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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH PRESIDENT PARK.

1. PER INSTRUCTIONS OF THE ACTING CJCS, AS RELAYED TELEPHONICALLY BY LTG SITTON, I MET MND SUH THIS MORNING; AND THEN PROCEEDED TO A QUICKLY ARRANGED MEETING AT THE BLUE HOUSE.

2. AT THE MEETING WITH MINISTER SUH, I STATED THAT I WAS UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO MOVE THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND THAT I HAD TOLD WASHINGTON THAT I WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE MND WOULD ENDORSE THAT ACTION; AND THAT THE FIRST PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING WAS TO CONFIRM THAT. SUH AGREED AND WE SET 190200Z I ALSO REPORTED TO HIM THAT AN F4 SQUADRON WOULD BEGIN DEPLOYMENT FROM OKINAWA IN THE NEXT FEW HOURS. FINALLY, I TOLD HIM THAT WE WERE DEVELOPING A PLAN TO COMPLETE THE TREE OPERATION,

3. MND SUH, GENERAL RO (THE ROK CJCS) AND I THEN PROCEEDED TO THE BLUE HOUSE. MND STARTED OFF BY SUMMARIZING FOR THE PRESIDENT THE KEY ASPECTS OF OUR EARLIER DISCUSSION, NOTABLY INCLUDING THE COORDINATED AND THE F4 DEPLOYMENT.

4. PRESIDENT PARK CALM, DELIBERATE AND POSITIVE THROUGHOUT. STARTED OFF WITH FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

A. FIRST EXPRESSION OF HIS DEEP PERSONAL CONCERN ABOUT AN INCIDENT WHICH HE FOUND "BEYOND HUMAN REASON", AND TRANSMITTAL OF HIS HEARTFELL CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF THE TWO OFFICERS CONCERNED.

B. CONVICTION THAT THE SITUATION WAS SUFFICIENTLY GRAVE TO

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DEMAND MORE THAN PROTEST FOR, IF REACTION SO LIMITED, MORE SERIOUS INCIDENTS WOULD LIKELY OCCUR IN THE FUTURE.

C. VIEW THAT AND DEPLOYMENT OF THE F4 SQUADRON WERE APPROPRIATE.

D. BELIEF THAT ONE NEEDED TO PROCEED ON TWO TRACKS:

(1) ISSUANCE OF THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE PROTEST TO INCLUDE DEMAND FOR APOLOGY, FOR REPARATION, AND FOR GUARANTEE OF NON-RECURRENT- ALL WITH THE RECOGNITION THAT THE COMMUNISTS ARE NOT LIKELY TO BE FORTHCOMING.

(2) DELIBERATE DEVELOPMENT OF APPROPRIATE COUNTERACTION, EMPHASIZING THAT "WE DO NOT WANT TO PLAY INTO THEIR HANDS". HE SAID THAT WE SHOULD TEACH THE NORTH KOREANS A LESSON; AND SHOULD DO SO WITHOUT USE OF ARMS (A POINT WHICH HE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY TO RE-EMPHASIZE). HERE, I CONJECTURE THAT THE PRESIDENT WAS REFERRING TO THE OVERALL DISPOSITION AND PROCEDURES LONG IN EFFECT AT PANMUNJOM, WHICH THE ROKS BELIEVE OPERATE TO OUR DISADVANTAGE.

5. I TOLD PRESIDENT THAT, FROM WHAT I COULD GLEAN, THE USG FELT VERY STRONGLY ABOUT THE INCIDENT AND THAT ITS VIEWS ON COUNTERMEASURES GENERALLY PARALLELED HIS. THERE WOULD MOST CERTAINLY BE A STRONG PROTEST LODGED, IN THE FIRST INSTANCE, BY ME THROUGH MAC. IT WAS DISTINCTLY POSSIBLE THAT MORE AUTHORITATIVE CHANNELS WOULD ALSO BE USED. SECOND, THERE WERE THE MEASURES BOTH TO AUGMENT AND HEIGHTEN THE READINESS OF FORCES THAT MND SUH HAD ALREADY MENTIONED. I ADDED THAT ADDITIONAL MEASURES OF THIS TYPE MIGHT WELL BE UNDER CONSIDERATION. THE PRESIDENT INTERJECTED TO SAY THAT A SHOW OF FORCE, BY ITSELF WOULD NOT IMPRESS THE NORTH; AND MADE PASSING REFERENCE TO THE FACT THAT DEPLOYMENTS AFTER THE PUEBLO INCIDENT DID NOT PREVENT THE DOWNING OF THE EC-121. I CONTINUED THAT A THIRD ACTION WHICH I FELT TO BE ESSENTIAL WAS TO COMPLETE THE TREE OPERATION, FOR REASONS BOTH OF PRINCIPAL AND PRACTICAL SECURITY.

6. PICKING UP HIS LAST POINT, THE PRESIDENT AGREED THAT THE TREE PROBLEM SHOULD BE DEALT WITH. THE NORTH KOREANS MIGHT NOT INTERFERE BUT HE HAD TO BE FULLY PREPARED FOR THE MORE LIKELY CONTINGENCY THAT THEY WOULD. IF THEY DID, IT WAS ESSENTIAL THAT THEY COME OUT SECOND BEST. IN HIS ESTIMATE, THE BEST WAY TO INSURE THE SUCCESS OF THE OPERATION WAS TO HAVE AVAILABLE, FOR USE AS NEEDED, ADEQUATE PERSONNEL HIGHLY SKILLED IN THE "MARTIAL ARTS" BY WHICH HE MEANT TAEKWONDO. TO THAT END HE WAS PREPARED TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO ME 50 OR MORE MULTIPLE BLACK BELT HOLDERS FROM THE ROK SPECIAL FORCES FOR INTEGRATION INTO MY FORCES AS KATUSA. I THANKED HIM FOR HIS OFFER AND TOLD HIM I WOULD TAKE IT INTO CONSIDERATION IN DEVELOPMENT OF THE PLAN WHICH I EXPECTED TO SUBMIT TO MY JCS WITHIN THE NEXT 24 HOURS. WHEN I MENTIONED THAT IF THE OPERATION WERE SWIFTLY MOUNTED, THE KPA MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO REACT IN TIME TO INTERFERE, THE PRESIDENT OPINED THAT IT MIGHT BE BETTER TO PROCEED MORE DELIBERATELY IN ORDER TO INSURE KPA REACTION AND A RESULANT SOUND THRASHING-TO BE ADMINISTERED. HE AGAIN EMPHASIZED WITHOUT FIRE ARMS, THE MEETING



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KCNA: KPA AIR FORCE MEN IN COMBAT POSTURE

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(TEXT) PYONGYANG, AUGUST 20, (KCNA)--TODAY IS AIR FORCE DAY.

OUR AIR FORCE FIGHTERS, SIGNIFICANTLY MEETING THE AIR FORCE DAY INSTITUTED BY THE GREAT LEADER COMRADE KIM IL-SONG, RETROSPECT WITH A DEEP EMOTION THE PROUD FEATS PERFORMED BY OUR GALLANT AIRMEN IN THE DAYS OF THE HARD-FOUGHT FATHERLAND LIBERATION WAS (JUNE 1950-JULY 1953) TO HUMBLE THE PRIDE OF ARROGANT U.S. IMPERIALISM AND DEFEND THE AIR SPACE OF THE COUNTRY, AND ARE STEADILY INCREASING THEIR COMBAT CAPACITY IN VIEW OF THE PREVAILING SITUATION.

IN THE GRIM DAYS OF THE WAR THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE AIR FORCE OF THE HEROIC KOREAN PEOPLE'S ARMY DEALT A CRUSHING BLOW TO THE U.S. IMPERIALIST AIR PIRATES, GREATLY CONTRIBUTING TO THE VICTORY OF THE WAR.

AFTER THEY UNLEASHED THE KOREAN WAR, THE U.S. IMPERIALISTS IMMEDIATELY MOBILIZED "B-29S" WHICH THEY BOASTFULLY CALLED AN "IMPREGNABLE FLYING FORTRESS" IN A FOOLISH ATTEMPT TO INTIMIDATE OUR PEOPLE.

ONE DAY IN LATE JUNE 1950, A FORMATION OF PURSUIT PLANES OF OUR AIR FORCE WHICH WAS COVERING OUR GROUND MAIN FORCE UNIT ENCOUNTERED WITH THE ENEMY'S "B-29S" IN THE SKY ABOVE SEOUL. SEEING THE U.S. IMPERIALIST AIR PIRATES, OUR PILOTS YI HUNG-PU AND YI MUN-SUN, BURNING WITH A HATRED FOR THEM, TIGHTLY GRIPPED THE CONTROL STICK.

THE ENEMY OPENED BLIND, THREATENING FIRE. BUT OUR PLANES SWIFTLY TOOK A TACTICALLY FAVOURABLE POSITION OF ATTACK TO PURSUE THE ENEMY. THE ENEMY'S "B-29S", HIT BY STRAIGHT SHOTS OF OUR PURSUIT PLANES, VEERED TO THE SOUTH TO TAKE TO FLIGHT. OUR BRAVE PILOTS PURSUED THE ENEMY AND FIRED AT A "B-29" WITHIN THE EFFECTIVE RANGE AND SMASHED IT.

AFTER THAT OUR GALLANT FALCONS SHOT DOWN ALL "B-29S" THEY ENCOUNTERED WITH. PILOTS YI HUNG-PU, YI MUN-SUN AND YI TONG-KYU SHOT DOWN SCORES OF ENEMY PLANES INCLUDING "B-29S" IN THE FIRST MONTH OF THE WAR.

OUR AIRMEN, THEIR HEARTS BURNING WITH LOYALTY, DEVOTED THEIR ALL TO THE HEROIC FIGHT FOR THE GREAT LEADER AND THUS SHATTERED TO SMITHEREENS THE MYTH ABOUT "AIR SUPREMACY" AND "MIGHTINESS" OF THE U.S. IMPERIALISTS AND PERFORMED BRILLIANT FEATS IN THE SACRED WAR TO DEFEND THE INDEPENDENCE AND FREEDOM OF THE COUNTRY.

TODAY OUR AIR FORCE HAS BECOME A ONE-BEATS-A-HUNDRED REVOLUTIONARY ARMED FORCE UNDER THE WISE LEADERSHIP AND DEEP CARE OF THE GREAT LEADER COMRADE KIM IL-SONG.

OUR AIR FORCE SMASHED AT A BLOW THE U.S. IMPERIALISTS' LARGE-SIZE RECONNAISSANCE PLANE "RB-47", LARGE-SIZE SPY PLANE "EC-121" AND OTHER U.S. PIRATE PLANES WHEN THEY ILLEGALLY INTRUDED INTO THE TERRITORIAL AIR OF OUR COUNTRY. THE MIGHT OF OUR PEOPLE'S AIR FORCE IS GROWING STRONGER WITH EACH PASSING DAY.

THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE AIR FORCE OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE'S ARMY WHO ARE SIGNIFICANTLY MARKING AIR FORCE DAY, THEIR RED-LETTER DAY, HAVE PLACED THEMSELVES IN FULL COMBAT POSTURE IN VIEW OF THE PREVAILING SITUATION AND ARE SHARPLY WATCHING EVERY MOVE OF THE ENEMY, ACTING UPON THE ORDER OF COMRADE SUPREME COMMANDER OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE'S ARMY.

IF THE U.S. IMPERIALIST AGGRESSORS DARE IGNITE A WAR, THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE AIR FORCE OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE'S ARMY WILL HUMILIATE THE ENEMY, RELIABLY DEFENDING THE AIR SPACE OF THE COUNTRY.

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(KOREA)

WASHINGTON (UPI)--MEMBERS OF CONGRESS ARE DENOUNCING NORTH KOREA'S KILLING OF TWO U.S. OFFICERS IN THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE BUT OPPOSE GOING TO WAR OVER THE INCIDENT.

SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER HUGH SCOTT SAID THE "UNITED STATES SHOULD INSIST ON CONDEMNATION OF NORTH KOREAN BARBARISM THROUGH PROPER DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS.

"WE SHOULD MAKE CLEAR WE ARE PREPARED TO DEFEND OURSELVES ALONG THE BORDER, AND MAKE SURE THE NEXT TIME IT IS NOT AMERICANS WHO GET KILLED IN A BORDER FORAY," SCOTT SAID. "PROPER SECURITY DOESN'T REQUIRE U.S. TROOPS."

