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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

2091

March 16, 1995

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ANTHONY LAKE

THROUGH: ROBERT BELL *RGB*

FROM: JOSEPH SESTAK *JS*

SUBJECT: Korean War Memorial Dedication

*Lee*  
Natl Sec Advisor  
has seen

Presidents Clinton and Kim will attend the dedication of the Korean War Memorial on July 27. Veterans from at least 15 of the 20 other nations allied with U.S. and ROK forces during the war will be in attendance. The **Presidential Commission of the Korean War Veterans Memorial** has invited the **Ambassadors** of the 20 nations (see Tab A), and also is aware that the **Crown Princes of Belgium and Luxembourg** are interested in attending the dedication.

However, the participation of President Kim raises the issue of the desirability of **inviting foreign leaders** of all Korean War allied nations. There are four options:

1. Invite to Heads of Government. Inviting heads of government avoids any criticism of excluding other leaders from nations which were involved in this UN war effort.

However, the ceremony is not the occasion of a "milestone" commemorative date (e.g., 50th) for which foreign leaders normally gather; indeed, the event is for the **dedication of a memorial to U.S. veterans**, and President Kim is present to represent the nation the veterans defended. It also would be difficult to avoid bilateral meetings with leaders who attended during a period when the President is already committed to Kim's visit.

2. Invitation by either Secretary Perry or Secretary Brown to their counterparts. This option provides the opportunity for high-level representation by all nations involved in the war.

However, since the combat contribution of nations varied significantly (e.g., five nations provided medical units only), Ministers of Defense might not be the most applicable representatives. At the same time, some nations which provided considerable combat troop support might deem their MOD a more

appropriate representative than their secretary of veteran affairs.

3. Invite unspecified Foreign Representation by the Secretary of State. Permitting each nation to choose its appropriate non-Head of Government representative avoids any possible sensitivity about various nations' level of participation (e.g., Sweden is not particularly keen on emphasizing its participation in the war). An invite by Secretary Christopher also will emphasize our acknowledgment of the contributions other nations have made to past coalition efforts.

4. Leave Invite at Ambassadorial level. This is the easiest for all concerned. However, there already have been indications from Belgium and Luxembourg that there exists a higher level of interest in attending. Inviting their Crown Princes exclusive of a similar offer to other nations may cause some disgruntlement.

The NSC staff recommends option 3, followed by option 4. Option 3 combines sufficient import to the contribution of other nations to the war, with the flexibility for each nation to determine its level of participation.

Concurrence by: Stan Roth, Kathy Stephens, Chat Blakeman, Ellen Laipson, Mac DeShazer

#### RECOMMENDATION

That you approve option 3 as the guidelines for the NSC staff regarding invitations to the Korean War Memorial Dedication.

Option 3 ☒ Option 4 ☐ Other ☐

Attachment

Tab A List of countries allied in Korean War

## NATIONS ALLIED WITH UNITED STATES IN KOREAN WAR

Australia  
Belgium  
Canada  
Colombia  
Denmark  
Ethiopia  
France  
Greece  
India  
Italy  
Korea  
Luxembourg  
New Zealand  
Netherlands  
Norway  
Philippines  
South Africa  
Sweden  
Thailand  
Turkey  
United Kingdom

FILE: Korean War  
Memorial  
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

Bob,

The ~~Korean~~ Korean War Memorial Dedications  
Committee called about the following:

1. Evidently, the Crown Prince of Belgium and Luxembourg have expressed interest in attending the event, which raises the ~~main~~ question of: what, if any, level of official representation do we invite of those allied nations in the Korean War?
2. Attached is a list of allied nations, (mostly European and Asian - <sup>some say</sup> Africa, India, etc.) Stan Rora & Chig Braden said they could envision official non-heads of state delegations being invited such as MODs.

I feel some official rep might be appropriate; we could have the Committee (which is a Presidential

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Advisory Board) send <sup>to INVITE</sup> ~~the~~ out <sup>which</sup> ~~that~~ would ~~probably~~ not have a hi-level response. If SECDEF <sup>invite</sup> ~~did~~, we might have ~~a~~ higher response, if I can:

—— Bring up & get input from our WG on VT day (OSD / State, etc. on all these) (I recommend this)  
—— Other (e.g. Memo to TH ~~recommending~~ recommending MOD, or none)

Let's see what WG says, although I feel we at least need to have the <sup>President</sup> Board to send invites.

—  
Joe

202 456 9190: # 1  
KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL ADVISORY BOARD

Office of the Executive Director

U.S. Department of the Interior, Main Building

18th & C Streets, NW, Room 7424

Washington, DC 20240-9997

202-208-3561

Fax 202-208-3459

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 2, 1995

TO: Capt. Joe Sestak, USN

FROM: Bob Hansen, Executive Director

SUBJ: International Participation in the Memorial Dedication activities

1. The following countries joined with the United States in supporting the UN resolution to stop Communist aggression in the Republic of Korea --- Australia, Belgium, Canada, Colombia, Denmark, Ethiopia, France, Greece, *India, Italy*, Luxembourg, New Zealand, Netherlands, Norway, Philippines, South Africa, *Sweden*, Thailand, Turkey, United Kingdom, *italicized names furnished medical units only.*
2. The Advisory Board has been in touch with the organized international Korean War Veterans groups in all 21 countries. You are well aware of the commitment from the Republic of Korea. We know of at least 2000 Koreans who will be in town. Copies of the letters/memos that were sent to these organizations are included.
3. In addition, the Advisory Board has maintained close contact with the embassies in DC from all of the above listed nations. The Ambassadors have always been included in all of our formal activities. They have been informed of the Dedication and invited to attend. Copies of this correspondence is included.
4. Because of the nature of the events being planned, the Advisory Board sent information packets to the US embassies in all the above countries for information purposes only and to keep them in the loop.
5. As a result of this activity, the Advisory Board is aware that the Crown Prince of Belgium and the Crown Prince of Luxembourg have both, individually, expressed an interest in attending dedication. We have learned of this interest through our contacts with the veterans organizations.
6. Through this information chain, we have knowledge that the following countries are planning to have veterans participate in the Dedication --- Australia (200), Belgium (50), Canada (100), Ethiopia (25), France (15), Greece (15), *Italy*, Luxembourg (15), New Zealand (50), Netherlands, Philippines, South Africa, Thailand (15), Turkey (15), United Kingdom (300).
7. The question at hand is, should there be a formal invitation to the Heads of State of all 20 other nations? and if so who should extend it?

Memo, March 2, 1995  
Hansen to Sestak

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8. Even if Heads of State are not formally invited, it is clear to me that many countries are going to be present with an official delegation --- color/honor guards and normal protocol should be extended to them.
9. I will look forward to guidance from you, Captain Sestak, on the best way to proceed (or not) relative to point number 7 above.

Thanks as always for your wonderful cooperation and assistance.

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cc: Hilliaid Itoh  
Soderberg Darby

COMMENTS:  
SP - Dedication of Korean War Vet Memorial

Exec Sec Office has diskette yes

## Schedule Proposal

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

date 2 / 6 / 95       ACCEPT       REGRET       PENDING

TO: Billy Webster  
Director of Scheduling and Advance

FROM: Anthony Lake ✓

REQUEST: Dedication events

PURPOSE: To dedicate the Korean War Veterans Memorial

BACKGROUND: The President has agreed to attend the Dedication of the Korean War Memorial on July 27, 1995, and has also invited South Korea's President Kim Young Sam to attend (Tab A).

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: None

DATES AND TIMES: Morning Event  
July 27 at 10:00 a.m.

Afternoon Event  
July 27 at 2:00 p.m.

Evening Event  
July 27 at 6:30 p.m. (optional)

BRIEFING TIME: 15 minutes on July 26 or 27

DURATION: Morning Event  
10 minutes

Afternoon Event  
45 minutes

Evening Event  
3 hours

LOCATIONS: Morning Event  
Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers

Afternoon Event  
Korean War Veterans Memorial next to the Lincoln Memorial

Evening Event

cc: Stephanie Streett

Reception hosted by President Kim at Kennedy Center followed by Musical Gala in Concert Hall

PARTICIPANTS:

President Kim. The Korean War Veterans Memorial Presidential Advisory Board is inviting all living former Presidents, Secretary of Defense, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Senator Glenn and 35 other Congressional veterans of the Korean War. For the Musical Gala, performers invited include Bob Hope, Barbara Streisand and Neil Diamond.

