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SUMMARY: DURING APRIL 30 MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR, PRESIDENT

PARK SET FORTH HIS DETERMINATION DEVELOP KOREAN MISSILE

PRODUCTION CAPAGILITY. ADDITIONALLY, HE OUTLINED STRATEGY

OF COUNTERACTING WORTH KOREAN AIR SUPERIORITY WITH MISSILE

ATTACKS ON NORTH KOREAN AIR FIELDS AND MAJOR POPULATION POLICIES WERE

CENTERS. BOTH/PREMISED ON POSSIBILITY US FORCES WITHDRAWAL

FROM KOREA. AMBASSADOR URGED, AND PRESIDENT AGREED, FULL

CONSULTATIONS WITH USG ON BOTH SUBJECTS. END SUMMARY,

FOLLOWING DISCUSSION OF POSTPONEMENT I CORPS DISESTAB.

LISHMENT (REFTEL), PRESIDENT PARK RAISED WITH ME US FAILURE

TO AGREE TO LOCKHEED PROPELLANT PLANT. I POINTED OUT USG

HAD RECEIVED NUMBER OF SEPARATE REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE \_

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IN KOREA. THESE REQUESTS OFTEN KNAMER INVOLVED EXPORT

OF HIGH TECHNOLOGY, XXXXXXXX RATHER THAN HARDWARE, WHICH

USG CLOSELY CONTROLLED EVEN TO MORE ADVANCED COUNTRIES

SUCH AS JAPAN AND WESTERN EUROPE. US HAS STRONG COMPETI
TIVE ADVANTAGE IN THIS FIELD WHICH WE WISH TO RETAIN. IN

REQUESTS,

CASE OF KOREAN KNAMESKY WE HAD NO CLEAR CONCEPT OF LONGER

TERM KOREAN PLANS TO PROVIDE A BASIS FOR MUTUALLY AGREEABLE

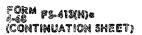
I ASSISTANCE. MK SUGGESTED THAT, WITH A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING

OKKNOMENSK OF KOREAN PLANS, MXEXX DECISIONS ON INDIVIDUAL

ITEMS MIGHT BE FACILITATED.

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- 4. IN DESCRIBING HIS BROADER PLANS FOR DEFENSE PRODUCTION,
  PRESIDENT STATED THAT:
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- A. ROKG HAS/NXXX REPEAT NO PLANS TO DEVELOP NUCLEAR WEAPONS:
- B. ROKG DOES NOT PLAN TO DEVELOP LATEST TYPE FIGHTER
  MILITARY AIRCRAFT, BUT IS INTERESTED IN CO-ASSEMBLY PROJECTS
  IF
  AND THE FINANCIAL COSTS ARE NOT MAKE MUCH GREATER THAN BUYING
  AIRCRAFT DIRECTLY FROM US PRODUCTION:
- C. IN OTHER AREAS OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT, ROKG WISHES DEVELOP ITS ON CAPABILITIES AND IS WK HAVING SOME SUCCESS ALREADY.
- 5. PRESIDENT PARK THEN EXPLAINED HIGH PRIORITY GIVEN TO

  MISSILE CAPABILITY. IN FIRST PLACE, NORTH KOREA HAS
  AND ROK NEEDS RETALIATORY WEAPONS.

  MISSILES CAPABLE OF ATTACKING SECUL! SECONDLY, NORTH KOREA

  HAS CONSIDERABLY MORE FIGHTER AIRCRAFT THAN ROKG WITH

  NUMBERS INCREASING. WHILE ROKG AIR FORCE EXPANDING, IT
  NUMBER OF MATCHING HORTH KENEMENTERS KOREAN AIRCRAFT

  HAS NO HOPE OF MATCHING/NORTH KENEMENTERS DUE TO HIGH

  COST. CENAMECRAFICX ONLY ALTERNATIVE FOR ROKG IS MISSILES

  TO COUNTER NORTH KOREAN AIR FORCE SUPERIORITY WITH RANGE,

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NORTH KOREAN AIR FIELDS. THUS, IF NORTH KOREA LAUNCHES SURPRISE ATTACK, ROK WILL COUNTER NOT WITH AIRCRAFT WXX BUT WITH MISSILES. FINALLY, ROK MISSILE CAPABILITY SHOULD IN FACT BE SUFFICIENT TO CONTAIN AND PREVENT NORTH KOREAN ATTACK.

- IN CONCLUSION PARK STATED THAT ROKG IS DETERMINED TO BUILD UP SELF-RELIANCEXX/DEFENSE PRODUCTION, PARTICULARLY TO PREPARE FOR DAY WHEN US LEAVES. MISSILE CAPABILITY, SHURKRYNSKYRSKXX/ ROKG EXPECTS FULL MEASURE OF US SUPPORT FOR THESE KAK PLANS. I SOUGHT TO COUNTER AGAIN PARK'S CONCERNS REGARDING US WITHDRAWAL AND SUGGESTED THAT, RATHER THAN MAKING ANY INITIAL COMMENT ON HIS MISSILE STRATEGY, THIS SUBJECT SHOULD BE DISCUSSED AT THE FORTHCOMING SECURITY CONSULTATIVE MEETING. GIVEN ITS IMPORTANCE AND MAJOR US MILITARY INVOLVEMENT IN KOREA, STRATEGY DECISIONS OF THIS NATURE SHOULD BE SUBJECT TO MUTUAL AGREEMENT. PARK INDICATED HIS HASTE TO MOVE AHEAD MORE RAPIDLY AND SAID THAT HE WOULD ASK DEFENSE MINISTER TO BRIEF ME ON THIS STRATEGY IN GREATER DETAIL SO THAT I MIGHT INFORM WASHINGTON QUICKLY.
- COMMENT: IN THIS AND PREVIOUS CONVERSATION PRESIDENT PARK HAS UNVEILED MORE EXPLICITLY HIS PROGRAM FOR DEVELOPING

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ONCE MORE HE HAS MADE CLEAR HIS EXPECTATION OF PROBABLE

TOREAN SELF-RELIANCE ON CONTINGENCY OF US WITHDRAWAL.

WITHDRAWAL ALONG WITH PLANS FOR URGENT DEVELOPMENT OF

SELF-RELIANT DEFENSE IN DUSTRY DURING REMAINING YEARS OF

US FORCES DEPLOYMENT TO KOREA. I CAN ONLY URGE THAT THIS PARK POLICY

EXAMBLES BE GIVEN THE FULLEST AND EARLIEST CONSIDERATION

AS MAJOR ASPECT OF OVERALL KOREAN POLICY REVIEW I HAVE

PREVIOUSLY SUGGESTED. GIVEN CURRENT ATTITUDES WITHIN CANNOT IGNORE

CONGRESS, WE ASSEMBLY TO CONCERNS EITHER PARK'S CONCERNS

REGARDING US WITHDRAWAL OR HIS PLANS FOR AN ALTERNATIVE.

IT SHOULD BE FEASIBLE TO DEVELOP A US POLICY WHICH GIVES EFFECTIVE MKKN DEFENSE

MIXIOMERX CONTINGENCY OF US WITHDRAWAL, WHILE AVOIDING

RISKS OF NK-SK ESCALATION IN MISSILE AND OTHER AREAS OF HIGH TECHNOLOGY.

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