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DEPT PLEASE PASS TAIPEI FOR ASST SEC HABIB AND ~~THE~~ OTHER POSTS AS DESIRED.

1. ASST SEC HABIB MET DECEMBER 9 WITH PRESIDENT PARK TO BRIEF HIM ON RESULTS OF PRESIDENT ~~KWEN~~ FORD'S VISIT TO EAST ASIA. AMBASSADOR, FOREIGN MINISTER, PRESIDENTIAL SECRETARY GENERAL AND INTERPRETER WERE ALSO PRESENT.
2. HABIB BRIEFED PARK ON RESULTS OF PRESIDENT'S TRIP IN CONTEXT BROAD US ASIAN STRATEGY, POINTING OUT USG DESIRE KEEP PRESIDENT PARK INFORMED, ESPECIALLY WITH RESPECT RELATIONS WITH PRC. HABIB BRIEFING WAS IN ACCORDANCE WITH GENERAL OUTLINE APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY. AFTER REVIEWING OTHER ASPECTS OF PEKING TALKS, HE DISCUSSED ~~HE SAID~~ PRC VIEWS ON KOREA. /~~THE~~ PRC CLEARLY DID NOT WANT TO DISCUSS KOREA AT GREAT LENGTH AND GAVE NO SIGN OF ITS

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WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS ~~THESE~~ FUTURE RELATIONS WITH  
FORUM.  
KOREA IN ANY ~~FORM~~ WE, ON OTHER HAND, MADE CLEAR THAT  
WE WERE PREPARED TO TALK WITH NORTH KOREA ONLY WITH ROK  
PRESENT, AND THAT WE WOULD FULFILL OUR COMMITMENT TO  
ROK. IN INTERESTING NUANCE ON KOREA, VICE PREMIER TWICE  
CLEARLY INDICATED PRC DOES NOT EXPECT NORTH KOREAN ATTACK.  
FROM THIS, WE BELIEVE PRC IS ASSERTING MODERATED INFLUENCE  
ON NORTH KOREA IN THIS REGARD, ALTHOUGH NOT WILLING AT THIS  
TIME TO PLAY ROLE IN PROCESS OF IMPROVING SITUATION THROUGH  
NEW ARRANGEMENTS.

3. PRESIDENT PARK ASKED WHETHER, FROM THIS CONVERSATION,  
PRC APPEARED TO WANT TO MAINTAIN PRESENT SITUATION. HABIB  
RESPONDED THAT PRC APPARENTLY ACCEPTS PRESENT STATUS QUO  
SINCE IT WISHES NO PROBLEMS ~~W~~ EITHER WITH US OR USSR. PARK  
COMMENTED THAT, FROM LONG HISTORY OF RELATIONS WITH CHINA,  
KOREANS BELIEVE THAT WHAT PEKING SAYS PUBLICLY CAN BE DIFFERENT  
FROM THEIR INNERMOST VIEWS. WHILE THEY DO NOT URGE PRIVATELY  
DO  
THAT US TROOPS WITHDRAW FROM ROK, AND IN HEART/NOT WANT THIS,  
CHINESE STILL PUBLICLY ASK FOR US WITHDRAWAL. THUS ROK DOES  
NOT TAKE PRC PUBLIC STATEMENTS AT FACE VALUE.

4. PARK THEN COMMENTED THAT ROK DOES NOT EXPECT NORTH  
KOREA TO LAUNCH AN ATTACK AND ALSO AGREED THAT IT IS NOT

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DESIRED BY PRC. HE ASKED, HOWEVER, IF WE HAD ASKED CHINESE ~~WHEN~~  
 KOREA  
 WHAT THEY WOULD DO IF NORTH ~~KOREA~~ LAUNCHED AN ATTACK WITHOUT  
 CONSULTATION WITH PRC. HABIB RESPONDED CHINESE NOT LIKELY  
 ANSWER SUCH A QUESTION, BUT IN THEIR VIEW THIS NOT A PROBLEM,  
 ONCE <sup>A</sup>  
~~THEY STATE THAT~~ NORTH KOREAN ATTACK IS NOT EX-  
 PECTED, WHICH MEANS IN EFFECT THAT THEY ARE ASSERTING ~~MODERATED~~  
~~INFLUENCE~~ A MODERATING INFLUENCE.

HAS  
~~THE~~ PRC ~~HAVE~~ NOT GONE THIS FAR IN PREVIOUS CONVERSATIONS  
 WITH US.