OUTLINE OF EVENTS:

Morning Event

Presidents Clinton and Kim together lay a wreath at Tomb of the unknown Korean War soldier.

Afternoon Event

Following brief comments by former Presidents who attend the ceremony and by President Kim, President Clinton makes remarks. At conclusion, Presidents walk along pathway of new Memorial.

Evening Event

President Kim's reception is followed by a two-hour Musical Gala where both American and Korean performers entertain.

REMARKS REQUIRED:

To be provided by NSC

MEDIA COVERAGE:

Open

FIRST LADY'S ATTENDANCE:

Yes

VICE PRESIDENT'S ATTENDANCE:

As desired

RECOMMENDED BY:

NSC

CONTACT:

Joseph Sestak, x69191

ORIGIN OF THIS PROPOSAL:

Korean War Veterans Memorial  
Presidential Advisory Board

SECOND LADY'S ATTENDANCE:

As desired

Attachment

Tab A Memorandum and Invitation Letter

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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN  
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 19, 1994

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ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

ANTHONY LAKE  
RICKI SEIDMAN

SUBJECT:

Invitation to South Korean President Kim Young Sam to Attend the  
Dedication of the Korean War Veterans Memorial

Purpose

To invite South Korea's President Kim Young Sam to attend the dedication ceremony for the Korean War Veterans Memorial on July 27, 1995.

Background

The Korean War Veterans Memorial is nearing completion, and plans have begun for the dedication ceremony on July 27, 1995. Organizers are expecting the dedication and associated events (scheduled for July 26-30) will be attended by thousands of Korean War veterans and their families. It will be a major symbolic event, at which the close ties between the United States and the Republic of Korea will be publicly reaffirmed.

In late March, Senator John Glenn wrote you a letter suggesting that you invite South Korea's President Kim Young Sam to attend the dedication ceremony. In your reply, you indicated you would extend such an invitation soon.

President Kim last visited Washington in November 1993 for an "official working visit." We recommend that you invite Kim to this ceremony as part of another official visit and that you attend the dedication with him.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter to President Kim Young Sam at Tab A, inviting him to attend the dedication ceremony for the Korean War Veterans Memorial on July 27, 1995.

Approve ✓

Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

Attachments

- Tab A Letter to President Kim Young Sam
- Tab B Previous Letter to Senator John Glenn
- Tab C Reference materials on the Korean War Veterans Memorial

cc: Vice President  
Chief of Staff

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 14, 1994

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your letter about plans for the dedication of the Korean War Veterans Memorial on July 27, 1995. I am pleased that this project is approaching its completion and we will have a fitting memorial to those who served their country so honorably.

I readily agree that the South Korean President should be invited to the dedication ceremony and I intend to extend an invitation to President Kim Young Sam in the near future. It is important in these difficult times to reassure our South Korean allies of our respect and support, and this is an excellent opportunity to demonstrate the enduring strength of our ties.

Thank you again for your suggestion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Clinton", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

The Honorable John Glenn  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

## NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

WASHINGTON, D C 20506

February 2, 1995

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ANTHONY LAKE

THROUGH: ROBERT BELL *RGB*FROM: JOSEPH SESTAK *JS*

SUBJECT: Schedule Proposal for Dedication of the Korean War Veterans Memorial

The President has agreed to attend the Dedication of the Korean War Memorial on July 27, 1995, and has also invited South Korea's President Kim Young Sam to attend (Tab A). Attached is a Schedule Proposal for the event.

Concurrence by: Stan Roth *SR*RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the Schedule Proposal at Tab I.

## Attachments

Tab I Schedule Proposal

Tab A Memorandum and Invitation Letter

Tab II Incoming Correspondence

must do

- Wreath laying in am
- Memorial event

- optional

reception in pm hosted by kim.



# THE KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL

## IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL

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### Executive Director

HANSEN, Robert L.

FAX (202) 208-3459

February 2, 1995

The Honorable Anthony Lake  
National Security Council  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Lake:

On behalf of the Korean War Veterans Memorial Advisory Board, I thank you for your support of the upcoming Dedication activities for this long-awaited Memorial. Stanley Roth and Captain Joe Sestak have been instrumental in our planning efforts.

President William J. Clinton is invited to serve as Honorary Chairman for the Dedication week of activities. I would like to invite the President of Republic of Korea, Kim Young Sam, to share the honors with President Clinton, if this is agreeable to you.

**Honorary Chairmen**  
**The President of the United States**  
**William J. Clinton**  
**and**  
**The President of the Republic of Korea**  
**Kim Young Sam**

I would appreciate it if your staff could call my Executive Director, Bob Hansen, and let him know if you concur with the dual chairmanship outlined above.

Sincerely,

General Ray Davis, USMC, (Ret)  
Chairman, Medal of Honor, Korea



PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL TIMES ARE TENTATIVE

THE STATE VISIT TO WASHINGTON D.C.  
OF PRESIDENT KIM YOUNG SAM OF SOUTH KOREA  
JULY 27, 1995

OPTION I

ARRIVAL CEREMONY

- 10:00 a.m.      Arriral Ceremony, South Lawn, The White House.  
                  (Separate detailed scenario provided by the Social  
                  Office.)
- 10:30 a.m.      The President and Mrs. Clinton escort President  
                  and Mrs. Kim to the State Floor, where they form a  
                  receiving line and greet the Welcoming Committee  
                  and the Official Party from South Korea.
- 10:45 a.m.      The President escorts President Kim downstairs to  
                  the Oval Office, via the colonnade.

BILATERAL MEETING

- 10:50 a.m.      Restricted meeting begins (official photos)

Participants

|               |               |
|---------------|---------------|
| The President | President Kim |
| Anthony Lake  | Plus 1        |
| NSC notetaker | Notetaker     |
| (Interpreter) | (Interpreter) |

- 11:10 a.m.      Meeting ends. President Clinton escorts  
                  President Kim to the Cabinet Room for an  
                  expanded meeting.

Participants

|                       |               |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| The President         | President Kim |
| Vice President        | Others TBD    |
| Secretary Christopher | (Interpreter) |
| Anthony Lake          |               |
| Others TBD            |               |
| (Interpreter)         |               |

- Noon            Meeting ends. The President and President Kim  
                  hold briefly in the Oval Office (while other

meeting participants are escorted to the motorcade on the South Lawn).

12:05 p.m. The President escorts President Kim to the South Lawn, where the President bids President Kim farewell.

(Either the Vice President or Secretary Christopher could host a lunch. The President would not attend.)

1:40 p.m. President and Mrs. Clinton depart for the Korean War Memorial.

1:55 p.m. Arrive Korean War Memorial. The President and Mrs. Clinton are escorted to their positions.

2:00 p.m. (Separate scenario for event)

2:45 p.m. Memorial ceremony ends.

2:55 p.m. Farewells are exchanged.

3:00 p.m. President and Mrs. Clinton enter waiting vehicle and return to White House.

#### STATE DINNER

7:15 p.m. President and Mrs. Kim arrive at the White House, North Portico entrance, and is escorted to the Main Residence. (Separate detailed scenario to be provided by the Social Office.)

8:00 p.m. Official Dinner.

10:30 p.m. Dinner ends.

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#### OPTION 2

#### ARRIVAL CEREMONY

9:00 a.m. Arrival Ceremony, South Lawn, The White House. (Separate detailed scenario provided by the Social Office.)

9:30 a.m. The President and Mrs. Clinton escort President and Mrs. Kim to the State Floor, where they form a

receiving line and greet the Welcoming Committee and the Official Party from South Korea.

10:00 a.m. President and Mrs. Clinton escort President and Mrs. Kim downstairs to the South Lawn, to the waiting motorcade.

10:02 a.m. Motorcade departs for Arlington National Cemetery.

10:15 a.m. Motorcade arrives at Tomb of the Unknown Korean War soldier.

10:20 a.m. The President and President Kim together lay a wreath at the Tomb.

10:30 a.m. President and Mrs. Clinton and President and Mrs. Kim are escorted to their vehicles. Motorcades return to the White House.

