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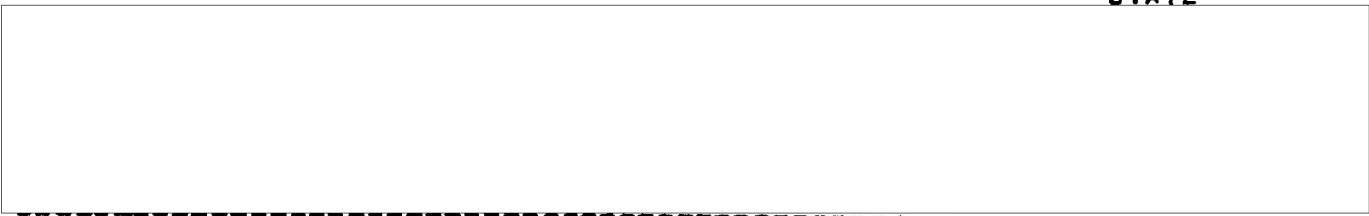
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THE FOLLOWING JOINT COMMUNIQUE WAS RELEASED TO THE PRESS AT 1100 MARCH 31 FOLLOWING THE CONCLUSION OF THE 14TH U.S.-KOREA SECURITY CONSULTATIVE MEETING.

BEGIN TEXT:

JOINT COMMUNIQUE
OF THE FOURTEENTH ANNUAL
SECURITY CONSULTATIVE MEETING
MARCH 31, 1982
SEOUL, KOREA

1. THE FOURTEENTH ANNUAL SECURITY CONSULTATIVE MEETING BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WAS HELD IN SEOUL ON MARCH 30 AND 31, 1982.

MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE CHOO YOUNG BOCK AND SECRETARY OF DEFENSE CASPAR W. WEINBERGER LED THEIR RESPECTIVE DELEGATIONS, WHICH INCLUDED SENIOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE OFFICIALS OF BOTH COUNTRIES. PRIOR TO THE MEETING, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF OF THE TWO COUNTRIES PRESIDED OVER THE ROK-U.S. MILITARY COMMITTEE MEETING ON MARCH 29, 1982.

SECRETARY WEINBERGER, DURING HIS STAY IN KOREA, PAID A COURTESY CALL ON PRESIDENT CHUN DOO HWAN. THE SECRETARY VISITED MAJOR MILITARY BASES AND OBSERVED THE ROK/U.S.

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JOINT MILITARY EXERCISE, "TEAM SPIRIT '82."

- 2. ON THE CENTENNIAL OF KOREA-UNITED STATES RELATIONS, THE TWO DELEGATIONS, NOTING WITH SATISFACTION THAT THE TRADITIONAL TIES OF SECURITY COOPERATION HAVE BEEN STEADILY PROMOTED BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, PLEDGED TO DEVELOP FURTHER SUCH COOPERATIVE RELATIONS IN THE INTERESTS OF THE PEACE AND STABILITY OF NORTHEAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC REGION.

- 3. REVIEWING THE SECURITY SITUATION IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC AREA WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE KOREAN PENINSULA, THE TWO DELEGATIONS AGREED IN THEIR APPRAISAL OF THE THREAT TO SECURITY IN THE REGION. THE DISCUSSION INCLUDED THE POSSIBLE IMPACT OF THE REGIONAL SITUATION ON THE SECURITY INTERESTS OF BOTH THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE UNITED STATES.

- IN PARTICULAR, MINISTER CHOO AND SECRETARY WEINBERGER SHARED THE VIEW THAT THE CONTINUING MILITARY BUILD-UP OF NORTH KOREA AND ITS AGGRESSIVE POSTURE POSED A MAJOR THREAT TO THE SECURITY OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AS WELL AS TO PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE REGION. IN THIS CONNECTION, THEY HAD FULL DELIBERATIONS ON COMBINED ROK/U.S. MEASURES TO DEAL EFFECTIVELY WITH THE NORTH KOREAN THREAT.

- 4. THE TWO SIDES REAFFIRMED THAT THE SECURITY OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA IS PIVOTAL TO THE PEACE AND STABILITY OF NORTHEAST ASIA AND, IN TURN, VITAL TO THE SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES.

- SECRETARY WEINBERGER, REAFFIRMING THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL REMAIN A PACIFIC POWER, REITERATED THE FIRM COMMITMENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO RENDER PROMPT AND EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE TO REPEL ARMED INVASION AGAINST THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA--WHICH CONSTITUTES A COMMON DANGER--IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE KOREA-UNITED STATES MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY OF 1954. HE ALSO CONFIRMED THAT THE UNITED STATES' NUCLEAR UMBRELLA WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SECURITY TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA.

- MINISTER CHOO AND SECRETARY WEINBERGER AGREED THAT THE REINFORCED U.S. FORCES IN KOREA NOT ONLY ATTEST TO THE UNITED STATES' FIRM RESOLVE TO HELP DEFEND KOREA, BUT RENDER A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE PEACE AND STABILITY OF NORTHEAST ASIA.