SEN. WILLIAM D. HATHAWAY, D-MAINE, URGED SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER TO WORK THROUGH THE UNITED NATIONS TO RESOLVE THE MATTER.

"THE UNITED STATES SHOULD NOT RETALIATE WITH BULLETS, BUT INSTEAD WITH URGENT REQUESTS TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA FOR NEW NEGOTIATIONS ON THEIR DIFFERENCES," SAID HATHAWAY.

SEN. CHARLES PERCY, R-ILL., SAID THAT "IT'S UP TO SOUTH KOREA, WHICH HAS A MASSIVE MILITARY FORCE OF 600,000 THAT HAS BEEN EQUIPPED BY THE UNITED STATES, TO PROVIDE ABSOLUTE SECURITY FOR OUR FORCES, WHICH ARE SYMBOLIC IN NATURE."

SEN. HIRAM FONG, R-HAWAII, SAID HE BELIEVED THE SENDING OF ADDITIONAL U.S. WARPLANES INTO SOUTH KOREA WAS A SUFFICIENT AND PRUDENT RESPONSE.

"IT SEEMS THE NORTH KOREANS ARE TESTING US TO SEE WHAT OUR DETERMINATION IS AND WHAT OUR POLICY TOWARD SOUTH KOREA IS. WE HAVE TO TAKE A FIRM STAND OR THEY WILL MOVE," HE SAID. "EVERYTHING THEY DO INDICATES THEY STILL WANT TO INVADE THE SOUTH."

SEN. STROM THURMOND, R-S.C., NORMALLY CONSIDERED A MILITARY HARD-LINER, SAID THE ISSUE SHOULD BE PURSUED IN THE U.N. AND THROUGH OTHER CHANNELS TO GET A CONDEMNATION OF THE NORTH KOREAN ACTION.

"IT APPEARS IT WAS AN ACTION TAKEN TO PROVOKE A SITUATION AND GET THE UNITED STATES INVOLVED," HE SAID.

SEN. JACOB K. JAVITS, R-N.Y., SAID THAT "ON SUCH A TENSE BORDER INCIDENTS ARE TO BE EXPECTED."

"WE SHOULD REACT WITH VIGOR AND DEFINITENESS TO ASSURE THAT THE FORCES OF THE U.S. ARE PROTECTED, BUT WE SHOULD NOT MAKE IT THE OCCASION FOR A LARGE-SCALE OUTBREAK OF VIOLENCE," JAVITS SAID.

REP. JOHN M. MURPHY, D-N.Y., A VETERAN OF THE KOREAN WAR, SAID THAT WHEN CONGRESS RETURNS FROM RECESS MONDAY HE WILL ASK THE HOUSE TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION CENSURING NORTH KOREA.

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WASHINGTON AUG 20, REUTER - TWO AIR FORCE SQUADRONS FLEW INTO SOUTH KOREA TODAY TO BOLSTER U.S. TROOPS ON INCREASED ALERT STATUS FOLLOWING THE KILLING EARLIER THIS WEEK OF TWO AMERICAN ARMY OFFICERS IN THE KOREAN DEMILITARIZED ZONE.

THE SQUADRONS -- F-4 SUPERSONIC FIGHTERS FROM OKINAWA AND F-111 FIGHTER-BOMBERS FROM IDAHO -- WERE ORDERED TO KOREA AS A PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE AFTER THE OFFICERS WERE KILLED BY NORTH KOREAN BORDER GUARDS AND NORTH KOREA PUT ITS MILITARY FORCES ON FULL ALERT.

BOTH THE F-4S AND F-111S ARE CAPABLE OF CARRYING NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

DEFENSE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS SAID THEY DID NOT KNOW OF PLANS TO SEND IN ANY ADDITIONAL U.S. UNITS TO BACK UP THE 41,000 TROOPS STATIONED IN SOUTH KOREA.

SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER, WHO SUMMONED TOP-LEVEL NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISERS TO WHITE HOUSE MEETINGS ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT AND YESTERDAY MORNING TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION, WOULD NOT SAY WHAT OTHER STEPS, IF ANY, THE UNITED STATES PLANNED.

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DR. KISSINGER SAID ON NBC TELEVISION THIS MORNING: "WE CANNOT PERMIT THE PRINCIPLE TO BE ESTABLISHED THAT AMERICANS CAN BE ASSAULTED WITH IMPUNITY...."

ASKED WHAT THE UNITED STATES COULD DO, HE REPLIED: "THE STEPS DEPEND ON THE SATISFACTORY RESULTS TO OUR INQUIRIES." HE DID NOT ELABORATE.

ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT, A FEW HOURS AFTER THE TWO U.S. OFFICERS WERE ATTACKED AND KILLED BY NORTH KOREAN GUARDS WIELDING AXES AND PIKES, DR. KISSINGER DISCUSSED THE SITUATION WITH THE HEAD OF THE CHINESE LIAISON OFFICE IN WASHINGTON.

A STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN WHO DISCLOSED THE MEETING DECLINED COMMENT WHEN ASKED IF PEKING WERE BEING ASKED TO USE ITS INFLUENCE WITH THE NORTH KOREAN GOVERNMENT.

DR. KISSINGER STAYED IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE SITUATION FROM KANSAS CITY, WHERE HE FLEW YESTERDAY FOR LAST NIGHT'S FINAL SESSION OF THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION WHICH CHOSE PRESIDENT FORD AS ITS NOMINEE FOR THE NOVEMBER 2 ELECTION.

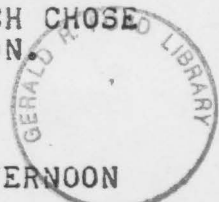
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HE PLANNED TO STAY IN KANSAS CITY UNTIL LATE THIS AFTERNOON AND WAS NOT EXPECTED BACK IN WASHINGTON UNTIL EVENING.

DEFENSE SECRETARY DONALD RUMSFELD WAS ALSO IN KANSAS CITY, FLYING THERE FROM MICHIGAN AFTER A BRIEF REST FOLLOWING A MINOR OPERATION LAST WEEK. HE WAS NOT EXPECTED BACK AT THE PENTAGON UNTIL MONDAY.

OFFICIALS SAID NO FURTHER MEETINGS OF THE SPECIAL ACTION GROUP OF THE WHITE HOUSE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL HAD BEEN CALLED.



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SUBJECT: MILITARY ARMISTICE COMMISSION MEETING AUGUST 19, 1976

1. 379TH MILITARY ARMISTICE COMMISSION (MAC) MEETING TOOK PLACE AUGUST 19, 1976 FROM 1600 HOURS TO 1735 HOURS LOCAL TIME, NO VIOLENCE OR INCIDENTS REPORTED AND ATMOSPHERE WAS NORMAL, NO UNUSUAL DISPOSITIONS OF UN OR NORTH KOREAN/CHINESE PERSONNEL, CPV SENIOR MEMBER WAS ABSENT.

2. UNC OPENED MEETING WITH STATEMENT AS PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED, FOLLOWED WITH DETAILED ACCOUNT OF INCIDENT KEYED TO PHOTOGRAPHS OF WHICH 13 WERE DISPLAYED.

3. NORTH KOREANS (KPA) RESPONDED BY CLAIMING U.N. CHARGES WERE DISTORTIONS OF FACT, THAT THEY HAD SAID NOT TO CUT THE TREE, THAT THEY HAD WAITED PATIENTLY, THAT UN FORCES COMMITTED VIOLENT PROVOCATION, RESULTING IN INJURIES TO FIVE NORTH KOREAN PERSONNEL, DISPLAYED PHOTOS OF FIVE SOLDIERS IN BANDAGES, ALSO DISPLAYED AN AXE AND AXE HANDLES WHICH THEY CLAIMED HAD BEEN USED AS WEAPONS BY UN PERSONNEL, ALSO CLAIMED UN SIDE HAD OUTNUMBERED KPA.



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4. UN SIDE RESPONDED THAT PHOTOS INDICATED CLEARLY RELATIVE NUMBERS AND WHICH SIDE WAS ARMED.

5. KPA CLAIMED THAT NUMBER OF PICTURES INDICATED INCIDENT WAS PREMEDITATED BY UN SIDE, THEN COMMENCED LONG STATEMENT ALLEGING NUMEROUS UN PROVOCATIONS, VIOLENCE, INTRODUCTION OF ILLEGAL AIRCRAFT, MOVEMENT OF AIRCRAFT FROM OKINAWA TO KOREA.

6. UN SIDE REPEATED WE HAD CALLED MEETING TO DISCUSS MURDER OF TWO UNC PERSONNEL, WOULD INVESTIGATE SPECIFIC CHARGES, CONCLUDED WE HAD NOTHING FURTHER TO SAY.

7. NORTH KOREANS SAID US SHOULD STOP COMMITTING ILLEGAL ACTS, AND STATED THEY HAD NOTHING FURTHER TO SAY.

8. UNC PRESENTED SUMMARY STATEMENT,, HIGHLIGHTING BRUTALITY OF ATTACK, PROPOSED RECESS.

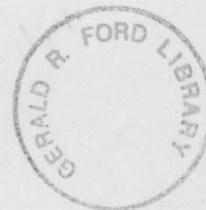
9. KPA REITERATED CHARGES AGAINST UN, CONCLUDED WITH (CUSTOMARY) WARNING THAT WAR COULD BREAK OUT AT ANY TIME, AGREED TO RECESS.

10. SECURITY OFFICERS' MEETING THAT BEGAN AT 1600 LASTED ABOUT 20 MINUTES, CONSISTING OF BRIEF STATEMENTS BY BOTH SIDES.

11. PRESS WELL REPRESENTED AT MEETING, WAS GIVEN COPIES OF UN OPENING STATEMENT AND ALLOWED TO PHOTOGRAPH UNC ENLARGEMENTS USED AT MEETING.

12. MEETING FOLLOWED EXPECTED PATTERN AND NORTH KOREAN RESPONSES WERE LARGELY ROUTINE IN NATURE, APART FROM STATEMENTS PERTAINING TO AUG, 18 INCIDENT.

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SUBJECT: MIDWAY DEPLOYMENT

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SHOESMITH TELECON

1. AS WE UNDERSTAND THE ISSUE, EMBASSY DESIRES TO INFORM
GOJ IN ADVANCE OF THE MIDWAY DEPLOYMENT AND TO AUTHORIZE
GOJ TO SAY, IF PRESSED, THAT GOJ WAS NOTIFIED IN ADVANCE.
WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT UNDER ROUTINE PROCEDURES, GOJ WOULD
BE NOTIFIED IN ADVANCE OF DEPARTURE OF TG 77.4, REGARDLESS
OF DESTINATION.

2. PRESS GUIDANCE FOR MIDWAY DEPLOYMENT PREPARED FOR USE
IN WASHINGTON IS AS FOLLOWS:

3. WE HAVE A REPORT THAT THE CARRIER MIDWAY AND SEVERAL
OTHER SHIPS HAVE DEPARTED YOKOSUKA FOR KOREA. IS THIS
TRUE?



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A. (AFTER THE FACT) A SEVENTH FLEET CARRIER TASK GROUP HEADED BY USS MIDWAY HAS DEPARTED YOKOSUKA FOR AT SEA OPERATIONS. WE WILL NOT DISCUSS OPERATIONAL DETAILS SUCH AS DESTINATIONS.

3. UNLESS SITUATION CHANGES, THEREFORE, USG DOES NOT INTEND TO CONFIRM THAT MIDWAY DEPLOYMENT IS RELATED TO KOREA SITUATION, AND WE THEREFORE CANNOT AUTHORIZE GOJ TO SAY ANYTHING WHICH MAKES THAT LINKAGE.