10:45 a.m. The President escorts President Kim to the Oval Office.

#### **BILATERAL MEETING**

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##### Participants

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| Anthony Lake  | Plus 1        |
| NSC notetaker | Notetaker     |
| (Interpreter) | (Interpreter) |

11:10 a.m. Meeting ends. President Clinton escorts President Kim to the Cabinet Room for an expanded meeting.

##### Participants

|                       |               |
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| The President         | President Kim |
| Vice President        | Others TBD    |
| Secretary Christopher | (Interpreter) |
| Anthony Lake          |               |
| Others TBD            |               |
| (Interpreter)         |               |

Noon Meeting ends. The President and other U.S. participants hold in Oval Office to prepare for the Press Conference. President Kim and the Korean delegation hold in the Cabinet Room to prepare for the Press Conference.

12:10 p.m. The President joins President Kim and escorts him to Room 450 holding room.

12:18 p.m. After being announced, the President escorts President Kim into Room 450 where each Head of State takes his position behind the podium.

12:19 p.m. The President makes brief remarks, followed by President Kim (5 minutes each). Qs and As follow.

12:40 p.m. The President and President Kim briefly hold in the holding room (while other meeting participants are escorted to the motorcade waiting outside the West Lobby).

12:45 p.m. The President escorts President Kim to the motorcade and bids him farewell.

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**Bell, Robert G.**

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**From:** Sestak, Joseph A.  
**To:** Bell, Robert G.  
**Cc:** /R, Record at A1  
**Subject:** Korean War Memorial  
**Date:** Monday, March 06, 1995 8:06AM

I spoke with Brenda this morning. She does not intend to include wreath-laying ceremony in Option 1 even though the suggested fix below would make it work. She feels that the only item which needs to be a "must" is the dedication ceremony, itself, since that is "why Kim was invited". In order for her to provide options, she therefore feels that she has to present the wreath-laying ceremony as "an option". She will be talking with Andrew Sens, I believe, today on the "options paper". I still feel that it would be a serious mistake not to go to the wreath laying ceremony -- and it isn't really a smart option. r, Joe

**From:** Sestak, Joseph A.  
**To:** Hilliard, Brenda I.  
**CC:** /R, Record at A1; Bell, Robert G.; Roth, Stanley D.  
**Subject:** FW: [UNCLASSIFIED]  
**Date:** Friday, March 03, 1995 04:56 PM

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Brenda,

Regarding options paper below, as we spoke, the Korean War Memorial Dedication Committee is flexible on moving the times of the Tomb of the Unknown Korean Soldier ceremonies and Dedication ceremonies; they can (as your options show) move the evening gala to the next night so a state dinner can be accommodated.

However, not to include in the days events the short wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Korean Soldier is something that will significantly detract from the President's message to the U.S. Korean veterans that day -- and their perception. The Tomb is all the Vets had in a way of commemoration from our nation until the Memorial.

Therefore, for option 1, I suggest that we we delay the President's meeting with President Kim 45 minutes from 10:50 until 11:35 in order to do the wreath-laying (it takes 45 minutes to get there, do it, and return according to option 2). This would still leave almost an hour for lunch after the meeting with POTUS which would now follow the wreath-laying ceremony. The dedication ceremony would then be also be moved back until 3:00 in the afternoon to accomodate people moving from Arlington to the Memorial (as in option 2)

With this change, either option 1 or 2 would be acceptable; preference would be option 2 since it leaves more time for the veterans to move from Arlington, and the time of the wreath-laying is closer to the traditional time they do it every year -- 10:00, the time of the signing of the Armistice.

r, Joe

**From:** Hilliard, Brenda I.  
**To:** Sestak, Joseph A.  
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**Date:** Friday, March 03, 1995 03:34 PM

O.K. Take a look at these two Options. Option 1 deletes the lunch. Option 2 includes a press avail, deletes the lunch, and moves the War Memorial event one hour later.

On either option, we could possibly begin the dinner 30 minutes later. COMMENTS/ blessings/etc.  
THANKS.

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## Scheduling Advice Memorandum

FROM: BILLY WEBSTER

DATE: 2/22  
No Ack needed ✓

TO:

POLITICAL AFFAIRS

ERSKINE BOWLES

RAHM EMANUEL

JOHN EMERSON

MARK GEARAN

JACK GIBBONS

PAT GRIFFIN

MARCIA HALE

KAREN HANCOX

ALEXIS HERMAN

NANCY HERNREICH

HAROLD ICKES

~~WILL TOTH~~ ANDREW SENS

ANTHONY LAKE

BRUCE LINDSEY

AL SULLIVAN

KATIE MCGINTY

MACK MCLARTY

ABNER MIKVA

LEON PANETTA

JOHN PODESTA

JACK QUINN

CAROL RASCO

NEC

ELI SEGAL

PATTI SOLIS

GEORGE STEPHANOPOLOUS

ANN STOCK

CABINET AFFAIRS

MELANNE VERVEER

DANNY WEXLER

MAGGIE WILLIAMS

KRIS VAN GIESEN

RE: *Letters From the Front* request for Korean war  
veterans memorial

The Scheduling Office has received the attached invitation.

Please advise us:

- ☐ POTUS should/need not attend.  
☐ POTUS should/need not attend but should send a representative

- ☐ If you think POTUS should attend please submit a scheduling proposal, **WITH THE INVITATION ATTACHED, ASAP**

### Your Additional Comments:

NSC staff does not support the letter's request to perform a show regarding WWII in the White House. The President is already scheduled for a number of appropriate WWII veteran commemoration activities for 1995. However, the sender of the letter is aware of whom to contact for possible inclusion of the show in Korean War Memorial dedication activities.

Andrew D. Sens

PLEASE RETURN THIS MEMO TO ANNE MCGUIRE IN ROOM 185.5 BY 3/6

# WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

☐ O - OUTGOING☐ H - INTERNAL☐ I - INCOMINGDate Correspondence  
Received (YY/MM/DD) 1/1/1Name of Correspondent: Marsha Roberts☐ MI Mail Report

User Codes: (A) \_\_\_\_\_

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Subject: requests the President host a "Letters From The Front" show in the East Room.

ROUTE TO:

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DISPOSITION:

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**Rector★Roberts**  
**PRODUCTIONS**

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Veronica Biggins  
THE WHITE HOUSE  
Personnel Office  
Washington, D. C.

January 20, 1995

Dear Ms. Biggins,

*AP -  
Who would handle  
this request?  
VB*

I appreciate you returning my calls. I was out of the office for most of Wednesday and Thursday or I would have tried to reach you again. At this stage of the game, I thought it would be a time saver to put my request in a letter. Unless I am mistaken - it is an unusual one.

As I said to your secretary, I was referred to you by Rick Kiernan. He has been in on our project from the very beginning and has been very helpful in pointing us in the right direction in Washington.

We have a play entitled **Letters From The Front**. Our show was born four years ago during the Persian Gulf Crisis. We received tremendous support from the Pentagon as we solicited letters from soldiers and sailors stationed in the Gulf. The resulting play is a modern day story which interweaves actual letters from all major American Wars - from the Revolutionary War through Desert Storm.

In June we completed our second national tour of military bases through the auspices of the World Headquarters of the Defense Commissary Agency. The response we have received from our audiences has been overwhelming. The letters used are incredibly human - and seem to bridge the gap between young and old. Many young people come up to the performers after the show expressing their amazement that letters written so long ago reflect the feelings they have today.

During our last tour, the USO sent representatives to see our show and expressed a desire to make it available to communities and organizations planning World War II Commemorative Events. In light of this, we have created a new edition of our play that takes place during the final days of the war in Europe. The touring season for the World War II Commemorative Edition begins in May 1995 and continues through Veteran's Day weekend in November. During this tour, the Commemorative Communities themselves are providing the funding.

Although our show actually takes place during World War II, we have found that the letters which are presented during our play represent a larger viewpoint. Simply put, these letters remind us what we stand for as Americans.



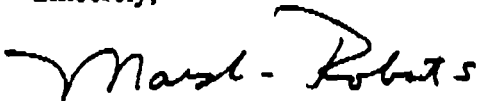
Because war strips away many of the barriers which are present in every day life, the men and women who are in the midst of these experiences tend to view life at its most elemental. The results are letters which are a lesson to each of us. We hear these people reach within themselves to find strength, courage and hope: qualities which represent the finest American values. **Letters From The Front** not only commemorates the veterans of World War II, but all those who have served their country.

