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Memorandum of Conversation

Korea

DATE: December 12, 1973
Place: Washington, D.C.

SUBJECT: Republic of Korea Relations with the USSR and PRC
REFERENCES: MemCons (same subject, same participants), dated
November 21 and December 3, 1973

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PARTICIPANTS: Robert E. Fillet, President, U.S.-China
Chamber of Commerce
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Mr. Fillet called me December 11 to report that he had gone over to the Republic of Korea (ROK) Embassy on December 10 to introduce his business colleague, Charles Abrams, to Minister Lee. Abrams presented a business proposal to Minister Lee for him to help put through with an appropriate party on the ROK side. The idea was to use low-cost Korean labor to rebuild used computers from the U.S. The material relating to this proposal was accepted by Lee for forwarding in the ROK diplomatic pouch.

Minister Lee again assured Fillet and Abrams of the ROK's seriousness in presenting the package described in the referenced MemCons. He then suggested that they accompany him to the ROK Ambassador's going-away party, then about to begin.

At the reception, Fillet claims that he and Abrams were introduced to the ROK Ambassador (who is returning to Seoul to become Foreign Minister) and that the Ambassador assured the two of them that he was aware of the substance of Minister Lee's conversations with them and endorsed the proposals which had been made to them on behalf of the ROK Government. The Ambassador further stated that Fillet and Abrams could count on his personal assistance and support if it should become necessary.

State Dept. review completed

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