4. IF GOJ WOULD BE NOTIFIED OF MIDWAY DEPARTURE UNDER ROUTINE PROCEDURES, SUCH NOTIFICATION CAN BE MADE IN THIS INSTANCE. YOU ARE ALSO AUTHORIZED INFORM GOJ ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS THAT MIDWAY IS BEING DEPLOYED IN THE VICINITY OF THE SOUTHERN APPROACHES TO KOREA STRAIT. HOWEVER, IF GOJ LATER WISHES TO STATE PUBLICLY THAT IT WAS NOTIFIED IN ADVANCE OF MIDWAY DEPARTURE, IT SHOULD NOT MAKE ANY PUBLIC LINKAGE TO KOREA OR MENTION MIDWAY'S DESTINATION, UNLESS EMBASSY HAS CONFIRMATION THAT USG SPOKESMAN HAS IDENTIFIED DESTINATION. ROBINSON
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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: HARR, MOPS, JA, KS, KN, US

SUBJECT: MOVEMENT OF KC-135 TANKERS

1. DUE TO WEATHER CONDITIONS, 10-12 KC-135 TANKERS REFUEL-
ING F-111S WILL LAND AT YOKOTA RATHER THAN RETURNING TO
KADENA. ANY FURTHER DETAILS DESIRED AVAILABLE THROUGH
MILITARY CHANNELS.

2. IF ASKED BY PRESS WHY THESE PLANES ARE LANDING AT
YOKOTA AND/OR IF THEY ARE INVOLVED IN KOREAN OPERATIONS,
YOU SHOULD SAY THAT KADENA AB, WHERE THEY ARE NORMALLY
BASED IS BEING ROUTINELY EVACUATED DUE TO TYPHOON CONDI-
TIONS AND THESE AIRCRAFT HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO LAND AT
YOKOTA AB. AS YOU KNOW, WE DO NOT COMMENT ON THE OPERA-
TIONAL DETAILS OF THESE FORCES.



3. IF WEATHER CLOSURE OF KADENA CONTINUES IT MAY BE
NECESSARY TO FLY FURTHER REFUELING MISSIONS FROM YOKOTA A.B.
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-- A BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE STATEMENT CONDEMNED THE "BRU-
TAL MURDERS" AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE "AGGRESSIVE AND INFLEXI-
BLE ATTITUDE" OF NORTH KOREA TOWARD THE REUNIFICATION
PROBLEM.

UN ACTIVITIES

THE UN CORE GROUP THAT IS WORKING ON A UN RESOLUTION
AND EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
DEBATE ON KOREA HAS REACHED A CONSENSUS THAT WE SHOULD
GO AHEAD WITHOUT CHANGING THE AGREED TEXTS AND SUBMIT
THE DOCUMENTS TOMORROW AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED.

GOVERNOR SCRANTON TRANSMITTED BY LETTER LATE AUGUST 19
TO THE UNSC PRESIDENT THE TEXT OF THE SPECIAL UNC REPORT
ON THE DMZ INCIDENT. ROBINSON
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DESCRIPTION Intelligence information
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TAGS: PFOR, POPS

SUBJECT: SITREP 2 AS OF 1800

PLANNED U.S. MILITARY MOVES

THE TREE CUTTING OPERATION IS NOW SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE AT ABOUT 1800 HRS. EDT ON AUGUST 20. SIMULTANEOUS WITH THE TREE CUTTING, A NUMBER OF B-52'S WILL ARRIVE OVER SOUTH KOREA.

FIVE GROUPS OF FOUR F-111'S WILL BE ARRIVING IN THE ROK AUGUST 20 BETWEEN 0225 AND 0425 EDT.

THE MIDWAY CARRIER TASK GROUP HAS BEEN ORDERED TO SAIL AT 1700 EDT AUGUST 20 TO THE VICINITY OF THE SOUTHERN APPROACHES TO THE KOREA STRAIT.

CHARGE STERN AND GENERAL STILLWELL WILL SEE PRESIDENT PARK SHORTLY TO INFORM HIM IN DETAIL OF OUR PLANS FOR THE TREE, THE B-52'S AND THE F-111'S.

STILLWELL'S PROPOSED PLAN

GENERAL STILLWELL'S PROPOSED PLAN FOR THE TREE SURGERY CALLS FOR U.S. ENGINEERS, AUGMENTED BY 50-60 ROK TAEKWONDO SPECIALISTS TO ENTER THE JSA AND FELL THE TREE WITH CHAIN SAWS OR BY DEMOLITION. AT THE SAME TIME TWO "ILLEGAL" NORTH KOREAN ROAD BARRIERS WOULD BE REMOVED BY BULLDOZERS; THE DURATION OF THE OPERATION WOULD BE ABOUT 45 MINUTES.

BACK-UP FORCES WOULD INCLUDE THE AUTHORIZED 35 MAN ARMED



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SECURITY FORCE WITHIN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY AS WELL AS ONE U.S. INFANTRY COMPANY POSITIONED CLOSE TO THE JSA AND ARMED WITH CLUBS ONLY; WEAPONS WOULD BE IN NEARBY TRUCKS. ALSO ONE ROK INFANTRY COMPANY ARMED WITH ORGANIC WEAPONS WOULD BE POSITIONED NEARBY AND ONE U.S. OR ROK RIFLE COMPANY ORBITING IN HELOS IN THE VICINITY. ADDITIONALLY, A TANK/INFANTRY BATTALION WOULD BE POSITIONED SOUTH OF THE INJIM RIVER. ARTILLERY WOULD BE PREPARED TO SUPPORT THE OPERATION IF THE NORTH SHOULD USE WEAPONS.

THE MISSION IS TO ACCOMPLISH THE REMOVAL OF THE TREE AND GATES WITHOUT SHOOTING, AND SHOULD THE OTHER SIDE START SHOOTING, THE MISSION BECOMES ONE OF RAPID EXTRACTION OF FORCES FROM CLOSE CONTACT RELYING PRIMARILY ON ARTILLERY COVERING FIER JCS IS STAFFING THIS PROPOSAL FOR HIGH LEVEL WASHINGTON DECISION.
NORTH KOREAN ACTION

SENSITIVE SOURCES CONFIRM THAT SOME NK AIRCRAFT AND NAVAL UNITS REMAIN ON ALERT STATUS. MEANWHILE NORTH KOREA IS APPARENTLY MAKING DIPLOMATIC APPROACHES ON THE AUGUST 18 INCIDENT TO NUMEROUS FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS.

CONTACTS WITH OUR ALLIES

IN ADDITION TO JAPAN, AND CANADA, WHICH WERE INFORMED EARLIER, WE INSTRUCTED OUR POSTS TO INFORM OUR NATO ALLIES, AS WELL AS AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, THAILAND AND THE PHILIPPINES OF THE DEFCON 3 MOVE. A DOD PUBLIC STATEMENT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY ISSUED BRIEFLY NOTING THE INCREASED READINESS POSTURE BEING ADOPTED BY US FORCES IN KOREA.



CINCUNC LETTER TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL

WE HAVE INSTRUCTED USUN TO DELIVER TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL A LETTER FROM CINCUNC WHICH GIVES A FACTUAL ACCOUNT OF THE PANMUNJOM INCIDENT.

CONGRESSIONAL RELATIONS

AMB. MCCLOSKEY AND THE H STAFF ARE CONSULTING ON THE HILL INFORMING SELECTED MEMBERS OF DEVELOPMENTS AND EXPLAINING THAT OUR MOVES DO NOT INVOLVE THE WAR POWERS ACT. CON-

GRESSIONAL LEADERS IN KANSAS CITY ARE ALSO BEING BRIEFED.

AMBASSADOR SNEIDER RETURNS TO SEOUL

AMBASSADOR SNEIDER HAS CUT SHORT HIS HOME LEAVE AND WILL BE

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RETURNING TO KOREA THIS EVENING.

WORLD REACTION

INTERNATIONAL REACTION TO THE AUGUST 18 INCIDENT HAS THUS FAR BEEN RELATIVELY LIGHT:

-- AT THE NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT CONFERENCE IN COLOMBO THE NEWS HAS SPREAD SLOWLY DESPITE THE RELEASE OF US AND SOUTH KOREAN STATEMENTS. AS OF NOON TODAY WASHINGTON TIME, AFP REPORTED MOST DELEGATIONS STILL UNAWARE OF THE INCIDENT.

-- AN OFFICIAL CUBAN STATEMENT PUBLISHED AUGUST 19 SAID "ADVENTUROUS AND WARLIKE MANEUVERS OF AMERICAN IMPERIALISM" COULD TRIGGER WAR IN KOREA. THE STATEMENT MADE NO SPECIFIC MENTION OF THE AUGUST 18 CLASH, HOWEVER.

-- FRANKFURTER ALLEGEMEINE ZEITUNG AND SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG BOTH STRONGLY DENOUNCED THE NORTH KOREAN "MURDERS".

-- JAPANESE PRESS COVERAGE WAS GENERALLY FACTUAL WITH LITTLE COMMENTARY.

-- A JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN IN THE ABSENCE OF VICE MINISTER SATO STATED THAT JAPAN IS WATCHING "WITH GREAT CONCERN" THE INCIDENT, WHICH "LOOKED MORE SERIOUS" THAN PREVIOUS DMZ CLASHES.

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JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE
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TAGS: KS, KN, US, HARR, MOPS
SUBJECT: APPROACH TO PRESIDENT PARK

1. IN ACCORDANCE INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED STATE 206294, GENERAL STILWELL AND I SAW PRESIDENT PARK THIS MORNING. THE PRESIDENT WAS BRIEFED ON THE ACTIONS UNDERWAY (B-52 AND F-111) AND THE TENTATIVE PLANS FOR THE TREE REMOVAL. ON THIS LAST ITEM, THE PRESIDENT WAS INFORMED ON A COUPLE OF OCCASIONS THAT NO "EXECUTE" MESSAGE HAD BEEN RECEIVED. THE PRESIDENT SPENT A GOOD DEAL OF TIME ASKING QUESTIONS ABOUT THE JSA AREA.

- 2. IN ADDITION, HE REPEATED SEVERAL POINTS HE MADE TO GENERAL STILWELL YESTERDAY CONCERNING:
 - A. HIS DEEP REGRETS FOR NORTH KOREA'S BARBAROUS ACTIONS AND HIS CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF THE DEAD OFFICERS.
 - B. HIS APPRECIATION FOR THE FIRM POSITION BEING TAKEN BY THE USG.
 - C. HIS VIEW (REPEATED SEVERAL TIMES) THAT A RESPONSE CONSISTING ONLY OF PROTESTS WOULD INVITE FURTHER PROVOCATIONS, BUT THAT THE PLAN FOR THE TREE REMOVAL WOULD SHOW FIRMNESS AND RESOLVE WHICH WOULD BE UNDERSTOOD BY THE NORTH.
 - D. HIS HOPE, WHICH HE SAID IS PROBABLY WISTFUL, THAT NORTH KOREA WOULD APOLOGIZE AND PROMISE TO INSURE THAT THERE WOULD BE NO REPETITION OF THE INCIDENT. WE SHOULD HOWEVER CONTINUE TO PURSUE THIS GOAL.
 - E. HIS FIRM BELIEF THAT RESPONSE SHOULD BE LIMITED TO



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PRESENT PLANS AND THAT ESCALATION SHOULD ONLY EVOLVE IF NORTH ESCALATES (E.G. BY FIRING). IF NORTH DOES NOT RESPOND, THEN THE MATTER DROPS.

3. THE PRESIDENT HAD NO SUGGESTIONS FOR FURTHER ACTIONS THAT MIGHT BE CONSIDERED BY USG. HE SEEMED VERY PLEASED WITH USG POSTURE AND ACTIONS. HE OBVIOUSLY CONSIDERS THE TREE REMOVAL TO BE ESSENTIAL.
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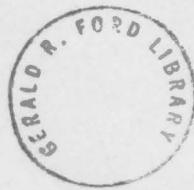
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BEGIN SUMMARY: DMZ MURDERS OF AUGUST 18 CONTINUED TO DOMINATE
ALL ROK MEDIA ON AUGUST 20. NEWSPAPERS ESPECIALLY
CARRIED ARTICLES "1-".)

43, AND EDITORIALS
WHICH VIRTUALLY FILLED ALL OF FRONT PAGES AND MUCH OF
SEVERAL INSIDE PAGES. THEMES EXPRESSED INCLUDED OUTRAGE
AND CONCERN OVER IMPLICATIONS OF INCIDENT AND SPECULATION
ABOUT MOTIVATIONS BEHIND IT AND APPROPRIATE REACTION TO IT.
END SUMMARY.