Several very significant events have approached us about being a part of their ceremonies, including the Korean War Veterans Memorial Foundation, as a part of the dedication of this important memorial in July, and the unveiling of The Wall of Honor for Submariners on VJ Day at the New London Submarine Base in Groton, Connecticut.

Because of the patriotic nature of our show, as well as its timely historical significance, it has been suggested to us by several people that we should approach the White House concerning the possibility of bringing our show to the East Room during this commemorative time period. Rick Kiernan suggested that you might be able to connect me with the appropriate person to explore this possibility.

Any help you can give will be much appreciated. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marsha Roberts". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Marsha" and the last name "Roberts" clearly distinguishable.

Marsha Roberts,  
Producer

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

February 13, 1995

2/19/95  
As. Forward to  
Billy Webster  
for consideration  
Ann Stock

MEMORANDUM FOR ANN STOCK

FROM: J. VERONICA BIGGINS   
RE: ENTERTAINMENT REQUEST

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I received the attached letter from the touring play, "Letters From The Front."

They would like to be considered for an event as part of the dedication ceremonies of the Korean War Veterans Memorial and Wall of Honor later this year.

Please follow up as you see appropriate.

**Rector \* Roberts**  
**PRODUCTIONS**

**FAX TRANSMISSION**

**DATE: 1/20/95**

**TO:**

**COMPANY: THE WHITE HOUSE**

**INDIVIDUAL: VERONICA BIGGINS**

**FAX #: (202) 456-2259**

**FROM: MARSHA ROBERTS**

**Pages of transmission (including this page): 3**

**FURTHER INFORMATION:**

**IN LIEU OF CONTINUING PHONE TAG. THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!**

*Marsha Roberts*

**6595 ROSWELL RD. \* SUITE 661 \* ATLANTA, GA 30328**  
**PHONE # (404) 924-4762**  
**FAX # (404) 924-7676**

TO: WEBSTER, B

FROM: LAKE

DOC DATE: 06 FEB 95  
SOURCE REF:

KEYWORDS: DEFENSE POLICY

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PERSONS:

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Soderberg

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COMMENTS:

SP - Dedication of Korean  
War Vet Memorial

Exec Sec Office has diskette yes

## Schedule Proposal

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

date 2 / 6 / 95       ACCEPT       REGRET       PENDING

TO: Billy Webster  
Director of Scheduling and Advance

FROM: Anthony Lake ✓

REQUEST: Dedication events

PURPOSE: To dedicate the Korean War Veterans Memorial

BACKGROUND: The President has agreed to attend the Dedication of the Korean War Memorial on July 27, 1995, and has also invited South Korea's President Kim Young Sam to attend (Tab A).

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: None

DATES AND TIMES: Morning Event  
July 27 at 10:00 a.m.

Afternoon Event  
July 27 at 2:00 p.m.

Evening Event  
July 27 at 6:30 p.m. (optional)

BRIEFING TIME: 15 minutes on July 26 or 27

DURATION: Morning Event  
10 minutes

Afternoon Event  
45 minutes

Evening Event  
3 hours

LOCATIONS: Morning Event  
Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers

Afternoon Event  
Korean War Veterans Memorial next to the Lincoln Memorial

Evening Event

cc: Stephanie Streett

Reception hosted by President Kim at Kennedy Center followed by Musical Gala in Concert Hall

PARTICIPANTS:

President Kim. The Korean War Veterans Memorial Presidential Advisory Board is inviting all living former Presidents, Secretary of Defense, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Senator Glenn and 35 other Congressional veterans of the Korean War. For the Musical Gala, performers invited include Bob Hope, Barbara Streisand and Neil Diamond.

OUTLINE OF EVENTS:

Morning Event

Presidents Clinton and Kim together lay a wreath at Tomb of the unknown Korean War soldier.

Afternoon Event

Following brief comments by former Presidents who attend the ceremony and by President Kim, President Clinton makes remarks. At conclusion, Presidents walk along pathway of new Memorial.

Evening Event

President Kim's reception is followed by a two-hour Musical Gala where both American and Korean performers entertain.

REMARKS REQUIRED:

To be provided by NSC

MEDIA COVERAGE:

Open

FIRST LADY'S ATTENDANCE:

Yes

VICE PRESIDENT'S ATTENDANCE:

As desired

RECOMMENDED BY:

NSC

CONTACT:

Joseph Sestak, x69191

ORIGIN OF THIS PROPOSAL:

Korean War Veterans Memorial  
Presidential Advisory Board

SECOND LADY'S ATTENDANCE:

As desired

Attachment

Tab A Memorandum and Invitation Letter



THE PRESIDENT <sup>4929</sup> HAS SEEN  
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 19, 1994

ACTION

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

ANTHONY LAKE  
RICKI SEIDMAN

SUBJECT:

Invitation to South Korean President Kim Young Sam to Attend the  
Dedication of the Korean War Veterans Memorial

Purpose

To invite South Korea's President Kim Young Sam to attend the dedication ceremony for the Korean War Veterans Memorial on July 27, 1995.

Background

The Korean War Veterans Memorial is nearing completion; and plans have begun for the dedication ceremony on July 27, 1995. Organizers are expecting the dedication and associated events (scheduled for July 26-30) will be attended by thousands of Korean War veterans and their families. It will be a major symbolic event, at which the close ties between the United States and the Republic of Korea will be publicly reaffirmed.

In late March, Senator John Glenn wrote you a letter suggesting that you invite South Korea's President Kim Young Sam to attend the dedication ceremony. In your reply, you indicated you would extend such an invitation soon.

President Kim last visited Washington in November 1993 for an "official working visit." We recommend that you invite Kim to this ceremony as part of another official visit and that you attend the dedication with him.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter to President Kim Young Sam at Tab A, inviting him to attend the dedication ceremony for the Korean War Veterans Memorial on July 27, 1995.

Approve ✓ Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

Attachments

Tab A Letter to President Kim Young Sam  
Tab B Previous Letter to Senator John Glenn  
Tab C Reference materials on the Korean War Veterans Memorial

cc: Vice President  
Chief of Staff

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 14, 1994

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your letter about plans for the dedication of the Korean War Veterans Memorial on July 27, 1995. I am pleased that this project is approaching its completion and we will have a fitting memorial to those who served their country so honorably.

I readily agree that the South Korean President should be invited to the dedication ceremony and I intend to extend an invitation to President Kim Young Sam in the near future. It is important in these difficult times to reassure our South Korean allies of our respect and support, and this is an excellent opportunity to demonstrate the enduring strength of our ties.

Thank you again for your suggestion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Clinton", with a stylized, flowing script.

The Honorable John Glenn  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

February 2, 1995

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ANTHONY LAKE

THROUGH: ROBERT BELL *RGB*

FROM: JOSEPH SESTAK *JS*

SUBJECT: Schedule Proposal for Dedication of the Korean War Veterans Memorial

The President has agreed to attend the Dedication of the Korean War Memorial on July 27, 1995, and has also invited South Korea's President Kim Young Sam to attend (Tab A). Attached is a Schedule Proposal for the event.

Concurrence by: Stan Roth *SR*

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the Schedule Proposal at Tab I.

Attachments

Tab I Schedule Proposal

Tab A Memorandum and Invitation Letter

Tab II Incoming Correspondence

must do

- Wreath laying in am
- Memorial event

- optional

reception in pm hosted by kim.



# THE KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL

## IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL

Korean War Veterans  
Memorial Advisory Board  
A Presidential Board (PL99-572)

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General, USMC (Retired)  
Chairman and  
Chairman, Design Committee

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Colonel, USA (Retired)  
Vice Chairman

McKEVITT, James D. "Mike"  
Attorney-at-Law  
Chairman, Promotion

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Colonel, USAP (Retired)

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Past National Commander  
The American Legion

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Administrative Director (Retired)  
Disabled American Veterans

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Chairman, Ford's Theatre  
Society

PHILLIPS, John C.  
Director, Office of Public Affairs  
Commodity Futures Trading Commission

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Associate Executive Director  
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Eastern Paralyzed Veterans  
Association

STAUM, John S.  
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Veterans of Foreign Wars  
of the United States

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Former Secretary of the Army

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Partner, Coopers & Lybrand

### Executive Director

HANSEN, Robert L.

