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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

THROUGH: THE UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (POLICY)

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SUBJECT: Response to Minister Choo Young Bock (U) --
ACTION MEMORANDUM

Korea

(U) At enclosure is a proposed response to Choo Young Bock, the Minister of National Defense of the Republic of Korea. A copy of his 6 April 1982 letter to you is at Tab 1.

(C) At the second plenary session of the 14th SCM you indicated to Minister Choo that you would be back to him in a few weeks on possible sites and times for the US hosted 15th SCM. Since 1983 will also be the 30th anniversary of the 1953 Armistice Agreement, it would be wise to have the SCM at a facility where adequate military support could be easily provided. East coast sites we consider adequate include the US Air Force facilities at Homestead Air Force Base, Florida; Headquarters, US Readiness Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Florida; Fort Bragg/Pope Air Force Base, North Carolina; the Norfolk-Newport News, Virginia Beach area; the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland, and the Military Academy at West Point, New York. Scheduling the meeting at one of the service academies would likely require it be done in June after the graduation exercises. The other sites, given sufficient notice, could likely accommodate the meetings anytime during the spring of 1983. Holding the meeting at the Naval Academy would satisfy a long-held ROK desire to have the SCM in the vicinity of Washington, D.C.

Recommendation:

You sign the proposed response to Minister Choo, directly under. Also request you indicate your preference for the site for the 15th SCM by checking your preference at the left. After tentative arrangements have been completed, we will prepare a letter for your signature that informs the ROKG of the meeting site. I would recommend we leave the exact dates of the meeting open until early next year.

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___ Homestead Air Force Base, Florida

___ MacDill Air Force Base, Florida

___ Fort Bragg/Pope Air Force Base, North Carolina

ALTERNATIVELY, the meeting be held at the service academy you select, in June, after graduation exercises.

___ U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland

___ U.S. Military Academy, West Point, New York

ALTERNATIVELY, the meeting be held at another site of your choosing _____.

Enclosure

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- The President is always available.

Include Count Ft. Mc Hair, or Ft Meyer?

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