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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: 15th US/ROK SCM (U) -- INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

(P) On 1 February 1983 you approved 13-15 April 1983 as the dates for the 15th US/Republic of Korea Security Consultative Meeting (SCM). We subsequently notified the Republic of Korea Ministry of National Defense of the dates and asked their concurrence before sending a formal invitation to ROK Minister of National Defense Yoon Sung Min.

(P) The ROKs were notified in July 1982 that the 15th SCM would be held at Fort McNair during the period 11-20 April 1983. On 25 January 1983 they were told we had recommended 13-15 April for the meeting. There was no indication these dates were not acceptable.

(P) Yoon has indicated through his military assistant that:

- a. He cannot leave Korea until 8 April.
- b. He wants to take the full ten-day tour of the U.S. which you have offered.
- c. He must return to Korea immediately after the SCM.
- d. Therefore, he would like the 15th SCM rescheduled for the week of 18-22 April 1983.

(P) We have examined the possibility of satisfying the ROK request. Because of unavailability of key U.S. personnel and convention facilities we cannot accommodate Minister Yoon's request. We intend to inform the ROKG that:

- a. We prefer to stay with the original dates of 13-15 April for the SCM.
- b. If this is not acceptable, we will then postpone the meeting and reschedule for a later time.

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