FAX (202) 208-3459

February 2, 1995

The Honorable Anthony Lake  
National Security Council  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Lake:

On behalf of the Korean War Veterans Memorial Advisory Board, I thank you for your support of the upcoming Dedication activities for this long-awaited Memorial. Stanley Roth and Captain Joe Sestak have been instrumental in our planning efforts.

President William J. Clinton is invited to serve as Honorary Chairman for the Dedication week of activities. I would like to invite the President of Republic of Korea, Kim Young Sam, to share the honors with President Clinton, if this is agreeable to you.

**Honorary Chairmen**  
**The President of the United States**  
**William J. Clinton**  
**and**  
**The President of the Republic of Korea**  
**Kim Young Sam**

I would appreciate it if your staff could call my Executive Director, Bob Hansen, and let him know if you concur with the dual chairmanship outlined above.

Sincerely,

General Ray Davis, USMC, (Ret)  
Chairman, Medal of Honor, Korea

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THE STATE VISIT TO WASHINGTON D.C.  
OF PRESIDENT KIM YOUNG SAM OF SOUTH KOREA  
JULY 27, 1995

OPTION I

ARRIVAL CEREMONY

- 10:00 a.m.      Arrival Ceremony, South Lawn, The White House.  
                    (Separate detailed scenario provided by the Social  
                    Office.)
- 10:30 a.m.      The President and Mrs. Clinton escort President  
                    and Mrs. Kim to the State Floor, where they form a  
                    receiving line and greet the Welcoming Committee  
                    and the Official Party from South Korea.
- 10:45 a.m.      The President escorts President Kim downstairs to  
                    the Oval Office, via the colonnade.

BILATERAL MEETING

- 10:50 a.m.      Restricted meeting begins (official photos)

Participants

|               |               |
|---------------|---------------|
| The President | President Kim |
| Anthony Lake  | Plus 1        |
| NSC notetaker | Notetaker     |
| (Interpreter) | (Interpreter) |

- 11:10 a.m.      Meeting ends. President Clinton escorts  
                    President Kim to the Cabinet Room for an  
                    expanded meeting.

Participants

|                       |               |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| The President         | President Kim |
| Vice President        | Others TBD    |
| Secretary Christopher | (Interpreter) |
| Anthony Lake          |               |
| Others TBD            |               |
| (Interpreter)         |               |

- Noon              Meeting ends. The President and President Kim  
                    hold briefly in the Oval Office (while other

meeting participants are escorted to the motorcade on the South Lawn).

12:05 p.m. The President escorts President Kim to the South Lawn, where the President bids President Kim farewell.

(Either the Vice President or Secretary Christopher could host a lunch. The President would not attend.)

1:40 p.m. President and Mrs. Clinton depart for the Korean War Memorial.

1:55 p.m. Arrive Korean War Memorial. The President and Mrs. Clinton are escorted to their positions.

2:00 p.m. (Separate scenario for event)

2:45 p.m. Memorial ceremony ends.

2:55 p.m. Farewells are exchanged.

3:00 p.m. President and Mrs. Clinton enter waiting vehicle and return to White House.

#### STATE DINNER

7:15 p.m. President and Mrs. Kim arrive at the White House, North Portico entrance, and is escorted to the Main Residence. (Separate detailed scenario to be provided by the Social Office.)

8:00 p.m. Official Dinner.

10:30 p.m. Dinner ends.

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#### OPTION 2

#### ARRIVAL CEREMONY

9:00 a.m. Arrival Ceremony, South Lawn, The White House. (Separate detailed scenario provided by the Social Office.)

9:30 a.m. The President and Mrs. Clinton escort President and Mrs. Kim to the State Floor, where they form a

receiving line and greet the Welcoming Committee and the Official Party from South Korea.

- 10:00 a.m. President and Mrs. Clinton escort President and Mrs. Kim downstairs to the South Lawn, to the waiting motorcade.
- 10:02 a.m. Motorcade departs for Arlington National Cemetery.
- 10:15 a.m. Motorcade arrives at Tomb of the Unknown Korean War soldier.
- 10:20 a.m. The President and President Kim together lay a wreath at the Tomb.
- 10:30 a.m. President and Mrs. Clinton and President and Mrs. Kim are escorted to their vehicles. Motorcades return to the White House.
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- 11:10 a.m. Meeting ends. President Clinton escorts President Kim to the Cabinet Room for an expanded meeting.

##### Participants

|                       |               |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| The President         | President Kim |
| Vice President        | Others TBD    |
| Secretary Christopher | (Interpreter) |
| Anthony Lake          |               |
| Others TBD            |               |
| (Interpreter)         |               |

- Noon Meeting ends. The President and other U.S. participants hold in Oval Office to prepare for the Press Conference. President Kim and the Korean delegation hold in the Cabinet Room to prepare for the Press Conference.

12:10 p.m. The President joins President Kim and escorts him to Room 450 holding room.

12:18 p.m. After being announced, the President escorts President Kim into Room 450 where each Head of State takes his position behind the podium.

12:19 p.m. The President makes brief remarks, followed by President Kim (5 minutes each). Qs and As follow.

12:40 p.m. The President and President Kim briefly hold in the holding room (while other meeting participants are escorted to the motorcade waiting outside the West Lobby).

12:45 p.m. The President escorts President Kim to the motorcade and bids him farewell.

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**Bell, Robert G.**

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From: Sestak, Joseph A.  
To: Bell, Robert G.  
Cc: /R, Record at A1  
Subject: Korean War Memorial  
Date: Monday, March 06, 1995 8:06AM

I spoke with Brenda this morning. She does not intend to include wreath-laying ceremony in Option 1 even though the suggested fix below would make it work. She feels that the only item which needs to be a "must" is the dedication ceremony, itself, since that is "why Kim was invited". In order for her to provide options, she therefore feels that she has to present the wreath-laying ceremony as "an option". She will be talking with Andrew Sens, I believe, today on the "options paper". I still feel that it would be a serious mistake not to go to the wreath laying ceremony -- and it isn't really a smart option. r, Joe

From: Sestak, Joseph A.  
To: Hilliard, Brenda I.  
CC: /R, Record at A1; Bell, Robert G.; Roth, Stanley D.  
Subject: FW: [UNCLASSIFIED]  
Date: Friday, March 03, 1995 04:56 PM

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Brenda,

Regarding options paper below, as we spoke, the Korean War Memorial Dedication Committee is flexible on moving the times of the Tomb of the Unknown Korean Soldier ceremonies and Dedication ceremonies; they can (as your options show) move the evening gala to the next night so a state dinner can be accommodated.

However, not to include in the days events the short wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Korean Soldier is something that will significantly detract from the President's message to the U.S. Korean veterans that day -- and their perception. The Tomb is all the Vets had in a way of commemoration from our nation until the Memorial.

Therefore, for option 1, I suggest that we we delay the President's meeting with President Kim 45 minutes from 10:50 until 11:35 in order to do the wreath-laying (it takes 45 minutes to get there, do it, and return according to option 2). This would still leave almost an hour for lunch after the meeting with POTUS which would now follow the wreath-laying ceremony. The dedication ceremony would then be also be moved back until 3:00 in the afternoon to accomodate people moving from Arlington to the Memorial (as in option 2)

With this change, either option 1 or 2 would be acceptable; preference would be option 2 since it leaves more time for the veterans to move from Arlington, and the time of the wreath-laying is closer to the traditional time they do it every year -- 10:00, the time of the signing of the Armistice.

r, Joe

From: Hilliard, Brenda I.  
To: Sestak, Joseph A.  
CC: /R, Record at A1  
Subject: [UNCLASSIFIED]  
Date: Friday, March 03, 1995 03:34 PM

O.K. Take a look at these two Options. Option 1 deletes the lunch. Option 2 includes a press avail, deletes the lunch, and moves the War Memorial event one hour later.

On either option, we could possibly begin the dinner 30 minutes later. COMMENTS/blessings/etc.  
THANKS.