5.  
~~HE~~ HABIB THEN REVIEWED BRIEFLY VISITS TO INDONESIA AND  
 PHILIPPINES, AS WELL AS SECRETARY'S TALKS WITH JAPANESE  
 LEADERS DECEMBER 8. HE MENTIONED BRIEF DISCUSSION OF  
 KOREA WITH JAPANESE, WHO PREPARED TO BE RELAXED AND PATIENT  
 VIEW AS CHANGING SITUATION.  
 AND NOT ~~TO TAKE~~ UN RESOLUTIONS. JAPANESE HAD  
 TO TAKE  
 AGREED THERE NO URGENCY ~~TO TAKE~~ FURTHER STEPS RE UN. IT  
 WAS MADE CLEAR TO JAPANESE THAT IN ANY DISCUSSION OF KOREAN  
 SECURITY, ROK MUST PARTICIPATE, WHICH JAPANESE DID NOT  
 CHALLENGE. HABIB ~~HE~~ ALSO TOLD PARK THAT JAPAN WOULD LIKE  
 CONTINUED SMOOTH RELATIONS WITH ROK.

6.  
~~HE~~ HABIB ALSO TOUCHED BRIEFLY UPON CURRENT SITUATION IN  
 INDOCHINA, THAILAND AND MALAYSIA. HE POINTED TO COMPETITION  
 BETWEEN PRC, USSR, AND VIETNAM IN INDOCHINA AREA. HE SAID

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THAILAND, IN OUR VIEW, LIKELY TO BE NEXT PRESSURE POINT,  
AS RESULT INSURGENCY  
PARTICULARLY/DURING CURRENT DRY SEASON. MALAYSIA COULD  
BE FURTHER PRESSURE POINT WITH PROBLEM ~~REXXXX~~ INVOLVING  
NOT ONLY INSURGENCY BY COMMUNAL DIFFERENCES. INDONESIANS  
ARE ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT MALAYSIA AND PREPARED TO ASSIST  
MALAYSIAN GOVERNMENT.

7.  
~~EX~~ HABIB THEN REVIEWED FUTURE STEPS AT UN, COVERING POINTS  
MADE BY SECRETARY TO FOREIGN MINISTER KIM TONG-CHO PREVIOUS-  
RELAXED,  
LY. HE URGED/~~REXXXX~~ CONFIDENT POSTURE OVER NEXT COUPLE  
US AND ROKG CAREFULLY CONSIDERED  
OF MONTHS WHILE/~~REXXXX~~ VARIOUS OPTIONS. FIRST CON-  
EVERYONE  
SIDERATION WAS TO MAKE SURE/~~ROK~~ FULLY UNDERSTOOD UNGA  
VOTE HAD NO REPEAT NO IMPACT ON OUR POSITION. EVEN NORTH  
KOREA HAS OUR MESSAGE ON ~~THXX~~ THIS POINT. HE ALSO INFORMED  
OUR  
PRESIDENT PARK OF OUR PLANS UNDER WAY TO EXPRESS/UNHAPPINESS  
TO COUNTRIES WHOSE VOTE WAS IRRATIONAL AND UNWARRANTED.  
PRESIDENT PARK RESPONDED THAT HE WAS IN FULL AGREEMENT.  
WHILE SOME IN KOREA WANTED TO DISCONTINUE PARTICIPATION  
ON  
IN UN DEBATE, HE AGREED/NEED FOR MORE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION  
OF VARIOUS ALTERNATIVES AND DEVELOPMENT OF STRATEGY WHICH  
~~WHXX~~ WAS WELL-COORDINATED AND FULLY AGREED. WHILE HE  
WOULD WISH, IF WE CAN, TO AVOID FURTHER COMPETITIVE VOTE  
SEEKING IN UN, WE MUST BE PREPARED FOR ALL POSSIBILITIES.]

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5.  
XX. PRESIDENT PARK WAS EXTREMELY PLEASED BY BRIEFING  
PROVIDED BY HABIB AND MUCH REASSURED BY OUR WILLINGNESS  
TO KEEP HIM FULLY INFORMED. HE ALSO WAS APPRECIATIVE OF  
PRESIDENT FORD'S SPEECH IN HONOLULU SETTING FORTH NEW  
PACIFIC DOCTRINE AND ASKED WHETHER THERE WERE ANY BASIC  
DIFFERENCES BETWEEN IT AND NIXON DOCTRINE. HABIB SAID THAT  
WE WISHED TO SET FORTH FORD DOCTRINE IN MORE POSITIVE  
TO  
MANNER AND /REAFFIRM, IN WAKE OF COLLAPSE OF SAIGON, US  
ITS  
DETERMINATION TO MAINTAIN /~~REUSE~~ COMMITMENTS AND ~~KEEP~~  
IN FURTHERANCE  
PRESENCE IN ASIA /~~EXISTENCE~~ OF ITS BASIC NATIONAL INTERESTS.

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