- 5. MINISTER CHOO AND SECRETARY WEINBERGER, EXPRESSING SATISFACTION WITH THE EFFECTIVE FUNCTIONING OF THE ROK/U.S. COMBINED FORCES COMMAND, AGREED TO CONTINUE COMMON EFFORTS TO ENHANCE FURTHER THE ROK/U.S. COMBINED DEFENSE CAPABILITIES.

- SECRETARY WEINBERGER OUTLINED THE ONGOING EFFORTS TO UPGRADE U.S. GROUND COMBAT FORCES AND DEPLOY A-10'S AND F-16'S IN KOREA AND PLEDGED TO CARRY ON THE MODERNIZATION OF U.S. FORCES IN KOREA.

- THE TWO SIDES AGREED TO CONTINUE TO IMPROVE THEIR EARLY WARNING CAPABILITIES, TO BROADEN THE EXCHANGE OF STRATEGIC INFORMATION AND TO FURTHER DEVELOP ROK/U.S. JOINT MILITARY EXERCISES.

- 6. MINISTER CHOO AND SECRETARY WEINBERGER REVIEWED THE PROGRESS OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA'S FORCE IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE KOREAN DEFENSE INDUSTRY. MINISTER CHOO AND SECRETARY WEINBERGER, NOTING WITH SATISFACTION THE ROK/U.S. COOPERATION TO DATE IN THIS AREA, HAD CLOSE CONSULTATIONS ON CONCRETE STEPS TO WIDEN THE SCOPE

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OF SUCH COOPERATION.

- SECRETARY WEINBERGER ASSURED MINISTER CHOO THAT, SUBJECT TO CONSULTATIONS WITH AND THE APPROVAL OF THE CONGRESS AND OTHER APPROPRIATE AGENCIES, THE UNITED STATES WOULD CONTINUE TO SEEK TO IMPROVE THE TERMS FOR THE PROVISION OF FMS CREDITS TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA.

- MINISTER CHOO AND SECRETARY WEINBERGER AGREED TO FURTHER STEP UP MUTUAL COOPERATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF KOREAN DEFENSE INDUSTRY INCLUDING THE USE OF KOREAN FACILITIES FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF UNITED STATES DEFENSE EQUIPMENT.

- 7. MINISTER CHOO AND SECRETARY WEINBERGER AGREED TO UPDATE AND CONTINUE TO DEVELOP THE CURRENT WARTIME RESUPPLY REQUIREMENTS STUDY AND JOINTLY TO AUGMENT STOCKPILES OF WAR RESERVE MATERIEL WITH A VIEW TO ENHANCING COMBAT READINESS IN THE EVENT OF A CONTINGENCY ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA. TO THIS END, THEY SIGNED AN AGREEMENT COVERING THE EXPEDITIOUS TRANSFER OF WAR MATERIEL TO THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT IN THE EVENT OF EMERGENCY.

- 8. MINISTER CHOO AND SECRETARY WEINBERGER SHARED THE VIEW THAT IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF LASTING PEACE ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA TO EASE TENSIONS AND CREATE AN ATMOSPHERE FOR NATIONAL RECONCILIATION THROUGH DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE SOUTH AND THE NORTH OF KOREA.

- PARTICULARLY, SECRETARY WEINBERGER EXPRESSED HIS FULL SUPPORT FOR THE FAR-REACHING *PROPOSAL FOR DEMOCRATIC REUNIFICATION THROUGH NATIONAL RECONCILIATION* PUT FORWARD BY PRESIDENT CHUN DOO HWAN ON JANUARY 22, 1982.

- 9. BOTH SIDES RECONFIRMED THAT THE EFFECTIVE FUNCTIONING OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND AS A PEACE KEEPING MECHANISM HOLDS CONTINUING IMPORTANCE UNTIL ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE AGREED UPON TO ENSURE LASTING PEACE ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA.

- MINISTER CHOO AND SECRETARY WEINBERGER SUPPORTED THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND'S PROPOSAL THAT EACH SIDE OF THE MILITARY ARMISTICE COMMISSION INVITE THE OTHER TO OBSERVE MAJOR MILITARY EXERCISES ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA.

- 10. THE TWO DELEGATIONS AGREED TO CONTINUE CLOSE CONSULTATIONS THROUGH THE YEAR ON SECURITY MATTERS OF MUTUAL CONCERN.

- BOTH SIDES RECONFIRMED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ANNUAL SECURITY CONSULTATIVE MEETING AND AGREED TO HOLD THE NEXT MEETING IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN 1983.

- 11. SECRETARY WEINBERGER EXPRESSED THE SINCERE APPRECIATION OF THE U.S. DELEGATION FOR THE COURTESY AND HOSPITALITY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND FOR THE EXCELLENT ARRANGEMENTS WHICH LED TO A PRODUCTIVE AND SUCCESSFUL MEETING.

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