~~Bob,~~  
~~New Korean War Memorial~~  
~~dedication shall~~

File: Korean War Memorial

Draft 3  
3/23/95

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1:52 p.m. President and Mrs. Clinton and President and Mrs. Kim are escorted to the Tomb of the Unknown.

1:56 p.m. President Clinton and President Kim together lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown.

2:04 p.m. President and Mrs. Clinton and President and Mrs. Kim are escorted to their vehicles.

2:08 p.m. Motorcades depart for the Korean War Memorial.

2:20 p.m. Motorcades arrive Korean War Memorial. President and Mrs. Clinton are escorted to their positions.

2:30 p.m. (Separate scenario for event)

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3:25 p.m. Farewells are exchanged.

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8:00 p.m. Official Dinner.

10:30 p.m. Dinner ends.

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March 16, 1995

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MEMORANDUM FOR ANTHONY LAKE

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THROUGH: ROBERT BELL *RB*  
FROM: JOSEPH SESTAK *JS*  
SUBJECT: Korean War Memorial Dedication

Presidents Clinton and Kim will attend the dedication of the Korean War Memorial on July 27. Veterans from at least 15 of the 20 other nations allied with U.S. and ROK forces during the war will be in attendance. The **Presidential Commission of the Korean War Veterans Memorial** has invited the **Ambassadors** of the 20 nations (see Tab A), and also is aware that the **Crown Princes of Belgium and Luxembourg** are interested in attending the dedication.

However, the participation of President Kim raises the issue of the desirability of **inviting foreign leaders** of all Korean War allied nations. There are four options:

1. Invite to Heads of Government. Inviting heads of government avoids any criticism of excluding other leaders from nations which were involved in this UN war effort.

However, the ceremony is not the occasion of a "milestone" commemorative date (e.g., 50th) for which foreign leaders normally gather; indeed, the event is for the **dedication of a memorial to U.S. veterans**, and President Kim is present to represent the nation the veterans defended. It also would be difficult to avoid bilateral meetings with leaders who attended during a period when the President is already committed to Kim's visit.

2. Invitation by either Secretary Perry or Secretary Brown to their counterparts. This option provides the opportunity for high-level representation by all nations involved in the war.

However, since the combat contribution of nations varied significantly (e.g., five nations provided medical units only), Ministers of Defense might not be the most applicable representatives. At the same time, some nations which provided considerable combat troop support might deem their MOD a more

appropriate representative than their secretary of veteran affairs.

3. Invite unspecified Foreign Representation by the Secretary of State. Permitting each nation to choose its appropriate non-Head of Government representative avoids any possible sensitivity about various nations' level of participation (e.g., Sweden is not particularly keen on emphasizing its participation in the war). An invite by Secretary Christopher also will emphasize our acknowledgment of the contributions other nations have made to past coalition efforts.

4. Leave Invite at Ambassadorial level. This is the easiest for all concerned. However, there already have been indications from Belgium and Luxembourg that there exists a higher level of interest in attending. Inviting their Crown Princes exclusive of a similar offer to other nations may cause some disgruntlement.

The NSC staff recommends option 3, followed by option 4. Option 3 combines sufficient import to the contribution of other nations to the war, with the flexibility for each nation to determine its level of participation.

Concurrence by: Stan Roth, Kathy Stephens, Chat Blakeman, Ellen Laipson, Mac Deshazer

#### RECOMMENDATION

That you approve option 3 as the guidelines for the NSC staff regarding invitations to the Korean War Memorial Dedication.

Option 3 ☒ Option 4 ☐ Other ☐

Attachment

Tab A List of countries allied in Korean War



NATIONS ALLIED WITH UNITED STATES IN KOREAN WAR

Australia  
Belgium  
Canada  
Colombia  
Denmark  
Ethiopia  
France  
Greece  
India  
Italy  
Korea  
Luxembourg  
New Zealand  
Netherlands  
Norway  
Philippines  
South Africa  
Sweden  
Thailand  
Turkey  
United Kingdom

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

Bob,

① The UPDATED Korean War Memorial Scenario is attached:

② Wreath-laying at 10:00 AM

③ Dedication at 2:30 P.M.

④ The CVN naming ceremony has been ~~disapproved~~ by B. Webster on 3/22 (previously he approved it on 2/8). I understand it is with Andrew Sene who is going to look into "why" (I'm told).

⑤ As of this morning, Kicklighter award not yet signed by President. (I'll ask Ex Sec - Fred Doherty to see what's up).

un,  
Joe

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THE STATE VISIT TO WASHINGTON D.C.  
OF PRESIDENT KIM YOUNG SAM OF SOUTH KOREA  
JULY 27, 1995

WREATH LAYING

- 9:45 a.m. The President (and Mrs. Clinton) depart White House (via the North Portico) for Arlington National Cemetery.
- 9:58 a.m. The President (and Mrs. Clinton) and President (and Mrs.) Kim are escorted to the Tomb of the Unknown.
- ~~10:00 a.m.~~ President Clinton and President Kim together lay a ~~wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown.~~
- 10:05 a.m. President Clinton and President Kim, (joined by their wives), depart the Tomb of the Unknown and are escorted to their awaiting motorcades.
- 10:07 a.m. The President (and Mrs. Clinton) depart Arlington National Cemetery enroute to the White House.

ARRIVAL CEREMONY

- 10:30 a.m. Arrival Ceremony, South Lawn, The White House.  
(Separate scenario provided by the Social Office.)
- 11:00 a.m. The President and Mrs. Clinton escort President and Mrs. Kim to the State Floor, where they form a receiving line and greet the Welcoming Committee and the Official Party from South Korea.
- 11:15 a.m. The President escorts President Kim downstairs to the Oval Office, via the colonnade.

BILATERAL MEETING

- 11:20 a.m. Restricted meeting begins (official photos)

Participants  
The President  
Anthony Lake  
NSC notetaker

President Kim  
Plus 1  
Notetaker

(Interpreter)

(Interpreter)

11:40 a.m. Meeting ends. President Clinton escorts President Kim to the Cabinet Room for an expanded meeting.

Participants

The President

President Kim

Vice President

Others TBD

Secretary Christopher

(Interpreter)

Anthony Lake

Others TBD

(Interpreter)

12:10 p.m. Meeting ends. The President and U.S. participants proceed to the Oval Office to prepare for the Press Conference. President Kim and the Korean delegation remain in the Cabinet Room to prepare for the Press Conference.

12:20 p.m. President Clinton is joined by President Kim in the Oval Office where they hold briefly (while other meeting participants are escorted to their places in the Rose Garden).

12:22 p.m. Upon being announced, the President escorts President Kim out the Oval Office to take their positions behind the podiums in the Rose Garden.

12:21 p.m. President Clinton makes brief remarks, followed by President Kim (3 minutes each plus translation). Each President takes two questions.

12:45 p.m. President Clinton and President Kim exit the staging area, walk up the stairs and slowly to the awaiting motorcade on the South Lawn (allowing time for the Korean Delegation to board the motorcade).

12:52 p.m. President Clinton bids President Kim farewell.

(Either the Vice President or Secretary Christopher could host a small lunch. The President would not attend.)

2:12 p.m. The President and Mrs. Clinton depart for the Korean War Memorial.

2:20 p.m. Motorcade arrives Korean War Memorial. President and Mrs. Clinton are escorted to their positions.

(President and Mrs. Kim will already be in place with other honored guests.)

2:30 p.m. (Separate scenario for event)

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MEMORIAL IN WASHINGTON

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SUBJECT: DEDICATION OF KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL IN  
WASHINGTON

1. SUMMARY. PREPARATIONS ARE WELL ADVANCED FOR THE DEDICATION OF A MEMORIAL TO VETERANS OF THE 1950-53 KOREAN CONFLICT ON JULY 27, 1995 ON THE MALL IN WASHINGTON BY THE PRESIDENT AND PRESIDENT KIM YOUNG SAM OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA. GENERAL RAYMOND DAVIS USMC (RET.), THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PRESIDENTIALLY-COMMISSIONED KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL ADVISORY BOARD, HAS WRITTEN TO THE AMBASSADORS OF THE TWENTY COUNTRIES THAT, IN ADDITION TO THE UNITED STATES AND THE ROK, CONTRIBUTED TROOPS TO THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND, INVITING EACH AMBASSADOR (OR OTHER OFFICIAL EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVE) TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEDICATION AND RELATED EVENTS. ACTION POSTS MAY ASSURE HOST GOVERNMENTS THAT THE US GOVERNMENT FULLY SUPPORTS GENERAL DAVIS'S INITIATIVE, AND HOPES THAT EACH WILL BE OFFICIALLY REPRESENTED BY RESIDENT AMBASSADORS OR OTHER APPROPRIATE EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES. END SUMMARY.