1. MORNING NEWSPAPERS GAVE HEADLINE COVERAGE TO SPECIAL STATE-
MENT READ AT 7 PM ON AUGUST 19 BY KIM SONG-JIN, MINISTER OF
CULTURE AND INFORMATION, IDENTIFIED AS SPOKESMAN FOR
GOVERNMENT. STATEMENT NOTED THAT KIM IL-SONG, BY ORDERING
ALL OF NORTH KOREA'S (NK) REGULAR AND RESERVE FORCES INTO
FULL COMBAT READINESS, "HAD PUBLICLY REVEALED HIS SCHEME
TO ATTACK ROK BY ARMED FORCE AND DESTROY PEACE IN ASIA."

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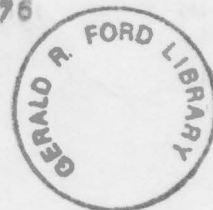
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2. AFTERNOON PAPERS HEADLINED PRESIDENT PAK'S SPEECH TO GRADUATES OF THIRD OFFICERS' SCHOOL. SPEECH REPORTED SEPTEL.

3. NEWSPAPERS ALL DAY ALMOST UNIFORMLY DEVOTED MOST OF FRONT PAGE AND SEVERAL OF INSIDE PAGES TO INCIDENT AND ITS RAMIFICATIONS. MORNING STORIES MENTIONED UNC IDENTIFIED TWO US OFFICERS KILLED BY NK AS CAPT. ARTHUR G. BONIFAS AND LT. MARK BARRETT, THAT AP DISPATCH FROM WASHINGTON SAID USFK HAS BEEN PLACED ON A PRECAUTIONARY ALERT, AND THAT UNC SENT A PROTEST VERBALLY TO NK COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF KIM IL-SUNG AT THE 379TH PANMUNJOM MAC MEETING THURSDAY, DEMANDING GUARANTEE OF NO FURTHER INCIDENTS. CHOSUN ILBO FRONTPAGE PANMUNJOM CORRESPONDENT DISPATCH THAT GEN. STILWELL HAD A BRIEF TALK WITH UNCMAC SENIOR MEMBER REAR ADM. FRUDDEN AT ADVANCE CAMP NEAR PANMUNJOM THURSDAY, IN LENGTHY INSIDE PAGE ARTICLE, HANKOOK ILBO REPORTER AN TAEK SOO COMMENTED, "NK HAS PRODUCED ANOTHER DRAMATIC INCIDENT IN ORDER TO DECEIVE ITS PEOPLE INTO THINKING THAT WAR IS AT HAND IN KOREA....IT WAS PROBABLY NECESSARY FOR NK TO FIND A NEW BREAKTHROUGH TO GET RID OF THE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, AND DIPLOMATIC DIFFICULTIES FACING THEM THIS YEAR...." IN HIS CONTRIBUTION TO HANKOOK ILBO, PROF. LEE KI TAEK OF YONSEI UNIVERSITY TERMED THE DMZ INCIDENT A "NON-MILITARY CONFLICT". "NK EFFORTS TO GET NAC SUPPORT AT COLOMBO MEETING FOR CLAIM THAT SHE IS SOLE LEGITIMATE GOVT. IN KOREA HAVE FAILED....NK ALSO FAILED TO GET MIG-23S FROM USSR...NK SHOULD KNOW THAT US CONCEPT OF KOREA HAS BEEN GREATLY CHANGED SINCE INDOCHINA DEBACLE...NK APPARENTLY AIMED AT GENERATING US PUBLIC OPINION TO OPPOSE US PRESENCE IN KOREA, BUT IT WILL BE THE OTHER WAY...NK'S BRUTAL ACT THIS TIME HAS PROVEN THAT SHE CAN NEVER GET EQUAL TREATMENT FROM AMERICA WITH ROK, EVEN IF CARTER BECOMES PRESIDENT..."

4. AFTERNOON PAPERS ALL CARRIED STORIES OF DEPLOYMENT TO KOREA OF TWO SQUADRONS OF F-4 FIGHTER-BOMBERS FROM OKINAWA AND ONE SQUADRON OF F-111 FIGHTER BOMBERS FROM MAINLAND U.S. IN ORDER TO PREPARE FOR A POSSIBLE ALL-OUT ATTACK BY NK. PAPERS ALSO MENTIONED MOVEMENT OF AIRCRAFT CARRIED RANGER OF SEVENTH FLEET TO AN UNSPECIFIED LOCATION, INSIDE PAGES TYPICALLY CARRIED SEVERAL PHOTOS, EACH TWO-COLUMNS IN WIDTH, SHOWING SEQUENCE OF EVENTS AT DMZ WHEN NK SOLDIERS ATTACKED. OTHER STORIES MENTIONED THAT NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WILL HOLD JOINT MEETING OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL DEFENSE COMMITTEES ON AUGUST

21. COMMITTEES WILL BE BRIEFED ON MILITARY SITUATION BY NO CHAE-HYON, CHAIRMAN OF JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF. NEWSPAPERS ALSO QUOTED FOREIGN PRESS REACTION, NOTABLY YANAGIYA'S

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STATEMENT IN TOKYO FOR GOJ, PONOFF SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT IN LONDON, AND LE MONDE NEWSPAPER IN PARIS. ALL PM PAPERS FEATURED ON BOTTOM OF FRONT PAGE A STATEMENT BY ROK VETERANS ASSOCIATION SAYING "LET'S CONDEMN NORTHERN PUPPETS! OUTRAGE, TREACHEROUS INTENTIONS."

5. MORNING EDITORIAL COMMENTS: SHOCK AND ANGER WERE GENERAL REACTIONS OF THE ROK PRESS ON NK DMZ KILLING OF US OFFICERS. MASS-CIRCULATION HANDBOOK ILBO SAID, "IT IS APPARENTLY AIMED TO COLLAPSE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT, TO INSTIGATE US PUBLIC OPINION TO OPPOSE FOREIGN AID AND US COMMITMENT FOR ROK, AND TO BRING ABOUT USPK PULLOUT FROM ROK...WE CAN HARDLY RULE OUT POSSIBILITY THAT MILITANT NK MAY LAUNCH SURPRISE ATTACK AGAINST ROK DURING NOVEMBER US PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION AND UNGA DEBATE... IN THIS RESPECT, WE MUST BE ALERT FOR NK MACHINATIONS TO START ANOTHER WAR IN KOREA...!"

CONSERVATIVE CHOSUN ILBO COMMENTED, "WORLD NATIONS ARE DEPLORING NK BRUTALITY...NK DMZ MURDER OF US OFFICERS HAS BUILT WAR ATMOSPHERE IN KOREA...NK APPARENTLY COMMITTED SUCH BRUTAL ACT IN ORDER TO LEAD ITS PEOPLE TO PAY MORE CONCERN TO OUTSIDE MATTERS THAN INTERNAL AFFAIRS IN THE WAKE OF SERIOUS POWER STRUGGLE AND ECONOMIC CATASTROPHE PREVAILING IN NK. TO ISOLATE ROK BY REALIZING DIRECT US-NK CONTACTS, AND TO ACCELERATE USPK PULLUT FROM KOREA THROUGH FALSE PROPAGANDA THAT THE TENSION IS INCREASING IN KOREA DUE TO US PRESENCE... IT IS FEARED THAT NK PROVOCATIONS MAY CAUSE ALL OUT WAR IN KOREA...HOWEVER, NK SHOULD NKOW THAT US IS FIRMLY DETERMINED TO HELP KOREA, AND ROK HAS DEFENSE CAPABILITIES SUFFICIENT TO LEAD NK TO SELF-DESTRUCTION SHOULD THEY START ANOTHER WAR IN KOREA...!"

6. IN AFTERNOON, TONG-A ILBO EDITORIAL PROPOSED THE PREPARATION OF PREVENTIVE AS WELL AS PUNITIVE MEASURES BY WHICH NORTH KOREAN ATROCITIES COULD BE PREVENTED, AND SUGGESTS THAT TRUTH OF PANMUNJOM MURDER CASE BE MADE KNOWN TO NON-ALIGNED NATIONS CONFERENCE AND UN SECURITY COUNCIL.

7. IN ADDITION, RADIO AND TV COVERAGE HAS BEEN SIMILARLY HEAVY. TV STATIONS HAD SPECIALS ON INCIDENT THURSDAY EVENING FOR ABOUT HALF HOUR. ABOUT 80 PERCENT OF MORNING RADIO NEWS TIME WAS DEVOTED TO DMZ INCIDENT AND ITS AFTERMATH, MENTIONING THEMSELVES TREATED IN MORE DETAIL LATER BY NEWSPAPERS.

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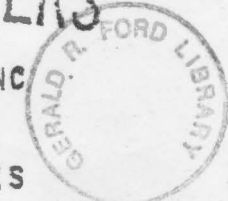
1. (S) PARA 2C OF REF E REQUESTS DETAILS OF PRELIMINARY PLAN TO REMOVE/PRUNE THE TREE IN VICINITY OF GUARD POST NO 3; ROUGH PLAN IS OUTLINED BELOW.

2. CONCEPT OF OPERATION:

- A: UNO TASK FORCE WILL ENTER JOINT SECURITY AREA AT 4-HOUR TO FELL TREE AND, SIMULTANEOUSLY, DEMOLISH TWO KPA INSTALLED DROP BARRIERS WHICH IMPEDE FREE CIRCULATION WITHIN THE AREA.
- B: THE WORK WILL INITIATE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE TO THE KPA; ALTHOUGH NOTICE OF OUR INTENTIONS WILL BE COMMUNICATED SHORTLY AFTER THE WORK HAS INITIATED;
- C: WORK WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY SKILLED US ENGINEER PERSONNEL SUPPORTED BY A PREDOMINANTLY ROK NATIONAL FORCE (50-60) STRONG) WITHOUT FIRE ARMS.
- D: DURATION OF OPERATION: APPROXIMATELY 45 MINUTES.
- E: D-DAY: NOT EARLIER THAN 21 AUGUST.
- F: 4-HOUR: CIPCA 0722-2730.

3. AS THE FOREGOING MAKES EVIDENT, I HAVE COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THE ADVANTAGES OF PRIOR NOTIFICATION ARE OUTWEIGHTED BY THE DIS-ADVANTAGES, AND PRIMARILY BECAUSE THE KPA WOULD HAVE SCOPE, IF THEY DECIDED TO UTILIZE IT, TO FRUSTRATE OUR OBJECTIVE BY PASSIVE MEANS; SECONDLY, I HAVE CONCLUDED THAT THE ODDS ARE IN FAVOR OF KPA NOT DELIBERATELY REPEAT DELIBERATELY OPENING FIRE, THIRDLY, I HAVE OPTED FOR PRESIDENT PARK'S BASIC CONCEPT AND HAVE TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF HIS OFFER TO PROVIDE THE 50 TOUGHEST AND MOST EXPERT TAEKWONDO SPECIALISTS AVAILABLE, THE ROK SPECIAL FORCES WILL BECOME KATUSA OVERNIGHT AND SECONDED TO MY SECURITY GROUP.

4. WE RANK HEAVILY ON SURPRISE AND HAVE PICKED THE EARLY MORNING HOUR BECAUSE THAT IS THE TIME THAT GUARD DETAILS CHANGE AND THERE IS CONSIDERABLE VEHICULAR ACTIVITY DAILY. A 2-1/2 TON TRUCK PROCEEDS TO CHECK POINT 3 AT APPROXIMATELY 0730 DAILY WITH PERSONNEL FOR THAT POST AND HABITUALLY REMAINS THERE UNTIL THE POST IS EVACUATED AT DARK-FALL, ON D-DAY THE TRUCK WOULD BE FILLED WITH HALF OF THE BASIC FORCES REQUIRED TO SUPPORT THE TREE OPERATION; THE REMAINDER OF THE FORCE



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WOULD COME BY THE SAME MEANS A FEW MINUTES LATER, IF IT WAS DETERMINED THAT SURPRISE HAD BEEN LOST AND THE TREE WAS SURROUNDED BY KPA, WE WOULD THEN HAVE THE OPTION OF BRINGING THE FIRST TRUCK BACK AND RETIMING THE OPERATION - OR PRESSING ON. IF THE OPERATION WENT FORWARD, ONE TRUCK WOULD BE POSITIONED TO BLOCK KPA REINFORCEMENTS MOVING ACROSS THE BRIDGE OF NO RETURN BY VEHICLE,

5, THE DESTRUCTION OF THE TWO ROAD BARRIERS IS, OF COURSE, A NEW STARTER, THOSE ROAD BLOCKS CONSIST OF 2 HEAVY, MANUALLY OPERATED BARRIERS ERECTED SOME TIME AGO OVER OUR OBJECTIONS. THEY HAVE BEEN USED FROM TIME TO TIME TO DAMAGE OUR VEHICLES AND INHIBIT OUR MOVEMENT; THEY ARE SO LOCATED AS TO MAKE KPA PROTECTION THEREOF RELATIVELY MORE DIFFICULT; AND CAN BE DISPOSED OF READILY BY TRACK OR WHEELED VEHICLE WITH BULLDOZER BLADE. I STRONGLY RECOMMEND THEY BE ADDED TO THE PACKAGE; THEY ARE IN CLEAR VIOLATION OF THE RULES AND CHANGE OUR OPERATION FROM ONE OF SIMPLE REACTION,) ?!

