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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: BLUE HOUSE LUNCH TOAST
SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA
FEBRUARY 27, 1989

Thank you... Thank you all very much.

I am truly moved by your gracious hospitality and kindness on my return to Seoul. On behalf of my wife, Barbara, and me, let me thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Since I was last here in 1982, it seems as though an entire new city has arisen. Once again I am astounded by the vitality and creative genius of the Korean people.

A generation ago, Korea was a battle-weary, devastated land. Your hopes for peace, prosperity and independence were threatened by the legacy of war and poverty. But today, less than four decades after our two nations fought side-by-side against oppression, the Republic of Korea has emerged as an economic and democratic power of world significance. Today, Korea enters an era of unprecedented prosperity and opportunity, and we salute the pride all Koreans feel in these accomplishments.

Your progress economically has been matched by your progress toward a stronger democracy. Mr. President, you have both led

and responded to your people's strivings for democracy. When the history of the emergence of Korean democracy is written, your name, President Roh, almost certainly will be recorded as the single most important one. On behalf of the United States, I salute your achievement.

I am here today as the leader of a nation which will continue to be a faithful friend and a dependable ally to Korea. We applaud the responsible way you have sought to open a dialogue with North Korea and we remain committed to the security and freedom of your nation. We will not -- ever -- waver in that commitment.

Now, may I propose a toast to President Roh, to the Korean people, and to a continued Korean-American relationship of mutual respect, understanding, and trust.

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(McIntyre)
February 15, 1989
4 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: BLUE HOUSE LUNCH TOAST
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*Carl Jenkins
NSC*

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*Encyclopedia
Americana
V. 16
P. 553*

A generation ago, Korea was a battle weary, devastated land. Your hopes for peace, prosperity and independence were threatened by the legacy of war, poverty, and colonial rule. But today, less than four decades since our two nations fought side-by-side against oppression, the Republic of Korea is recognized as an emerging economic and democratic power. Today, Korea stands proudly in the midst of an unprecedented era of prosperity and opportunity.

*Far Eastern
Economic
Review 1989
P. 155*

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McIntyre Simon

BLUE HOUSE LUNCH TOAST

Seoul, Korea

Barbara and I are warmed by your gracious hospitality and kindness. Since I last visited Seoul in 1982, a whole new city has arisen. The vitality and achievements of the Korean people are simply astounding.

I can't help remarking to Barbara at every turn: "Will you look at this place! Just look what they have built out of the devastation of war!" In less than four decades, the Korean people have created an economic miracle that is recognized and respected the world around. It's due to dedication and to hard work.

I am also happy to say that the same dedication and hard work is now being applied to democracy and human rights in Korea.

Mr. President, the American people and I salute you and the citizens of the Republic of Korea for your commitment to greater democracy, human rights, and a higher level of well-being for all.

In good times and bad, the Republic of Korea has been able to count on the support and understanding of the United States.

Together, we have sacrificed and together we have built. With you, we pray that the new dialogue with the North will open a more hopeful path for the Korean people. As always, we remain committed to the security and freedom of your nation. You can count on the United States of America.

Now, please join me in a toast to President Roh, to the Korean people and to a continued Korean-American relationship of mutual respect, understanding and trust.

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BLUE HOUSE LUNCH TOAST

I am warmed by your gracious hospitality and kindness on my return to Seoul. Since I visited last in 1982, it seems that a whole new city has arisen. I am once again astounded by the vitality and achievements of the Korean people.

Not many years ago, Korea was a war-torn, devastated land. In less than four decades, with hard work and dedication, the Korean people have created an economic miracle that is recognized and respected the world around.

The Korean people are a spirited people. They strive not only for economic well-being but also for democracy and human rights.

Mr. President, you have both led and responded to your nation's strivings for democracy. My countrymen and I salute you for your dedication to greater democracy, human rights, and a higher level of well-being for all.

Throughout the good and the bad times, the Republic of Korea has been able to count on the support and understanding of the United States and its people. We applaud the responsible way you have opened a dialogue with North Korea and we remain committed to the security and freedom of your nation. We will not waver in that commitment, and will remain a supportive, flexible partner as you explore the exciting possibilities of Nordpolitik.

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