embassy compound without being asked.

Kissinger said U. S. influence to bring about domestic political changes e. g. in Korea -- "only to a very limited degree. :

On the point trip has security purpose, said "if there is chaos on the Korea peninsula it has consequences in Japan and many other countries."

"President will undoubtedly call attention to the impact of Korea's domestic policies" in his talks with Korean officials.

Again, reiterates no plan reduce 38,000-man U. S. troop strength.

Korean Prime Minister and house speaker former Kissinger students at Harvard.

Going to Peking Monday at 2:00 p. m. Tokyo time. Having returned from Vladivostok Sunday night around 7:00 p. m. Will talk to the Japanese Foreign Minister Monday morning.

Korea again: Subjects to be discussed with Park: 1. A review of Korean military situation. 2. Korean debate in U. N. 3. Relationship South Korea to other countries in Far East -- China, Soviet Union, etc.

ON BACKGROUND - Says U. S. open-minded, prepared to deal with North Korea if other countries deal with South Korea. If all the major countries (like the PRC and Soviet Union) cooperate progress will be made. Question of north-south ever reuniting should be left to them.

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