6, I DESIRE TO HAVE THE FLEXIBILITY TO FELL THE TREE EITHER BY SAWING OR BY DEMOLITION (C-4); DETERMINATION OF WHICH METHOD WILL HINGE ON WHETHER I HAVE POWERFUL ENOUGH SAWS TO DO THE JOB IN 30 MINUTES OR LESS. THE DEMOLITION METHOD IS FASTER BUT IT DOES CARRY SOME ADDITIONAL RISK BY REASON OF VIOLENCE OF EXPLOSION,

7, AS TO BACK-UP FORCES:

A, THE AUTHORIZED 35-MAN ARMED SECURITY FORCE WILL BE POSITIONED A SHORT DISTANCE AWAY AS IMMEDIATE RESERVE,

B, ONE INFANTRY COMPANY OF THE 2D US DIVISION WILL BE POSITIONED CLOSE TO THE JSA, ARMED WITH CLUBS ONLY, THEIR WEAPONS IN NEARBY TRUCKS;

C, ONE ROK INFANTRY COMPANY WILL ALSO BE POSITIONED NEAR THE JSA AND DEPLOYED WITH ORGANIC WEAPONS, IN CONTRAST TO THE US COMPANY, ITS CONTINGENT MISSION WILL BE TO MOVE INTO OVERWATCHING POSITIONS AND PROVIDE COVERING FIRES SHOULD SHOOTING START,

D, ONE RIFLE COMPANY (ROK OR US) WOULD BE LAUNCHED AT H-HOUR IN HELICOPTERS (UH-1H) AND ORBIT VICINITY OF THE SOUTHERN TRACE OF THE DMZ, BEING VISIBLE AND AUDIBLE TO PERSONNEL IN JSA, WE BELIEVE THAT THE AIR-MOBILE UNIT WOULD DISTRACT AND CONCERN THE KPA, THUS CONSTITUTING A GOOD DETERRENT TO ESCALATION,

E, A TANK/INFANTRY BATTALION TF (2 TANK/1 MECH INFANTRY COMPANIES) WILL BE POSITIONED SOUTH OF THE IMJINI AND DEPLOYED TO THE SOUTHERN TRACE OF THE DMZ, BEGINNING AT H-HOUR,

F, ARTILLERY WILL BE PREPARED TO SUPPORT THE OPERATION, IF BATTLE SHOULD ERUPT, IN B/9 BATTALION STRENGTH; AIR OPS AND GROUND ARTILLERY FOS WILL BE IN PLACE,

G, THE I CORPS (ROK/US) GROUP WILL BE BROUGHT TO

8, CONTROL OF ESCALATION IS THE GUT QUESTION:
A, IF WE ARE CORRECT IN OUR ASSUMPTION THAT KPA WILL NOT DELIBERATELY FIRE ON US TO STOP THE WORK, THE PROBLEM IS MANAGEABLE, SHOULD THE KPA MUSTER ENOUGH FORCE TO ACHIEVE THE UPPER HAND OVER OUR KATUSA (READ SPECIAL FORCES) I WOULD BRING IN THE US RIFLE COMPANY WITH CLUBS TO COVER THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE ROK SPECIALISTS. MY EXPECTATION WOULD BE THAT THE TREE WOULD THEN HAVE BEEN FELLED AND THE ROAD BARRIERS DEMOLISHED;

B, WE MAY, OF COURSE, BE DEAD WRONG ABOUT THE KPA REACTION, WE HAVE NO FIRM EVIDENCE ON WHICH TO JUDGE WHETHER THE 28



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AUGUST INCIDENT WAS DELIBERATELY ENGINEERED BY NORTH KOREAN LEADERSHIP WITH THE INTENT OF PROVOKING A CONFLICT OF WHETHER IT WAS A SPONTANEOUS, LOW-LEVEL OVER-REACTION, GIVEN THE BEHAVIOR PATTERN OF NORTH KOREAN LEADERSHIP THE FORMER CANNOT BE DISCOUNTED; ON THE OTHER HAND, THE NORTH'S AGREEMENT TO ATTEND TODAY'S MAC MEETING (WHEN THEY COULD WELL HAVE USED DELAYING TACTICS) AND ITS OBVIOUS DESIRE TO GET THE MEETING OVER WITH QUICKLY, SUGGESTS THE LATTER, OUR ROK COLLEAGUES ARE PERSUADED THAT KPA WILL NOT RESORT TO SHOOTING WITHIN THE JSA PROPER.

C, WE CANNOT FORESEE ALL THE WAYS IN WHICH THE KPA MIGHT EMPLOY DEADLY FIRES OR THE VARIETY OF ENDS KPA MIGHT SEEK TO ACHIEVE ONCE FIRE WAS OPEN, THERE ARE TWO EXTREMES:

(1) THE FIRST IS THAT THE KPA FORCES DEPLOYED TO CONTEST OUR OPERATION MIGHT REVERT TO THE USE OF THEIR REVOLVERS IN SELF-DEFENSE; IN THAT KIND OF MELEE OUR LOGICAL RIPOSTE IS MORTAR AND ARTILLERY FIRE ON KNOWN OR SUSPECTED NORTH KOREAN INSTALLATIONS JUST OUTSIDE THE JSA FOR SO LONG AS NECESSARY TO EXTRICATE OUR ELEMENTS DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE OPERATION.

(2) THE OTHER EXTREME IS A CONCERTED GROUND ATTACK WITH THE INTENT OF OVERRUNNING THE JSA, WE WOULD, IN MY ESTIMATE, BE ILL-ADVISED TO CONTEST THE KPA, ON THE GROUND, IN THIS SPECIFIC AREA; IN THIS EVENTUALITY, I WOULD PROPOSE EMPLOYING THE ROK/US BACK UP FORCES TO COVER THE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL OUR ELEMENTS FROM THE JSA WHILE DELIVERING HEAVY ARTILLERY FIRES ON KPA TARGETS OUTSIDE THE JSA, THE FORCE BALANCE IN THAT IMMEDIATE AREA MAKES THIS COURSE PRUDENT; TO BE SURE, WE WOULD LOSE THE JSA (AT LEAST TEMPORILY) BUT WE WOULD THEN HAVE TO BE READY FOR FAR MORE IMPORTANT ACTIONS.

D, IN BETWEEN THE TWO EXTREMES ARE A LEGION OF POSSIBILITIES WHICH COULD MAKE PRECISE CONTROL OF ESCALATION DIFFICULT TO MANAGE; WE WILL NEED GOOD LOCAL COMMUNICATIONS, COOL HEADS AND THOROUGH UNDERSTANDING OF THE MISSION, THAT MISSION IS TO ACCOMPLISH THE REMOVAL OF THE OBSTRUCTIONS WITHOUT A SHOOTING BATTLE ENSUING; AND SHOULD THE OTHER SIDE START SHOOTING, THE MISSION BECOMES ONE OF RAPID EXTRICATION OF OUR FORCES FROM CLOSE CONTACT, RELYING PRIMARILY ON ARTILLERY COVERING FIRES.

9, I CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT THE OPERATION SHOULD GO FORWARD, RECOGNIZING THAT THIS OUTLINE PLAN HAS BEEN PUT TOGETHER UNDER FORCED DRAFT, I HOPE THAT WE WILL HAVE THE FLEXIBILITY TO MAKE CHANGES OF DETAIL WHILE ADHERING TO THE CONCEPT.

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1. IN ACCORDANCE INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED STATE 206294,
GENERAL STILWELL AND I SAW PRESIDENT PARK THIS MORNING,
THE PRESIDENT WAS BRIEFED ON THE ACTIONS UNDERWAY (B-82
AND F-111) AND THE TENTATIVE PLANS FOR THE TREE REMOVAL.
ON THIS LAST ITEM, THE PRESIDENT WAS INFORMED ON A COUPLE
OF OCCASIONS THAT NO "EXECUTE" MESSAGE HAD BEEN RECEIVED.
THE PRESIDENT SPENT A GOOD DEAL OF TIME ASKING QUESTIONS
ABOUT THE JSA AREA.

- 2. IN ADDITION, HE REPEATED SEVERAL POINTS HE MADE TO
GENERAL STILWELL YESTERDAY CONCERNING:
 - A. HIS DEEP REGRETS FOR NORTH KOREA'S BARBAROUS ACTIONS
AND HIS CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF THE DEAD
OFFICERS.
 - B. HIS APPRECIATION FOR THE FIRM POSITION BEING TAKEN
BY THE USG.
 - C. HIS VIEW (REPEATED SEVERAL TIMES) THAT A
RESPONSE CONSISTING ONLY OF PROTESTS WOULD INVITE
FURTHER PROVOCATIONS, BUT THAT THE PLAN FOR THE TREE
REMOVAL WOULD SHOW FIRMNESS AND RESOLVE WHICH WOULD
BE UNDERSTOOD BY THE NORTH.
 - D. HIS HOPE, WHICH HE SAID IS PROBABLY WISTFUL, THAT
NORTH KOREA WOULD APOLOGIZE AND PROMISE TO INSURE THAT
THERE WOULD BE NO REPETITION OF THE INCIDENT. WE
SHOULD HOWEVER CONTINUE TO PURSUE THIS GOAL.
 - E. HIS FIRM BELIEF THAT RESPONSE SHOULD BE LIMITED TO
PRESENT PLANS AND THAT ESCALATION SHOULD ONLY EVOLVE IF



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NORTH ESCALATES (E.G. BY FIRING). IF NORTH DOES NOT RESPOND, THEN THE MATTER DROPS.

3. THE PRESIDENT HAD NO SUGGESTIONS FOR FURTHER ACTIONS THAT MIGHT BE CONSIDERED BY USG. HE SEEMED VERY PLEASED WITH USG POSTURE AND ACTIONS. HE OBVIOUSLY CONSIDERS THE TREE REMOVAL TO BE ESSENTIAL.

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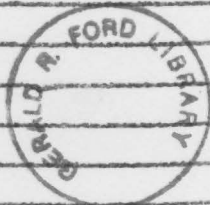
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S/S Officer:



11:03 am 8/19

At about 7 am Korean time on August 20 a UN Command work group cut down the tree which the North Koreans had prevented an earlier work party from pruning on August 18.

The North Korean action, which involved the brutal murder of two American officers, was a major infringement of the rights of the UN Command to operate in the neutral Joint Security Area. It was also an attempt to threaten the future safety of an element of the UNC within the Joint Security Area.

As has been pointed out, this tree had been obstructing the view of a UNC guard post in the neutral Joint Security Area of the DMZ. Eliminating this obstruction was vital to the safety of the guards manning this post, and therefore was a step that was essential to the ability of the UN Command to fulfill its obligations under the Armistice Agreement.

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KCNA: DPRK SOLDIERS, OTHER DETERMINED TO ANNIHILATE ENEMY

OW201555 PYONGYANG KCNA IN ENGLISH 1551 GMT 20 AUG 76 OW

(TEXT) PYONGYANG, AUGUST 20, (KCNA)--THE ENTIRE SOLDIERS OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE'S ARMY AND MEMBERS OF THE WORKER-PEASANT RED GUARDS AND THE RED YOUNG GUARDS WHO HAVE ENTERED INTO COMBAT READINESS ON THE ORDER OF COMRADE SUPREME COMMANDER OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE'S ARMY ARE SHARPLY WATCHING WITH HEIGHTENED VIGILANCE THE CRIMINAL MOVES OF THE U.S. IMPERIALIST AGGRESSORS TO IMPOSE THE DISASTERS OF WAR UPON OUR PEOPLE AGAIN AND HARDENING THEIR DETERMINATION TO ANNIHILATE THE ENEMY AT A STROKE IF HE LIGHTS THE BLASTING FUSE OF WAR.

