



Department of State TELEGRAM

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

AN: D750067-0851

PAGE 01 SEOUL 01239 260925Z

54
ACTION 55-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 /J26 W
----- 052379

R 260804Z FEB 75
FM AMEMBASSY SEOUL
TO SECSTATE WASHDC B549

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ SEOUL 1239

EXDIS

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
TAGS: PARM
SUBJECT: NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY
REF: STATE 37797

1. AMBASSADOR CALLED ON ACTING FONMIN NO (LHO) SIN-YONG FEBRUARY 26 TO URGE EARLY ROK RATIFICATION OF NPT ALONG LINES SET FORTH REFTEL. NO SAID HE COULD ASSURE THE AMBASSADOR "THAT THE ROKG WAS MOVING QUICKLY IN THAT DIRECTION". HE ASKED THAT THIS INFORMATION BE HELD CLOSELY UNTIL DECISION HAD BEEN FINALLY APPROVED BY CABINET AND ANNOUNCED BY ORKG. AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED PLEASURE AT NO'S REMARKS AND SAID THAT ROKG ADHERENCE TO NPT WAS NOT ONLY IMPORTANT FROM STANDPOINT OF PROLIFERATION PROBLEM, BUT WOULD ALSO SERVE TO HELP ROKG IN THE UN AND THE INTERNATIONAL ARENA. IN ENSUING DISCUSSION, DIRECTOR OF MOFA INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS BUREAU HAN U-SOK, NOTED THAT ROKG WAS DISCUSSING ADDITIONAL SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENTS WITH IAEA AS WELL AS WITH CANADA AND FRANCE.

2. IN RELATED DEVELOPMENT, CANADIAN FIRST SECRETARY LONGMUIR (PROTECT) TOLD DCM FEBRUARY 26, THAT ROKG (READ PRESIDENT PAK) HAD MADE DECISION TO RATIFY NPT. DIRECTOR HAN HAD OFFICIALLY INFORMED HIM OF THIS FACT ON A CONFIDENTIAL BASIS THAT MORNING. SCENARIO AS OUTLINED BY HAN CALLED FOR ROKG NOTIFICATION OF
PAGE 02 SEOUL 01239 260925Z

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DECLASSIFIED
NW47053
DM/Amw 21 Nov 2011

KODAK

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DECISION TO US AND UK IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS. REQUIRED CABINET APPROVAL WOULD TAKE PLACE AT CABINET MEETING IN APRIL. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT, DESIGNED TO OBTAIN MAXIMUM FAVORABLE IMPACT IN TERMS ROKG INTERNATIONAL POSITION VIS-A-VIZ NORTH KOREA, KOREA, WOULD FOLLOW. ROKG NOT YET CERTAIN AS TO EXACT TIMING, BUT ACCORDING TO HAN ROKG APPARENTLY NOW FEELS THAT ANNOUNCEMENT AT FORTHCOMING NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE WOULD APPEAR MOST PROPITIOUS OPPORTUNITY. ROKG WOULD THEREAFTER PROCEED AT LEISURELY PACE WITH RATIFICATION PROCESS TO AVOID IMPRESSION THAT IT ACTING UNDER ANY PRESSURE. THIS PRESUMABLY WOULD MEAN PASSAGE OF RATIFICATION BILL AT NEXT REGULAR SESSION BY NATIONAL ASSEMBLY THIS FALL. IN ACTUALITY, LONGMUIR SAID CANADIAN EMBASSY THOUGHT PRESIDENT MADE DECISION LARGELY BECAUSE OF CANADIAN PRESSURE IN CONNECTION WITH CANDU REACTOR SALE.

3. LONGMUIR SAID CANA
PUT TO WITHHOLD INFORMATION REGARDING ROKG DECISION SINCE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT UNDER SEVERE PRESSURE IN PARLIAMENT TO JUSTIFY CANDU SALE TO COUNTRY WHICH MIGHT HAVE NUCLEAR WEAPONS POTENTIAL. HE THOUGHT IT NOT ENTIRELY IMPOSSIBLE, THEREFORE, THAT NEWS OF ROKG DECISION MIGHT BE DISCREETLY LEAKED.
SNEIDER

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

**NATIONAL
SECURITY
ARCHIVE**

This document is from the holdings of:

The National Security Archive

Suite 701, Gelman Library, The George Washington University

2130 H Street, NW, Washington, D.C., 20037

Phone: 202/994-7000, Fax: 202/994-7005, nsarchiv@gwu.edu