2. ON OCTOBER 28, 1986, CONGRESS PASSED LEGISLATION

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AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL ON THE MALL IN WASHINGTON, D.C. THE LAW CREATED A PRESIDENTIAL BOARD, THE KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL ADVISORY BOARD, TO IMPLEMENT THIS LEGISLATION. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PRESIDENTIAL BOARD IS MARINE CORPS GENERAL RAYMOND G. DAVIS (RET.)

3. THE MEMORIAL NOW NEARING COMPLETION NEAR THE LINCOLN MEMORIAL WILL BE JOINTLY DEDICATED BY THE PRESIDENT AND PRESIDENT KIM YOUNG-SAM OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA ON THURSDAY, JULY 27TH, 1995. PRESIDENT KIM WILL BE IN THE UNITED STATES ON A STATE VISIT AT THAT TIME.

4. TWENTY NATIONS BESIDES THE U.S. AND THE ROK SENT UNITS IN SUPPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS CAUSE DURING THE KOREAN WAR (SEE PARAGRAPH 10, BELOW). FIFTEEN OF THESE NATIONS CONTRIBUTED GROUND FORCES. SOME OF THESE UNITS SUFFERED HEAVY CASUALTIES. THE KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL WILL INCLUDE INSCRIPTIONS COMMEMORATING THE CONTRIBUTION OF EACH OF THE ALLIED NATIONS.

5. OTHER KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL DEDICATION EVENTS INCLUDE A RECEPTION FOR KOREAN WAR VETERANS HOSTED BY PRESIDENT KIM, AND A GALA PERFORMANCE AT THE KENNEDY CENTER, FEATURING U.S. AND KOREAN ENTERTAINERS. A "PUSAN TENT CITY" WITH EXHIBITIONS AND VETERANS GROUP CENTERS WILL BE ESTABLISHED ON THE MALL, AND THERE WILL BE A "MUSTER" OF VETERANS UNITS (INCLUDING FOREIGN UNITS) ON THE GROUNDS OF THE WASHINGTON MONUMENT.

6. THERE WILL ALSO BE A PARADE ON CONSTITUTION AVENUE ON SATURDAY, JULY 29. IT WILL INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVE VETERANS UNITS FROM ALL OF THE ALLIED COUNTRIES; IN ADDITION, SIXTEEN OF THE ALLIED NATIONS HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY WILL SEND ACTIVE DUTY BAND, HONOR GUARD, AND/OR OTHER MILITARY UNITS TO PARTICIPATE. OVER 200,000 U.S. KOREAN WAR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES, IN ADDITION TO SEVERAL THOUSAND VETERANS FROM KOREA AND OTHER ALLIED COUNTRIES, ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE MEMORIAL DEDICATION ACTIVITIES.

7. GENERAL DAVIS HAS WRITTEN TO THE RESIDENT AMBASSADORS OF EACH COUNTRY THAT CONTRIBUTED UNITS TO THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND, INFORMING THEM OF THE DEDICATION AND INVITING THEIR GOVERNMENT TO DESIGNATE AN OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE CEREMONIES.

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DEAR MR. AMBASSADOR:

PRESIDENT CLINTON AND REPUBLIC OF KOREA PRESIDENT KIM YOUNG-SAM WILL DEDICATE A KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL ON THE MALL ON JULY 27, 1995. THE MEMORIAL HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTED PURSUANT TO 1986 LEGISLATION WHICH ALSO ESTABLISHED THE KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL ADVISORY BOARD, OF WHICH I AM THE CHAIRMAN.

ALTHOUGH THE MEMORIAL IS PRIMARILY INTENDED TO RENDER A PROUD SALUTE TO MEMBERS OF THE U.S. ARMED FORCES WHO SERVED IN THE KOREAN WAR, IT WILL ALSO RECOGNIZE THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE OTHER 21 NATIONS WHO CONTRIBUTED FORCES TO THE U.N. COMMAND DURING THE KOREAN CONFLICT. THE NAMES OF EACH OF THE ALLIED NATIONS ARE ETCHED INTO GRANITE STONE ALONG THE ENTRANCE WALKWAY, SEPARATED BY A REPLICA OF THE U.N. LOGO.

MY COLLEAGUES AND I WOULD BE HONORED IF YOU (OR YOUR EMBASSY DESIGNEE) WOULD REPRESENT YOUR NATION AT THE DEDICATION OF THE MEMORIAL. THE ENCLOSED MATERIAL PROVIDES MORE COMPLETE INFORMATION ON THE EVENTS WE ARE PLANNING TO HONOR THE VETERANS FROM ALL OF THE COUNTRIES WHICH DEFENDED THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA. OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ROBERT HANSEN, IS LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOUR STAFF. HE MAY BE REACHED AT (202) 208-3561 FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

MR. AMBASSADOR, I LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR NATION BEING REPRESENTED AT THIS HISTORIC EVENT, AND SHARING IN THIS TRIBUTE TO ALL OF THE VETERANS WHO BRAVELY FOUGHT AND SERVED TOGETHER IN KOREA.

SINCERELY,

GENERAL RAYMOND G. DAVIS  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS, (RET.)  
CHAIRMAN  
KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL ADVISORY BOARD

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8. ACTION REQUESTED. ACTION POSTS MAY ASSURE HOST GOVERNMENTS THAT THE US GOVERNMENT FULLY SUPPORTS GENERAL

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DAVIS'S INITIATIVE. WE HOPE THAT EACH WILL BE OFFICIALLY REPRESENTED AT THE JULY 27 DEDICATION OF THE KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL IN WASHINGTON BY RESIDENT AMBASSADORS OR OTHER APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATIVES.

9. POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO CHECK THAT APPROPRIATE FOREIGN AND/OR DEFENSE MINISTRY OFFICIALS ARE AWARE OF THE INVITATION, ANSWER QUESTIONS AS NECESSARY, ADVISE THE DEPARTMENT HOW THE HOST COUNTRY GOVERNMENT EXPECTS TO BE REPRESENTED AT THE DEDICATION OF THE MEMORIAL, AND CONFIRM THAT THE HOST COUNTRY'S EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON IS THE APPROPRIATE POINT OF CONTACT FOR THE KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL ADVISORY BOARD. YOU SHOULD NOT ENCOURAGE REPRESENTATION FROM CAPITALS, BUT PLEASE REPORT INFORMATION, IF AVAILABLE, ON ANY HOST COUNTRY VIP'S (APART FROM THE OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE) WHO PLAN TO ATTEND THE MEMORIAL DEDICATION. PLEASE SLUG REPLIES FOR EAP/K (RICHARD MCCRENSKY).

10. FYI: IN ADDITION TO THE UNITED STATES AND THE ROK, FIFTEEN OTHER NATIONS PROVIDED COMBAT UNITS TO THE U.N. COMMAND DURING THE KOREAN WAR: AUSTRALIA, BELGIUM, CANADA, COLOMBIA, ETHIOPIA, FRANCE, GREECE, LUXEMBOURG, NETHERLANDS, NEW ZEALAND, PHILIPPINES, SOUTH AFRICA, THAILAND, TURKEY, AND THE UNITED KINGDOM. DENMARK, INDIA, ITALY, NORWAY, AND SWEDEN DID NOT PROVIDE COMBAT TROOPS, BUT FURNISHED MEDICAL UNITS. 44

## ADDITIONAL ACTION ADDRESSEES

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**Date:** Friday, July 21, 1995 7:19PM

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Attached is an updated scenario for the State Visit of Korean President Kim on Thursday, July 27. Please note that the location of the Press Avail has been moved to Room 450, OEOB. (Changes have been highlighted on this copy but will be removed prior to insertion in the President's meeting memo.)

Thanks.