OFFICER YI CHONG-HWAN OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE'S ARMY UNIT TO WHICH COMRADE SONG NI HO BELONGS HAD THIS TO SAY:

OUR PEOPLE'S ARMY FIGHTERS SUPPORT TO THE HILT THE DECISIVE STEPS TAKEN AGAINST THE RECKLESS WAR CLAMOURS OF THE U.S. IMPERIALIST AGGRESSORS AND RENEW THE FIRM DETERMINATION TO DEMONSTRATE THE HONOUR OF THE GUARD DETACHMENT, DEATH-DEFYING CORPS AND SHOCK BRIGADE IN CARRYING THROUGH THE ORDER OF COMRADE SUPREME COMMANDER OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE'S ARMY.

DECLARING THAT THE RECKLESS WAR RACKETS OF THE U.S. IMPERIALISTS ARE NOTHING BUT THE LAST CONVULSION OF THE DOOMED, HE SAID:

IF THE U.S. IMPERIALIST AGGRESSORS RECKLESSLY START ANOTHER WAR, FAR FROM DRAWING A LESSON FROM THEIR IGNOMINIOUS DEFEAT IN THE PAST THREE-YEAR KOREAN WAR, THE ONE-BEATS-A-HUNDRED OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE'S ARMY WHO ARE CLOSELY RALLIED AROUND THE GREAT LEADER WITH ONE MIND AND ONE PURPOSE AND FIRMLY ARMED WITH THE IMMORTAL CHUCHE IDEA AND THE EVER-VICTORIOUS CHUCHE-BASED TACTICS WILL CRUSH AND WIPE THEM OUT TO THE LAST MAN.

UPHOLDING THE ORDER OF RESPECT AND BELOVED COMRADE SUPREME COMMANDER, THE ENTIRE OFFICERS AND MEN OF OUR PEOPLE'S ARMY HAVE PLACED THEMSELVES IN FULL COMBAT POSTURE AND ARE CLOSELY WATCHING EVERY MOVE OF THE ENEMY.

YI HYO-KUN, MEMBER OF THE WORKER-PEASANT RED GUARDS OF THE FACTORY WHERE COMRADE KIM CHONG-SAM WORKS, SAID:

IF THE ENEMY DARE POUNCE UPON US, THE ONE-BEATS-A-HUNDRED MEMBERS OF THE WORKER-PEASANT RED GUARDS, SIDE BY SIDE WITH THE PEOPLE'S ARMY, WILL DEAL AN ANNIHILATING BLOW TO THE AGGRESSORS AND CRUSH THEM TO THE LAST MAN SO THAT NONE OF THE MAY RETURN HOME ALIVE.

PAK SUN-HO, MEMBER OF THE RED YOUNG GUARDS OF THE SCHOOL WHERE COMRADE YI NAK-SON WORKS, STRESSED: AT THIS GRAVE MOMENT THE HEARTS OF THE RED YOUNG GUARDSMEN IN WHOSE VEIN FLOWS ONLY THE PURE BLOOD OF CHUCHE TYPE ARE FILLED WITH THE UNSHAKABLE DETERMINATION TO SWEEP AWAY THE AGGRESSORS TO THE LAST MEN IF THEY DARE START A WAR.

THE SOLDIERS OF THE PEOPLE'S ARMY AND THE MEMBERS OF THE WORKER-PEASANT RED GUARDS AND RED YOUNG GUARDS WHO HAVE MADE FULL COMBAT PREPAREDNESS ARE HARDENING THE FIRM DETERMINATION TO DEFEND THE SOCIALIST FATHERLAND AS FIRM AS AN IRON WALL FROM THE ENEMY'S AGGRESSION.



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FROM: WILLIAM G. HYLAND

ATTACHED IS PRESS GUIDANCE WHICH WOULD BE RELEASED BY STATE AND DEFENSE THIS EVENING.

DRAFT PROPOSED PRESS GUIDANCE

AT ABOUT 7 AM KOREAN TIME ON AUGUST 20 A UN COMMAND WORK GROUP CUT DOWN THE TREE WHICH THE NORTH KOREANS HAD PREVENTED AN EARLIER WORK PARTY FROM PRUNING ON AUGUST 18.

THE NORTH KOREAN ACTION, WHICH INVOLVED THE BRUTAL MURDER OF TWO AMERICAN OFFICERS, WAS A MAJOR INFRINGEMENT OF THE RIGHTS OF THE UN COMMAND TO OPERATE IN THE NEUTRAL JOINT SECURITY AREA. IT WAS ALSO AN ATTEMPT TO THREATEN THE FUTURE SAFETY OF AN ELEMENT OF THE UNC WITHIN THE JOINT SECURITY AREA.

AS HAS BEEN POINTED OUT, THIS TREE HAD BEEN OBSTRUCTING THE VIEW OF A UNC GUARD POST IN THE NEUTRAL JOINT SECURITY AREA OF THE DMZ. ELIMINATING THIS OBSTRUCTION WAS VITAL TO THE SAFETY OF THE GUARDS MANNING THIS POST, AND THEREFORE WAS A STEP THAT WAS ESSENTIAL TO THE ABILITY OF THE UN COMMAND TO FULFILL ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT.

WE WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK WAYS TO REDUCE TENSIONS AND TO ACHIEVE A MORE STABLE, PEACEFUL SITUATION IN KOREA. SUITABLE MEANS TO THIS END HAVE BEEN PROPOSED BY THE UNITED STATES AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA,

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BUT REJECTED BY NORTH KOREA. WE URGE THE NORTH KOREANS TO RECONSIDER THEIR POSITION AND TO RECOGNIZE THAT PROVOCATIVE ACTIONS OF THE SORT THEY ENGAGED IN ON AUGUST 18 ARE COMPLETELY UNWARRANTED, DANGEROUS, AND SHOULD NOT BE REPEATED.

IF THE ACTION ESCALATES, THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH SHOULD REPLACE THE LAST PARAGRAPH:

OBVIOUSLY, WE REGRET THAT NORTH KOREAN EFFORTS TO BLOCK OUR WORK FORCE IN THE EXERCISE OF ITS RIGHTS LED TO VIOLENCE, FIRING, AND FURTHER CASUALTIES. HOWEVER, OUR WORK FORCE WAS NOT ARMED, OUR MILITARY POLICE TOOK ABSOLUTELY MINIMAL PROTECTIVE REACTION, AND THE SUBSEQUENT ACTION WAS AGAINST FULLY APPROPRIATE TARGETS. NORTH KOREA MUST UNDERSTAND THE GRAVITY OF THE SITUATION AND REALIZE THAT IT WILL BE HELD FULLY ACCOUNTABLE FOR ALL ITS ACTIONS AND THE CONSEQUENCES.

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1. IF THERE IS NO EXCHANGE OF FIRE DURING THE OPERATION THE FOLLOWING PRESS STATEMENT SHOULD BE ISSUED BY THE STATE AND DEFENSE DEPARTMENTS UPON COMPLETION OF THE OPERATION. THERE WILL BE NO FURTHER COMMENTS AND NO BRIEFINGS BY ANYONE ABOUT THE OPERATION OR ANY OF ITS DETAILS.

"AT ABOUT 7 AM KOREAN TIME ON AUGUST 20 A UN COMMAND WORK GROUP CUT DOWN THE TREE WHICH THE NORTH KOREANS HAD PREVENTED AN EARLIER WORK PARTY FROM PRUNING ON AUGUST 18."

2. IF THE OPERATION RESULTS IN AN EXCHANGE OF FIRE THE FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE WILL BE ISSUED WITH NO FURTHER STATEMENTS PENDING ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE.

"AT ABOUT 7 AM KOREAN TIME ON 20 AUGUST A UN COMMAND WORK GROUP ATTEMPTED TO CUT DOWN THE TREE WHICH THE NORTH KOREANS HAD PREVENTED AN EARLIER WORK PARTY FROM PRUNING ON AUGUST 18. THIS TREE HAD BEEN OBSTRUCTING THE VIEW OF A UNC GUARD POST IN THE NEUTRAL JOINT SECURITY AREA OF THE DMZ. ELIMINATING THIS OBSTRUCTION WAS VITAL TO THE SAFETY OF THE GUARDS MANNING THIS POST, AND THEREFORE WAS A STEP THAT WAS ESSENTIAL TO THE ABILITY OF THE UN COMMAND TO FULFILL ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT."

"THE HOSTILE FIRE INITIATED BY NORTH KOREAN FORCES PROVES

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ITS DETERMINATION TO TEST AMERICAN WILL. THE UNITED STATES INTENDS TO EXERCISE THE RIGHT OF SELF-DEFENSE AND WILL HOLD NORTH KOREA RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY CONSEQUENCES."

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KCNA: U.S. MOVING, DEPLOYING MORE TROOPS IN, TO ROK
CW241649 PYONGYANG KCNA IN ENGLISH 1629 GMT 20 AUG 76 OW

(TEXT) PYONGYANG, AUGUST 20, (KCNA)--THE U.S. IMPERIALISTS WHO COMMITTED A DELIBERATE PROVOCATION AGAINST OUR SIDE IN THE JOINT SECURITY AREA OF PANMUNJOM ON AUGUST 18 INSTANTLY ISSUED AN "EMERGENCY ALERT ORDER" TO THEIR AGGRESSION TROOPS OCCUPYING SOUTH KOREA AND ALL THE PUPPET ARMY UNITS TO ENTER INTO FULL COMBAT READINESS AND ARE MOVING AND DEPLOYING MORE ARMED FORCES IN THE AREA ALONG THE MILITARY DEMARCATION LINE AND HURRIEDLY SENDING THEIR AIR FORCE UNITS TO SOUTH KOREA, ACCORDING TO A FOREIGN PRESS REPORT FROM WASHINGTON.

THE U.S. DEFENCE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED ON AUGUST 19 THAT AFTER THE PROVOCATION IN PANMUNJOM IT ALREADY SENT A SQUADRON OF "F-4" SUPERSONIC FIGHTERS FROM KADENA AIR FORCE BASE IN OKINAWA OF JAPAN AND "DEPLOYED IT IN SOUTH KOREA" AND IS HURRIEDLY BRINGING INTO SOUTH KOREA A SQUADRON OF LATEST TYPE "F-111" FIGHTER-BOMBERS FROM A BASE IN IDAHO STATE, U.S. A.

THIS CLEARLY SHOWS THAT THE PROVOCATION COMMITTED BY THEM IN THE JOINT SECURITY AREA OF PANMUNJOM WAS A PREMEDITATED CRIMINAL ACT DESIGNED TO FIND A PRETEXT FOR LIGHTING THE BLASTING FUSE OF WAR AND THEIR MANOEUVRES TO INVADe THE NORTHERN HALF OF THE REPUBLIC THROUGH A "SHORT WAR" BY "AIR STRIKE" AND "SURPRISE ATTACK" ARE BEING TRANSLATED INTO REALITY WITH GREAT RAPIDITY WITH THIS PROVOCATION AS AN OCCASION.

OWING TO THE VICIOUS NEW WAR PROVOCATION MANOEUVRES OF THE U.S. IMPERIALISTS, THE SITUATION IN OUR COUNTRY HAS NOW BEEN FURTHER STRAINED AND HAS REACHED A VERY TENSE AND CRITICAL POINT WHERE A WAR MAY BREAK OUT ANY MOMENT.

THE U.S. IMPERIALISTS MUST LOOK STRIGHT AT THE REALITY AND BEHAVE WITH DISCRETION. THEY MUST STOP RUNNING RIOT.

OUR PEOPLE AND THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE PEOPLE'S ARMY ARE WATCHING WITH HEIGHTENED REVOLUTIONARY VIGILANCE THE U.S. IMPERIALISTS' RECKLESS WAR PROVOCATION MANOEUVRES AND ALL THEIR AGGRESSIVE ACTS AND ARE IN FULL READINESS TO WIPE OUT THE AGGRESSORS AT A STROKE.

