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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 3, 1997

Dear Senator Abraham:

Thank you for your letter urging identification of Korean automotive practices under the Super 301 provision of U.S. trade laws.

I decided to identify Korean automotive practices under Super 301 because the Korean government was not prepared to undertake the reforms necessary to open its closed auto market. While some barriers were addressed in our 1995 bilateral agreement, implementation of that agreement has been disappointing. Korea maintains an array of barriers, including a tax structure that places disproportionately high taxes on imported vehicles and a climate of bias against imports that the Korean government has not effectively addressed. Korea is the third largest exporter of automobiles in the world, yet in spite of the 1995 U.S.-Korea agreement on autos, imported passenger vehicles represented less than one percent of the Korean market in 1996.

My Administration will endeavor to reach an agreement with Korea that will effectively address U.S. concerns. I look forward to your continued support of my Administration's efforts to open foreign markets to U.S. goods and services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Bill Clinton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

The Honorable Spencer Abraham
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510-2203

The Honorable Ron Klink
House of Representatives
125 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-3804

The Honorable Joe Knollenberg
House of Representatives
1511 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-2211

The Honorable John J. LaFalce
House of Representatives
2310 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-3229

The Honorable Steven C. LaTourette
House of Representatives
1239 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-3519

The Honorable Carl Levin
United States Senate
459 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-2202

The Honorable Sander M. Levin
House of Representatives
2230 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-2212

The Honorable John Lewis
House of Representatives
229 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-1005

The Honorable Joseph I. Lieberman
United States Senate
706 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-0703

The Honorable William O. Lipinski
House of Representatives
1501 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-1303

The Honorable Richard G. Lugar
United States Senate
306 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-1401

The Honorable James H. Maloney
House of Representatives
1213 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-0705

The Honorable James P. McGovern
House of Representatives
512 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-2103

The Honorable David M. McIntosh
House of Representatives
1208 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-1402

The Honorable Barbara A. Mikulski
United States Senate
709 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-2003

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The Honorable Frank Pallone, Jr.
House of Representatives
420 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-3006

The Honorable Donald M. Payne
House of Representatives
2244 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-3010

The Honorable John Peterson
House of Representatives
1020 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-3805

The Honorable Jack Quinn
House of Representatives
331 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-3230

The Honorable Jack Reed
United States Senate
320 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-3903

The Honorable Ralph Regula
House of Representatives
2309 Rayburn House Office Building
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The Honorable Lynn Rivers
House of Representatives
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Washington, D.C. 20515-2213

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United States Senate
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Washington, D.C. 20510-4802

The Honorable Rick Santorum
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House of Representatives
2419 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-2205

The Honorable Howard L. Berman
House of Representatives
2330 Rayburn House Office Building
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The Honorable Sherwood L. Boehlert
House of Representatives
2246 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-3223

The Honorable David E. Bonior
Democratic Whip
House of Representatives
2207 Rayburn House Office Building
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The Honorable Sam Brownback
United States Senate
303 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-1604

The Honorable Richard H. Bryan
United States Senate
269 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-2804

The Honorable David Camp
House of Representatives
137 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-2204

The Honorable John Conyers, Jr.
House of Representatives
2426 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-2214

The Honorable Peter A. DeFazio
House of Representatives
2134 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-3704

The Honorable Ronald V. Dellums
House of Representatives
2108 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-0509

The Honorable Mike DeWine
United States Senate
140 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-3503

The Honorable John D. Dingell
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2328 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-2216

The Honorable Byron L. Dorgan
United States Senate
713 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-3405

The Honorable Phil English
House of Representatives
1721 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-3821

The Honorable Lane Evans
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2335 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-1317

The Honorable Martin Frost
House of Representatives
2256 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-4324

The Honorable Richard A. Gephardt
Democratic Leader
House of Representatives
1226 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-2503

The Honorable Amo Houghton
House of Representatives
1110 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-3231

The Honorable Nancy L. Johnson
House of Representatives
343 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-0706

The Honorable Marcy Kaptur
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2311 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-3509

The Honorable Sue W. Kelly
House of Representatives
1222 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-3219

The Honorable Dale E. Kildee
House of Representatives
2187 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-2209

The Honorable Thomas C. Sawyer
House of Representatives
1414 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-3514

The Honorable Louise McIntosh
Slaughter
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2347 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-3228

The Honorable Gerald B. H. Solomon
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Washington, D.C. 20515-3222

The Honorable Debbie Stabenow
House of Representatives
1516 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-2208

The Honorable Fred Upton
House of Representatives
2333 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-2206

The Honorable James T. Walsh
House of Representatives
2351 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-3225

The Honorable J. C. Watts, Jr.
House of Representatives
1210 Longworth House Office Building
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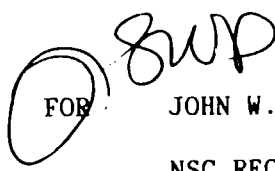
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WASHINGTON

October 31, 1997

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

SAMUEL BERGER

GENE SPERLING

DANIEL TARULLO

JOHN HILLEY

SUBJECT:

Congressional Letters on Korean Automotive Trade Practices

Purpose

To reply to congressional letters on Korean automotive trade practices.

