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PAEK NAM SUN

CLASSIFIED BY DEPUTY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY CAROL Z. PEREZ
FOR REASONS 1.5 (B) AND (D).

1. (U) OCTOBER 24, 2000, PYONGYANG, DPRK.

2. (U) PARTICIPANTS
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SUMMARY

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3. (C) IN AN OCTOBER 24 MEETING WITH DPRK FOREIGN MINISTER PAEK NAM SUN, THE SECRETARY IDENTIFIED COUNTERTERRORISM, NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING, COUNTERTERRORISM, NONPROLIFERATION, HUMAN RIGHTS, REFUGEES AND HUMANITARIAN FOOD ASSISTANCE AS ITEMS THAT SHOULD BE DISCUSSED IN THE COURSE OF NORMALIZING RELATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE DPRK. PAEK NOTED THE HISTORIC OPPORTUNITY TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS. HE STATED THAT THE DPRK WAS NOT ONLY OPPOSED TO NUCLEAR TESTING BUT ALSO FAVORED THE COMPLETE ABOLITION OF ALL NUCLEAR WEAPONS. ON HUMAN RIGHTS, HE SAID THAT THE DPRK WAS PREPARED TO GIVE SOME THOUGHT TO THE ISSUE AND ADDED THAT ANY STANDARD HAD TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE HISTORY AND CUSTOMS OF INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES. ENDS SUMMARY.

GRATITUDE FOR USG FOOD PRIDEGE

4. (C) DPRK FOREIGN MINISTER PAEK NAM SUN OPENED THE MEETING BY CONGRATULATING THE SECRETARY ON HIS MEETING WITH CHAIRMAN KIM JONG IL. PAEK SAID HE WAS PLEASED TO LEARN ABOUT THE US PRIDEGE TO SUPPLY 100,000 METRIC TONS OF ADDITIONAL FOOD ASSISTANCE.

DPRK REVIEW OF ENGAGEMENT

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5. (C) PAEK RAISED THE ISSUE OF THE HISTORIC FIRST MEETING BETWEEN U.S. AND DPRK FOREIGN MINISTERS IN JULY IN BANGKOK AND NOTED THAT THERE, THE SECRETARY HAD EMPHASIZED ENDING THE HOSTILE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. SINCE THEN, PAEK RECALLED, KIM JONG IL HAD MADE THE "COURAGEOUS DECISION" TO SEND HIS SPECIAL ENVOY, VICE MARSHAL JO WYONG ROK, TO DELIVER A LETTER AND AN INVITATION TO PRESIDENT CLINTON. KIM HAD THEM AGREED TO THE SECRETARY'S VISIT TO PREPARE FOR A POSSIBLE PRESIDENTIAL TRIP DURING WHICH KIM WOULD MAKE FIRM DECISIONS TO ADDRESS ISSUES OF CONCERN TO THE U.S.,

INCLUDING MISSILES." IN PAK'S VIEW, THAT WOULD LEAD TO NORMALIZATION OF BILATERAL U.S.-DPRK RELATIONS WHICH WAS IN THE INTEREST OF PEACE AND SECURITY ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA AND IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION.

WORKING TOWARDS SUMMITRY

6. ~~(C)~~ PAK SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT TO REMOVE DEEPLY ROOTED SUSPICIONS AND BUILD CONFIDENCE NOW THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES WERE MOVING TOWARDS ENDING HOSTILE RELATIONS. MOST IMPORTANT WAS TO BUILD CONFIDENCE AT THE SUMMIT-LEVEL. THAT WAS WHAT OCCURRED DURING PRESIDENT KIM DAE JUNG'S VISIT TO PYONGYANG -- A VISIT THAT SERVED AS A GOOD EXAMPLE OF WHAT COULD OCCUR, HE SAID.

7. ~~(C)~~ PAK RECALLED THAT THE SECRETARY HAD DESCRIBED
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THEIR BANGKOK MEETING AS HISTORIC AND SAID THAT THE CURRENT VISIT BY THE SECRETARY WAS ALSO HISTORIC. THERE WAS AN IMPORTANT AGENDA IN THE NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS THAT COULD BE SATISFACTORILY ADDRESSED ONCE CONFIDENCE WAS BUILT AT THE SUMMIT LEVEL. ACCORDINGLY, IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR THE DPRK TO MAKE THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT A SUCCESS, AND THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WAS PREPARED TO RENDER ACTIVE ASSISTANCE. IF THINGS WENT WELL DURING THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT, THEN THE SECRETARY'S NAME WOULD BE RECORDED IN HISTORY FOR FUNDAMENTALLY HELPING TO IMPROVE U.S.-DPRK RELATIONS.

WORKING ON SPECIFICS OF NORMALIZED RELATIONS

8. ~~(C)~~ THE SECRETARY RESPONDED THAT IT WAS PAK'S INVITATION IN BANGKOK THAT HELPED BRING HER TO PYONGYANG. SHE WAS SORRY THAT THERE HAD NOT BEEN A CHANCE TO MEET IN NEW YORK DURING THE UNGA SESSION. SHE SAID SHE WAS PLEASED BY HER MEETINGS SO FAR WITH KIM JONG IL AND NOTED THAT IMPROVING U.S.-DPRK RELATIONS WAS A STEP-BY-STEP PROCESS. COUNSELOR SHERMAN HAD RAISED SOME OF THESE ISSUES DURING HER MEETING WITH FIRST VICE FOREIGN MINISTER KANG SOK JU IN WASHINGTON. IN THE SECRETARY'S OWN MEETINGS WITH KIM JONG IL, SHE HAD RAISED THE ISSUES OF DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION AND FAMILY REUNIONS FOR KOREAN-AMERICANS WITH THEIR RELATIVES IN NORTH KOREA.