WE DO NOT WANT A WAR BUT ARE NEVER AFRAID OF IT.

IF THE U.S. IMPERIALISTS PERSIST IN PROVOCATIVE ACTS IN AN ATTEMPT TO REALISE THEIR AGGRESSIVE DESIGN ON KOREA AND DARE IGNITE A WAR OF AGGRESSION, THEY WILL MEET A POWERFUL RESISTANCE OF OUR PEOPLE AND GO TO RUIN.

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BY LEE SIHO

SEOUL, AUG 20, REUTER - SOUTH KOREAN PRESIDENT PARK CHUNG-HEE SAID TODAY HIS COUNTRY WOULD RETALIATE IMMEDIATELY IF NORTH KOREAN FORCES ""DARE COMMIT AN ILLEGAL PROVOCATION AGAIN.""

THE PRESIDENT WAS COMMENTING ON WEDNESDAY'S INCIDENT IN THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA IN WHICH TWO U.S. OFFICERS WERE KILLED AND NINE SOUTH KOREANS AND AMERICANS INJURED.

""WE NEED A CLUB TO DEAL WITH A MAD DOG,"" THE PRESIDENT SAID IN AN ADDRESS PREPARED FOR GRADUATING OFFICERS AT A JUNIOR MILITARY ACADEMY HERE.

""SHOULD THEY (NORTH KOREA) DARE COMMIT AN ILLEGAL PROVOCATION AGAIN, LARGE OR SMALL, AN IMMEDIATE PUNITIVE ACTION WILL BE TAKEN AND THEY WILL HAVE TO BEAR ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUCH A DEVELOPMENT,"" HE SAID IN THE SPEECH READ FOR HIM BY DEFENSE MINISTER SUH JYONG-CHUL.

""THERE IS A LIMIT TO OUR PATIENCE,"" THE PRESIDENT ADDED.

AFTER A MEETING AT THE TRUCE VILLAGE OF PANMUNJOM TODAY BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH KOREAN RED CROSS OFFICIALS, A SOUTHERN DELEGATE CHARGED THAT LAST WEDNESDAY'S INCIDENT HAD HAMPERED EFFORTS BY HIS SIDE TO BREAK A DEADLOCK IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE NORTH.

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1. RADIO/TV GAVE SPOT COVERAGE TO INCIDENT LATE EVENING AUGUST 18. ALL MORNING NEWSPAPERS IN TOKYO AUGUST 19 FRONT-PAGED GENERALLY FACTUAL REPORTS FROM WASHINGTON AND SEOUL ON PAMUNJOM INCIDENT (SOME CONTAINED STORY ONE NORTH KOREAN KILLED). AFTERNOON PRESS PUBLISHED STRAIGHT-FORWARD ACCOUNTS OF US STATEMENT DEPLORING MURDERS BUT PLACED THEM ON PAGE TWO OR FURTHER INSIDE PAPER.

2. FONOFF SOURCES SAY THAT VICE MINISTER SATO IS OUT OF TOWN TODAY AND WILL NOT GIVE HIS USUAL 5 PM PRESS BRIEFING. FONOFF SPOKESMAN DEALING WITH PRESS EARLIER IN DAY CONFINED HIMSELF TO STATEMENT THAT GOJ FOLLOWING SITUATION CAREFULLY AND KEEPING INCLOSE TOUCH WITH US EMBASSY.

3. STORY BROKE TOO LATE TO PERMIT PREPARATION OF EDITORIAL COMMENT TODAY. ONLY MEDIA COMMENT WE AWARE OF SO FAR COMES FROM YOMIURI TV NEWSCASTER, WHO DESCRIBED US STATEMENT AS STRONGEST ON KOREA SINCE FORD BECAME PRESIDENT. WE EXPECT MORE COMMENT TOMORROW, ESPECIALLY AFTER MORE BECOMES KNOWN OF US REACTION.
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SUBJ: KOREAN AUGMENTATION-PRESS GUIDANCE
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1. FONOFF HAS PREPARED PRESS GUIDANCE RE F-4 DEPLOYMENT FOR USE IN RESPONDING TO EXPECTED QUESTIONS AS FOLLOWS:
 2. PRIOR NOTIFICATION. GUIDANCE STATES THAT US EMBASSY INFORMED FONOFF ABOUT NOON AUGUST 19 LOCAL. RESPONSE WILL STRESS THAT USG NOTIFICATION REFERRED TO SQUADRON MOVE FROM KADENA TO AN AIR BASE IN KOREA.
 3. PRIOR CONSULTATIONS. GUIDANCE NOTES THAT SQUADRON MOVE DID NOT CONSTITUTE COMBAT OPERATION FROM JAPAN SINCE IT INVOLVED ONLY A MOVE TO AN AIRBASE IN KOREA, THUS PRIOR CONSULTATIONS NOT REQUIRED UNDER MST.
 4. REASONS FOR DEPLOYMENT. GUIDANCE WILL NOTE THAT THIS INVOLVES USG POLICY MATTERS, THAT GOJ WISHES TO AVOID EXPLAINING THE REASONS, BUT THAT GOJ BELIEVES THE DEPLOYMENT IS RELATED TO THE AUGUST 18 DMZ INCIDENT.
 5. GUIDANCE WILL BE USED ONLY ON AN IF ASKED BASIS.
 6. FONOFF AGAIN EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR TIMELY INFO AND ASKED THAT IT BE KEPT INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS.
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REASON FOR WITHDRAWAL National security restriction
TYPE OF MATERIAL Telegram
CREATOR'S NAME American Embassy Seoul
RECEIVER'S NAME Secretary of State
TITLE JSA Incident Follow-up - Status Report
August 19
DESCRIPTION re Panmunjom Incident
CREATION DATE 08/19/1976
VOLUME 2 pages
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CREATOR'S NAME American Embassy Tokyo
RECEIVER'S NAME Secretary of State
TITLE Korean Augmentation
DESCRIPTION re Panmunjom Incident
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TAGS: MARR, MOPS, KS, KN, US
SUBJECT: FONMIN'S LETTER TO CINCUNC ON DMZ INCIDENT
FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER WHICH GENERAL STILWELL RECEIVED
AUGUST 19 FROM FONMIN PAK TONG-CHIN:
BEGIN QUOTE:

1. I HASTEN TO EXPRESS MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY OVER
THE MOST TRAGIC INCIDENT WHICH TOOK PLACE YESTERDAY AT PAN-
MUNJON DUE TO THE PREMEDITATED PROVOCATION BY
COMMUNIST NORTH KOREA.

2. I WAS GREATLY SHOCKED AT THE SAD NEWS OF BRUTAL MURDER
OF SOME MILITARY PERSONNEL OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND
WHO ENGAGED IN A PEACEFUL WORK AT THE JOINT SECURITY AREA,
PANMUNJON, AND CANNOT HELP BUT EXPRESS OUR OWN
INDIGNATION AGAINST THE INHUMAN ACT OF THE COMMUNIST SOLDIERS
AND THEIR SERIOUS VIOLATION OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT.

3. THE CALCULATED HOSTILE ACT BY NORTH KOREA APPEARS TO BE
LINKED TO ITS RECENT FAILURE AT THE COLOMBO SUMMIT CONFERENCE
ON NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES IN ITS SCHEME TO PORTRAY THE
UNITED STATES AS AN IMPERIALISTIC POWER ATTEMPTING TO WAGE
A WAR ON NORTH KOREA IN COLLABORATION WITH THE REPUBLIC
OF KOREA. THE INCIDENT SEEMS ALSO LINKED TO THE NORTH
KOREAN STRATEGY AT THE FORTHCOMING 31ST SESSION OF THE
UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY WITH REGARD TO THE KOREAN
QUESTION.

4. I AM CERTAIN THAT THE UGLY SCHEME OF THE NORTH KOREAN
COMMUNISTS CANNOT SUCCEED, TO THE CONTRARY, THEY WILL ONLY

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IMPRESS THE WORLD ON THEIR NAKED AGGRESSIVENESS AGAINST PEACE-LOVING COUNTRIES SUCH AS THE UNITED STATES AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA. FURTHERMORE, THEIR DESPERATE ACTS TO HEIGHTEN TENSIONS ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA CALL FOR CONTINUED VIGILANCE ON OUR PART AGAINST THE SINISTER MANEUVERS OF NORTH KOREA IN THE FUTURE.

5. ONCE AGAIN I EXTEND MY PROFOUND CONDOLENCES TO YOU AND TO THE BEREAVED FAMILIES OF THE INNOCENT VICTIMS WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED SO MUCH TO THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND SECURITY ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA.

6. WITH WARMEST PERSONAL REGARDS, SINCERELY
YOURS, PAK TONG-CHIN, END QUOTE,
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SUBJECT: MOFA BRIEFED ON DMZ INCIDENT
POLCOUNS AUGUST 19 CALLED ON AMERICAN AFFAIRS BUREAU DIRECTOR
PAK SANG-YONG AND PROVIDED HIM FULL BRIEFING ON EVENTS WHICH
OCCURED JSA AUGUST 18. AFTER EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES PAK ASKED
SEVERAL QUESTIONS ABOUT EXACT SEQUENCE OF EVENTS, OBVIOUSLY
REFLECTING MOFA AND OTHER ROKG INTEREST AND CONCERN. HE QUESTIONED
POLCOUNS SEVERAL TIMES ON PLANS TO COMPLETE THE TREE PRUNING
JOB TO RAISE QUESTION IN UN AND TO GIVE WORLDWIDE PUBLICITY
TO NORTH KOREAN ACTION. POLCOUNS GAVE GENERAL ANSWERS
INDICATING THESE MATTERS WERE UNDER CAREFUL REVIEW. PAK
SAID INFORMATION REGARDING INCIDENT HAD BEEN CIRCULATED TO
KEY ROK EMBASSIES OVERSEAS. HE SAID MOFA WAS EXAMINING WAYS
TO FURTHER EXPLOIT THIS EVIDENCE OF NORTH KOREAN
AGGRESSIVENESS.
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SECRETARY KISSINGER.

Q: HOW CLOSELY IN TOUCH WITH THE SITUATION WAS THE PRESIDENT KEPT IN KANSAS CITY? DID THE SECRETARY AND THE PRESIDENT DISCUSS THE SITUATION PERSONALLY?

A: THE PRESIDENT WAS KEPT IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH THE SITUATION AND DISCUSSED IT PERSONALLY WITH THE SECRETARY.

Q: HAVE WE NOTICED ANY INCREASED NORTH KOREAN MILITARY ACTIVITY IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THEIR FORCES HAVE GONE INTO A WAR POSTURE?

A: I AM NOT IN A POSITION TO GO INTO WHAT WE HAVE OBSERVED WITH REGARD TO THE MILITARY POSTURE OF THE NORTH KOREANS, BUT YOU PROBABLY ALREADY KNOW THAT NORTH KOREA TODAY ANNOUNCED THAT IT HAS ORDERED ITS ARMY AND MILITIA INTO FULL COMBAT READINESS.

Q: HAVE THE NORTH KOREANS ANNOUNCED THIS KIND OF WAR POSTURE STATUS BEFORE?

A: AS FAR AS WE CAN DETERMINE, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT THE NORTH KOREANS HAVE PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED SUCH AN ALERT.

Q: ANNOUNCEMENT ASIDE, HAS THE US EVER OBSERVED A MILITARY POSTURE EQUIVALENT TO WHAT THE NORTH KOREANS ARE NOW TAKING?

A: AS I HAVE JUST TOLD YOU, I AM NOT IN A POSITION TO DESCRIBE OUR OBSERVATIONS OF THE NORTH KOREAN MILITARY POSTURE.

Q: HOW DO WE ASSESS THE GRAVITY OF THE PANMUNJOM INCIDENT?

A: I WOULD JUST REITERATE WHAT WE SAID IN OUR OFFICIAL STATEMENT YESTERDAY: THAT THE USG CONSIDERS THESE ACTS OF MURDER A SERIOUS VIOLATION OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT. FURTHER, WE VIEW THIS BRUTAL AND UNPROVOKED ASSAULT WITH GRAVITY AND CONCERN, AND WE WARN THE NORTH KOREANS THAT SUCH VIOLENT, BELLIGERENT ACTIONS CANNOT BE TOLERATED. I WOULD REITERATE THAT NORTH KOREA MUST BEAR FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL THE CONSEQUENCES OF ITS ACTIONS. END QUOTE.

