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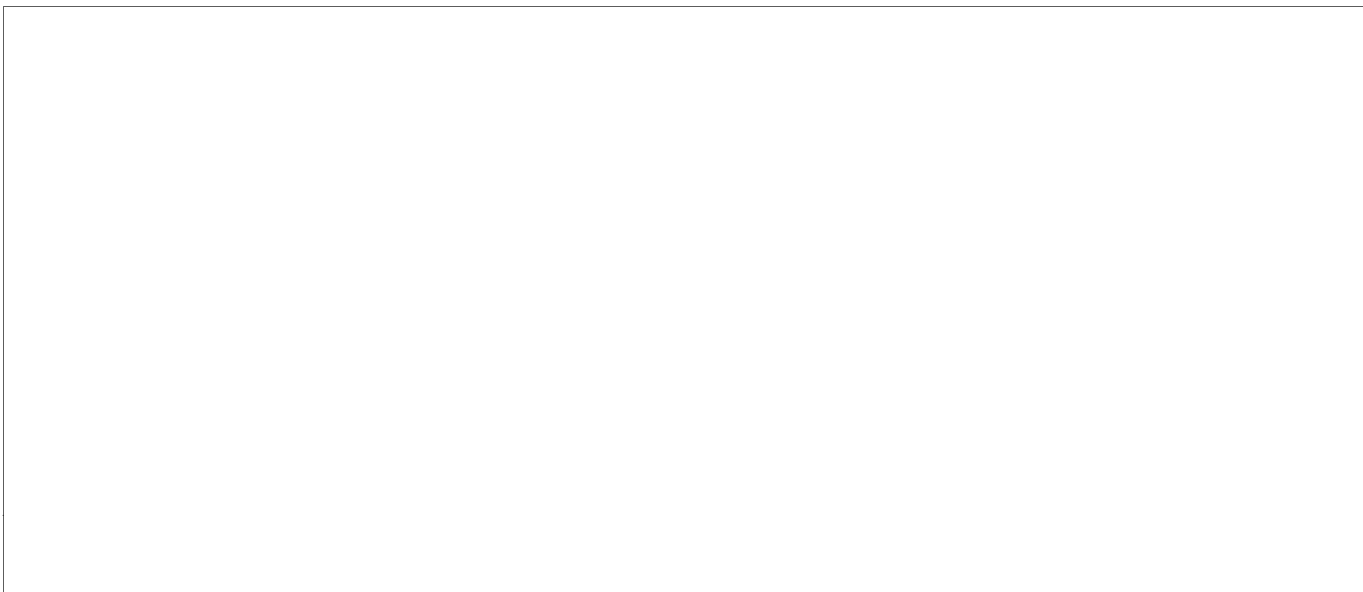
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The Comptroller General has expressed interest in having GAO examine the justification for the U.S. military presence in Korea. To answer this question we need to obtain information on the nature of the threat and comparisons between the military capabilities of North and South Korea.

We would like to interview CIA officials regarding the above. Specifically, we would like to get CIA assessments on (1) the nature and the extent of the threat posed by North Korea, (2) the military balance between the North and South, and (3) capabilities of the North and South military forces. We would also like to obtain the CIA's opinion on whether ROK forces are currently capable of deterring an initial attack from the North without existing U.S. forces currently in South Korea.

During the assignment's initial phase we identified a list of CIA documents that would be useful in our review. We would like to request the following documents:



GAO members on the assignment are Albert B. Huntington, III, Margret Gaddy, and me. I can be reached on 557-1503.

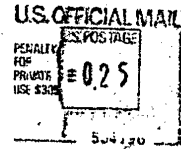
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