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THE STATE VISIT TO WASHINGTON D.C.  
OF PRESIDENT KIM YOUNG SAM OF SOUTH KOREA  
JULY 27, 1995

**ARRIVAL CEREMONY**

- 10:30 a.m.      Arriral Ceremony, South Lawn, The White House.  
                  (Separate scenario provided by the Social Office.)
- 11:00 a.m.      The President and Mrs. Clinton escort President  
                  and Mrs. Kim to the State Floor, where they form a  
                  receiving line and greet the Welcoming Committee  
                  and the Official Party from South Korea.
- 11:30 a.m.      The President escorts President Kim downstairs to  
                  the Oval Office, via the colonnade.

**BILATERAL MEETING**

- 11:40 a.m.      Restricted meeting begins (**press TBD**)

Participants

|                   |                       |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| The President     | President Kim         |
| Anthony Lake      | Foreign Minister Gong |
| Stanley Roth, NSC | Mr Yoo (Notetaker)    |
| Notetaker         | (Interpreter)         |
| (Interpreter)     |                       |

- 11:58 a.m.      Meeting ends. President Clinton escorts  
                  President Kim to the Cabinet Room for an  
                  expanded meeting.

- 12:04 p.m.      Expanded meeting begins.  
                  (Consecutive/Simultaneous Interpretation)

Participants

|                       |                               |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| The President         | President Kim                 |
| Vice President        | Gong Ro-Myung, Minister of    |
| Secretary Christopher | Foreign Affairs               |
| Sec Perry             | Park Jae Yoon, Minister of    |
| Mr. Kantor            | Trade, Industry and Energy    |
| Mr. Panetta           | Park Kun Woo, Ambassador to   |
| Mr. Lake              | the U.S.                      |
| Ambassador Laney      | Han Lee Hun, Senior Secretary |
| Gen Shalikashvili     | for Economic Affairs          |
| Winston Lord, Asst    | Yoo Chong Ha, Senior Secre-   |
| Secretary of State    | tary for Foreign Affairs      |
| Mr. Berger            | and National Security         |
| Stanley Roth, NSC     | Yoon Yeo-Joon, Senior Press   |

Notetaker  
(Interpreter)

Secretary  
Yim Sung Joon, Director-  
General of American Affairs,  
MOFA  
(Interpreter)

12:40 p.m. Meeting ends. The President and U.S. participants proceed to the Oval Office to prepare for the Press Conference. President Kim and the Korean delegation remain in the Cabinet Room to prepare for the Press Conference.

12:50 p.m. President Clinton is joined by President Kim in the Oval Office where they hold briefly **(while other meeting participants are escorted to their seats in Room 450 for the Press Availability)**.

12:52 p.m. **The President and President Kim exit the White House thru the West Lobby, and down the stairs to the holding room outside Room 450, Old Executive Office Building.**

12:57 p.m. Upon being announced, the President escorts President Kim to their positions on stage.

12:58 p.m. President Clinton makes brief remarks, followed by President Kim (3 minutes each plus translation). Each President takes two questions.

1:25 p.m. President Clinton and President Kim exit the staging area and hold briefly (allowing time for the Korean Delegation to board the motorcade).

1:29 p.m. President Clinton and President Kim proceed down the elevator, exit the Old Executive Office Building and proceed to the awaiting motorcade on West Executive Drive.

1:35 p.m. President Clinton bids President Kim farewell.

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2:42 p.m. The President and Mrs. Clinton depart for the Korean War Memorial.

2:50 p.m. Motorcade arrives Korean War Memorial. President and Mrs. Clinton are escorted to their positions. (President and Mrs. Kim will already be in place with other honored guests.)

3:00 p.m. (Separate scenario for event)

3:45 p.m. Memorial ceremony ends.

3:55 p.m. Farewells are exchanged.

4:00 p.m. President and Mrs. Clinton enter waiting vehicle and return to White House.

**STATE DINNER**

7:15 p.m. President and Mrs. Kim arrive at the White House, North Portico entrance, and is escorted to the Main Residence. (Separate detailed scenario to be provided by the Social Office.)

8:00 p.m. Official Dinner.

10:30 p.m. Dinner ends.

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7/24/95 5:00 p.m.

**PRESIDENT WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON  
REMARKS AT THE DEDICATION OF THE KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL  
WASHINGTON, D.C.  
JULY 27, 1995**

Acknowledgments: President Kim  
Vice President Gore  
Secretary Christopher  
Foreign Minister Kong [No-myong]  
Secretary Perry  
General Shalikashvili  
General Kim [Dong Jin]  
Secretary Brown  
[Minister Hwang [Chang-Pyong]  
Minister Park [Jae-yoon]  
Mr. Roger Kennedy  
Mr. Alfred Los Banos  
Chaplain James Ford  
Members of the Congress  
Distinguished Veterans  
Honored Guests

Thank you General Davis for that fine introduction. It is an honor be joined by you today. From your days as an officer on Guadalcanal in World War II...to your exceptional bravery in Korea, for which you were awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor...to your work in bringing this great memorial to completion, you have recorded a lifetime of extraordinary service. For all you have done for our nation, and on behalf of your fellow Americans, I thank you.

Today, surrounded by monuments to some of the greatest figures in our history, we gather to remember and to honor the Americans who fought for freedom in Korea.

From a nation weary of war, they traveled halfway around the world. The 1.5 million Americans who served in Korea left family, friends and the comfort of home to help defend the freedom of a young, determined ally. They stood shoulder-to-shoulder with the valiant troops of the Republic of Korea....and forged a friendship that will endure long into the future.

Together with men and women from 21 other nations -- all of whom are represented here today -- they joined in the first mission of the United Nations to preserve peace. They joined in common cause...to ensure the independence of South Korea and other Asian nations that would have been threatened if the attack were not halted....and to safeguard the freedom that is our greatest gift.

They endured terrible hardships...deathly cold...weeks and months crammed in foxholes and bunkers...an enemy of terrifying numbers...the threat of brutal imprisonment and torture.

Defending the perimeter at Pusan....braving the tides of Inchon....confronting the world's fastest fighter jets in MiG Alley....or enduring the hand-to-hand combat on Heartbreak Ridge and Pork Chop Hill...they set a standard of courage that will not be surpassed.

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[Story of Korean medal-winner tk.]

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Its figures -- the army infantrymen...the Marines...the Navy corpsman....the Air Force ground spotter -- and the many faces etched in this wall will also remind us of one of the greatest American truths: that our strength lies in our diversity. They remind us that Americans of all ethnic groups and backgrounds joined together in this just cause...of African-Americans, like those of the 24th Infantry, who won our first battle at Yechon [pronounced tk]...and who were finally integrated into regular units in Korea....of Hispanic Americans like those of the 65th Infantry who landed at Wonsan....of the Native Americans and Asian Americans who served with distinction. Here generations to come will see why Americans gave their lives for their nation.

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Those who we remember now made the ultimate sacrifice so we might live as free men and women. Let us have a moment of silence for those who gave their lives in Korea.

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Now that the Cold War is history, there can be no forgetting those who served on the front lines of freedom. There can be no forgetting the Korean War.

We see what they achieved. Today we are joined by President Kim, the strong, democratic leader of a thriving and prosperous South Korea -- successful beyond the dreams of 40 years ago. In Asia, peace and stability are stronger than at any time since World War II. And around the world, freedom and democracy are on the march.

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God bless you all. God bless America.

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August 9, 1995

Dear Paul:

Rosemary was sure that you, as a Korean War veteran, would appreciate seeing these materials from last month's Korean War Veterans Memorial dedication. Hope all is well with you and your family.

Sincerely,



Robert G. Bell  
Special Assistant to the President  
for National Security Affairs

*P.S. Sorry we've missed some of the recent family gatherings.*

Mr. Paul Norman  
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Korean War veterans and distinguished guests, the sacrifices of the Korean War veterans to defend freedom and peace were not in vain. The blood and sweat shed by the U.S. and the U.N. troops proved to be the prime mover behind the realization of freedom throughout the postwar world. The free world's participation in the Korean War, its first resolute and effective action to stem the expansion of communism, changed the course of history. In this sense, I would say that the Korean War was the war that heralded the collapse of the Berlin Wall and the demise of communism. (Applause.)

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Mr. President. (Applause.)

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