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SUBJECT: PANMUNJOM INCIDENT: PRESS GUIDANCE

FOLLOWING GUIDANCE HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO DEPARTMENT SPOKES-
MAN FOR USE IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS:

QUOTE:

Q: HAVE WE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS REGARDING
THE PANMUNJOM INCIDENT?

A: WE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH A NUMBER OF APPROPRIATE
GOVERNMENTS. WE CANNOT SPECIFY WHICH OR GO INTO THE NATURE
OF OUR COMMUNICATION.

Q: HAS THE PRESIDENT OR THE SECRETARY SENT ANY PERSONAL
MESSAGES TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS?

A: NO.

Q: HOW LONG WILL WE REMAIN ON ALERT STATUS?

A: THAT DEPENDS ON THE SITUATION AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS.

Q: WHERE AND BY WHOM WAS THE DECISION TAKEN TO GO ON
ALERT STATUS?

A: BY THE PRESIDENT FOLLOWING A WASAG MEETING CHAIRED BY

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RECEIVER'S NAME CINCUNC Seoul Korea, et al
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TYPE OF MATERIAL Telegram
CREATOR'S NAME COMUSKOREA
RECEIVER'S NAME CINCPAC
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1. (S) OVERALL ASSESSMENT: AS A RESULT OF THE UNPROVOKED, BRUTAL MURDER OF TWO U.S. OFFICERS DURING THE 18 AUG JSA INCIDENT, CINCUNC/COMUSKOREA DECLARED DEFCON THREE AT 190200Z. ATTAINMENT OF ALL FORCES IS EXPECTED NLT 210200Z. 379TH MAC MEETING TOOK PLACE 190700Z-190835Z AUG. NO VIOLENCE OR UNUSUAL INCIDENTS REPORTED. UNC OPENED MEETING WITH STATEMENT STRONGLY CONDEMNING THE 18 AUG INCIDENT. KPA RESPONDED WITH DISTORTIONS OF FACT AND COMMENCED LONG STATEMENT ALLEGING NUMEROUS UN PROVOCATIONS, VIOLENCE, INTRODUCTION OF ILLEGAL AIRCRAFT, AND MOVEMENT OF AIRCRAFT FROM OKINAWA TO KOREA. UNC REPLIED THAT WE CALLED THE MEETING TO DISCUSS SPECIFIC CHARGES REGARDING THE MURDER OF TWO U.S. PERSONNEL. THE MEETING WAS TERMINATED AFTER SUMMARIES BY BOTH SIDES AND A WARNING BY KPA THAT WAR COULD BREAK OUT AT ANY TIME. AT 190823Z AUG PYONGYANG RADIO STATED THAT THE "KPA SUPREME COMMANDER HAS ORDERED ALL KPA UNITS, ALL PERSONNEL OF THE WORKER-PEASANT MILITIAMEN AND THE RED GUARD YOUTH UNITS TO ENTER INTO WAR POSTURE." GENERAL ASSESSMENT: SITUATION IS TENSE AND SERIOUS.

2. (S-NFD) INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY: AT 190823Z RADIO PYONGYANG, CITING THE "EMERGENCY ALERT OF U.S. ARMY UNITS IN SOUTH KOREA", ANNOUNCED A KPA SUPREME COMMAND ORDER PLACING ALL KPA UNITS AS WELL AS PARAMILITARY RESERVE UNITS, IN A "WAR POSTURE". GROUND

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ACTIVITY DURING THE PERIOD REFLECTED INCREASED VEHICLE AND TRACKED VEHICLE MOVEMENT SIGHTINGS IN THE KAESONG AREA.

A. GROUND: GROUND FORCE ACTIVITY REMAINED SEASONABLY NORMAL THROUGHOUT THE DAY. COMMENCING IN LATE AFTERNOON, INCREASED VEHICULAR MOVEMENT WAS REPORTED AS A RESULT OF VISUAL AND GSR OBSERVATIONS. IN THE KAESONG AREA AT 1729I, RADAR DETECTED FIFTY MILITARY PERSONNEL TRACKED VEHICLES VICINITY BS 798919; AT 1940I, FOUR ZIL-150'S WERE SIGHTED TOWING FOUR 100MM FIELD GUNS VICINITY BS 930 979; AT 2050I TWELVE UNIDENTIFIED TRACKED VEHICLES WERE SIGHTED VICINITY BT 991 068 MOVING EAST; AND, AT 2054I, TWELVE UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES MOVING SOUTHWEST VICINITY BT 982 058.

THOUGH UNUSUAL, THE INCREASED ACTIVITY MIGHT REASONABLY BE EXPECTED AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE "WAR POSTURE" ORDERED BY THE KPA SUPREME COMMAND EARLIER TODAY.

B. NAVAL: (S/NFD) NORTH KOREAN NAVY (NKN) ACTIVITY HAS BEEN NORMAL DURING THE PAST 24 HOURS. NO UNUSUAL DEPLOYMENTS OR FORCE BUILD-UP HAS BEEN DETECTED OFF EITHER COAST.

C. AIR: (S/NFD) NORTH KOREAN AIR FORCE (NKAF) FLIGHT ACTIVITY WAS LOW WITH THE ONLY FLYING REFLECTED BEING CIVIL AIR BUREAU LI-2'S CONDUCTING DOMESTIC FLIGHTS. VERY POOR FLYING WEATHER IN NORTH KOREA DURING ENTIRE PERIOD. IT WAS REPORTED THE BEGINNING AT APPROXIMATELY 1200I, NKAF FORCES ASSUMED AN INCREASED READINESS POSTURE AT THE FOLLOWING AIRFIELDS: ONCHON, CHANGJIN, HWANGJU, KOKSAN, PUKCHANG, HOEMIN-NI, UIJU, WONSAN, SINHUSONG, SUNAN, AND TAETAN. AT 1520I, PYONGGANG SAM SITE WAS REFLECTED ASSUMING AN INCREASED ALERT POSTURE IN PROBABLE REACTION TO A GIANT SCALE MISSION BEING FLOWN OVER THE ROK.

D. THREAT ASSESSMENT: ALTHOUGH NORTH KOREA HAS INCREASED ITS ALERT POSTURE, NO LARGE SCALE MILITARY UNIT MOVES OR REINFORCEMENT OF DMZ UNITS HAVE BEEN DETECTED. THE ALERT IS AN OVERT, WELL PUBLICIZED MOVE; HOWEVER, THE ACT IS A HIGHLY UNUSUAL EVENT, APPARENTLY TAKEN IN RESPONSE TO THE INCREASED ALERT STATUS OF U.S. FORCES. REPOSITIONING AND REINFORCEMENT OF DMZ UNITS AND INCREASED ACTIVITY ON THE PART OF THE AIR AND NAVAL UNITS MAY BE EXPECTED.

3. (S) OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

A. GROUND: APPROXIMATELY NINETY FIVE PERCENT OF GROUND UNITS HAVE ATTAINED DEFCON THREE.

B. NAVAL:

(1) DEFCON THREE ATTAINED 191610Z BY CNFK STAFF, POHANG DETACHMENT AND CHINHAE FAC. ROKN/ROKMC UNITS UNDER CNFK OPCON WILL ATTAIN WITHIN NEXT 24 HOURS. WITH EXCEPTION OF ACTIONS TAKEN TO ATTAIN DEFCON THREE, NO SIGNIFICANT OPS/ACTIVITIES HAVE TAKEN PLACE.

(2) TG 77.4 CONSISTING OF MIDWAY, GRIDLEY, COOK, HAMMOND, AND KIRK PLACED ON ALERT TO DEPLOY TO KOREA STRAIT ETD 202300Z, ASSEMBLY SEA OF JAPAN 48 HOURS AFTER DEPARTURE YOKOSUKA.

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C. AIR

(1) FORCE GENERATION POSTURE IS AS FOLLOWS:

(A) USAF

BASE	NR/TYPE ACFT	ALERT STATUS
OSAN	4/F4E	0:10 (AIR DEF)
OSAN	4/F4E	0:30 (AIR DEF)
OSAN	4/OV-10 (2NITE)	0:10
OSAN	4/OV-10 (2NITE)	1 HOUR
KUNSAN	4/F4D	0:15 (CLOSE AIR SPT)
KUNSAN	8/F4D	1 HOUR (CLOSE AIR SPT)
KUNSAN	2/F4C	0:15 (WILD WEASEL)

(B) ROKAF AIR DEFENSE

KIMPO	2/F86	0:05
KANGNUNG	4/F5A	0:05
KWANGJU	6/F5A/E	0:05
KWANGJU	12/F5A/E	0:15
KWANGJU	2/F86	0:05
KWANGJU	4/F86	0:15
SEOUL	2/F86	0:05
SEOUL	4/F86	0:15
SUWON	2/F4D (DAY&NIGHT)	0:08
SUWON	4/F5A/E	0:03
SUWON	2/F5A/E	0:05
TAEGU	4/F4D (DAY&NIGHT)	0:08
TAEGU	6/F4D (DAY&NIGHT)	0:15
KUNSAN	4/F86F	0:08
KUNSAN	2/F86F	0:15
KUNSAN	4/F4D (DAY&NIGHT)	0:10
OSAN	8/F4E (DAY&NIGHT)	0:10
OSAN	8/F4E	0:15

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KANGNUNG	4/F5A/B	1 HOUR
SEOUL	8/F86	1 HOUR
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KWANGJU	4/F5A/B	1 HOUR
KUNSAN	4/F86	1 HOUR
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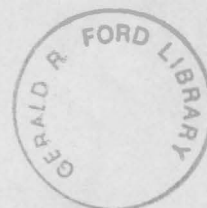
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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT PAK SPEAKS OUT ON PANMUNJOM INCIDENT
 BEGIN SUMMARY: PRESIDENT SHARPLY ATTACKS NORTH KOREA FOR
 COLLECTIVE MURDER. END SUMMARY.

1. ON AUGUST 20, MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE SO CHONG-CHOL
 READ MILITARY ACADEMY COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS BY PRESIDENT PAK IN
 WHICH HE DESCRIBED PANMUNJOM INCIDENT OF AUGUST 18, CALLING
 NORTH KOREAN INVOLVEMENT "COLLECTIVE MURDER".

2. AT GRADUATION CEREMONY OF ROK THIRD MILITARY ACADEMY,
 PRESIDENT'S SPEECH SAID "A MAD DOG NEEDS A STICK" AND THERE
 IS NO REASON THAT (ROK) ALWAYS HAS TO BE UNILATERALLY
 PROVOKED BY NORTH KOREANS. HE SAID "OUR PATIENCE IS LIMITED,
 FROM NOW ON, IF THEY COMMIT UNLAWFUL PROVOCATIONS AGAINST US,
 WE WILL HAVE TO TAKE IMMEDIATE PUNITIVE ACTIONS, WHETHER SMALL
 OR LARGE, AND ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS SHALL BE BORNE BY
 NORTH KOREAN COMMUNISTS THEMSELVES."

3. PAK ALSO SUGGESTED IN SPEECH THAT SUCH PROVOCATIONS AS ONE
 AT PANMUNJOM WERE NORTH KOREAN MEANS OF CONCEALING ITS
 "ECONOMIC BANKRUPTCY" AND ITS "SERIOUS (INTERNAL) POWER
 STRUGGLE." HE SAID THAT NORTH HAS SENT ARMED AGENTS SOUTH TO
 DESTROY ROK DEFENSES BUT FAILED, AND ALSO NOTED MACHINE GUN
 FIRING BY NORTH KOREAN GUARDS ON AUGUST 5.

4. IN SUMMARY, HE ASKED ROK PEOPLE TO BUILD UP TOTAL
 SECURITY SYSTEM AND THAT ALL SHOULD UNIFY INCLUDING "FRONT,



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REAR, OLD AND YOUNG" TO DEFEND FATHERLAND,

5. SPEECH WAS GIVEN PROMINENT COVERAGE BY AUGUST 20
AFTERNOON PRESS BUT EDITORIAL OPINION HAS NOT YET EMERGED.
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