TERRORISM

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9. ~~(C)~~ THE SECRETARY INVITED PAK TO DISCUSS SEVERAL SETS OF TRANSNATIONAL ISSUES. THE FIRST WAS TERRORISM. SHE

SAID THE OCTOBER 6 U.S.-DPRK JOINT STATEMENT ON COUNTER-TERRORISM HAD BEEN WELL RECEIVED, AND THE U.S. LOOKED FORWARD TO PROGRESS ON RESOLVING THE STATUS OF THE JAPANESE RED ARMY HIJACKERS. RESOLVING THE ISSUE WOULD BE A MEANINGFUL AND A DRAMATIC STEP FORWARD.

NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING

10. ~~(C)~~ THE SECRETARY TOLD PAEK THAT THE CONGRESS AND OTHERS HAD NOTED THAT NORTH KOREAN NATIONALS WERE INVOLVED IN NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING; THE U.S. HOPED TO WORK WITH THE DPRK ON THIS ISSUE. ANY APPEARANCE THAT THE DPRK CONDONED NARCO-TRAFFICKING WOULD BE HARMFUL TO IMPROVING RELATIONS.

CTBT

11. ~~(C)~~ THE SECRETARY URGED THE DPRK TO SIGN AND RATIFY THE COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN TREATY (CTBT) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. PAEK RESPONDED THAT CHAIRMAN KIM WAS ENGAGED IN
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DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SECRETARY ON MISSILES, THE ROLE OF U.S. FORCES IN KOREA, AND THE OPENING OF LIAISON OFFICES; THEREFORE THESE TOPICS SHOULD BE DISCUSSED BETWEEN THE CHAIRMAN AND THE SECRETARY WITHOUT ANY INTERFERENCE FROM PAEK. AS FOR CTBT, PAEK SAID THAT THE DPRK WAS OPPOSED TO NUCLEAR TESTING. INDEED, HE SAID, AS EXPLAINED TO THE U.S. ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, THE DPRK SOUGHT THE DESTRUCTION OF ALL NUCLEAR WEAPONS PRODUCED SO FAR.

COUNTERFEITING

12. ~~(C)~~ THE SECRETARY NOTED THAT THERE HAD BEEN INSTANCES OF COUNTERFEITING BY NORTH KOREAN NATIONALS, INCLUDING DIPLOMATS. THE U.S. WAS PREPARED TO WORK WITH THE DPRK IN CRACKING DOWN ON SUCH ACTIVITIES. PAEK SAID THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DPRK HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH COUNTERFEITING, AND IF THERE WERE PERPETRATORS, THEY WOULD BE PUNISHED ACCORDING TO DPRK LAW.

HUMAN RIGHTS

13. ~~(C)~~ AS A MEMBER OF THE UNITED NATIONS, THE U.S. WORKED TO UPHOLD AND PROMOTE THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANTS. THE SECRETARY
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TOLD PAEK THAT THE U.S. LOOKED FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THE DPRK AS IT BEGAN ADDRESSING HUMAN RIGHTS AND RELIGIOUS FREEDOM. SHE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THE ANNUAL U.S. HUMAN RIGHTS AND RELIGIOUS FREEDOM REPORTS COULD REFLECT IMPROVED CONDITIONS. IN THIS VEIN, SHE SAID SHE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT REPORTS THAT BORDER-CROSSERS RETURNING FROM CHINA HAD BEEN PUNISHED, AND ASKED THAT THE DPRK CONSIDER ACCEDING TO THE 1951 CONVENTION/1967 PROTOCOL RELATING TO THE STATUS OF REFUGEES. SHE RAISED THE

POSSIBILITY THAT THE TWO GOVERNMENTS COULD INITIATE A BILATERAL HUMAN RIGHTS DIALOGUE OF THE KIND THE U.S. HAS BEGUN WITH OTHER COUNTRIES.

14. ~~(C)~~ PAEK SAID THE DPRK HAD EXPLAINED ITS POSITION IN A PRIOR DIALOGUE WITH THE U.S. HE SAID THAT HUMAN RIGHTS CRITERIA SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE HISTORY AND CUSTOMS OF INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES. AS TO WHAT SPECIFIC STANDARD SHOULD BE APPLIED, HE AGREED THE DPRK WOULD GIVE THE MATTER SOME THOUGHT.

HUMANITARIAN FOOD ASSISTANCE

15. ~~(C)~~ TURNING TO FOOD ASSISTANCE, THE SECRETARY NOTED HER VISIT TO THE RANGNANG SCHOOL GAVE HER AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE THE POSITIVE EFFECT OF WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME (WFP) ASSISTANCE ON CHILDREN. THIS WAS THE REASON THE U.S. HAD

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DECIDED TO GIVE 100,000 TONS OF FOOD THROUGH THE WFP FOR URGENT NEEDS. SHE SAID IT WAS CRITICAL THAT THE DPRK SATISFACTORILY CONCLUDE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE WFP ON THE 2001 PROGRAM IF THE U.S. IS TO PROVIDE FOOD AID TO THE DPRK IN THE FUTURE.

16. ~~(C)~~ PAEK EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR THE HOSPITALITY THE U.S. HAD EXTENDED TO VICE MARSHAL JO AND SAID THAT THE SECRETARY'S VISIT WAS AN EVENT OF THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE TO CHANGING U.S.-DPRK RELATIONS. HE SAID HE WAS CONVINCED THAT MANY FAVORABLE THINGS WOULD HAPPEN IN THE FUTURE.

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