Background

Thirteen Senators and 43 members of the House of Representatives wrote to you in late September urging that you designate the Republic of Korea's automotive trade policies as "priority foreign country practices" under the Super 301 provision of U.S. trade laws. Following unsuccessful negotiations with Korea, and with your approval, U.S. Trade Representative Barshefsky did so on October 1.

Super 301 investigations of this nature can take up to twelve months. Negotiations with Korea will continue into next spring and summer. It is our hope that following the December elections in Korea, the new government will be better positioned to make meaningful market opening commitments.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letters at Tab A.

Attachments

Tab A Letters to Representative Levin and Other Members of Congress

Tab B Incoming Correspondence

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 7, 1997

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR SAMUEL BERGER
GENE SPERLING
DANIEL TARULLO

THROUGH: ROBERT D. KYLE *rdk*

FROM: MALCOLM R. LEE *ML*

SUBJECT: Congressional Letters on Korean Automotive Trade Practices

Attached is a memorandum to the President and proposed response to letters from Representative Levin and Senator Brownback and 53 other Members of Congress regarding Korea's automotive trade practices.

Concurrences by: Pritchard; Davis

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Attachments

Tab I Memorandum to the President
Tab A Letters to Representatives
Tab B Incoming Correspondence

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

September 23, 1997

Dear Mr. President:

We are writing to urge you to designate the Republic of Korea's automotive trade policies as "priority practices" under the Super 301 provision of U.S. trade law.

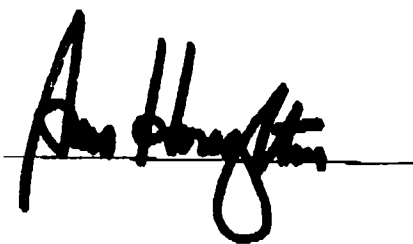
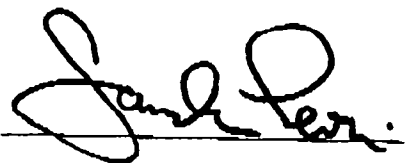
Korea's market for automobiles is one of the fastest growing in the world and could be an important destination for U.S. exports. Despite the efforts of the U.S. government and the world's automakers, however, the Korean market remains closed to non-Korean cars and trucks.

Two years ago, your Administration negotiated an agreement with the Korean government to provide new access to that country's automotive market. While the Korean government implemented some of the provisions of the agreement, such as a small reduction in the enormous tax/tariff burden on imported autos, most of its actions actually have served to restrict the market yet further. The government repeatedly has taken steps, such as the threat of special tax audits, to officially discourage the purchase of imports. Moreover, Korea continues to levy an array of nine separate taxes, in addition to an import tariff, that disadvantage imports.

The express purpose of the 1995 agreement was to "substantially increase market access for foreign passenger vehicles" in Korea. However, the Korean government's unwillingness to change its policies has undermined this goal.

Even without a trade agreement, these actions would merit serious consideration under Super 301. But because we have already negotiated an agreement which these actions clearly violate, we believe that designation under Super 301 is unavoidable. It is our understanding that the Korean government has been less than willing to negotiate further market-opening initiatives, despite the continued low level of auto imports in Korea. We urge you to take strong action under U.S. law to gain Korea's cooperation in opening its market to U.S. auto exports.

Sincerely,



Letter to the President
Designate Korea Under Super 301

John Amseel

Carl E. Kildee

Mark Furr

John Longenecker

Sue Kelly

John Lewis

Jim Baneis

Quinn Sheel

Bon Klum

Sue Kelly

Frank L. G. B.

Daniel E. Bonin

Lane Evans

Robert V. Bell

Phil Knight

Jim Anderson

Harold T. Benson

Louise M. Slaughter

John E. Peterson

Daniel McIntosh

Letter to the President
Designate Korea Under Super 301

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Donald Wayne

James T. Glaser

James R. Yates

James J. J.

Lynn V. Rivers

Joe J. Latacz

Peter McFoy

Tim Maloney

Therese L. Johnson

Walter Stokrow

Sherry Buchler

Marcy Kaptur

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Tom Sawyer

Jack Quinn

**Letter to the President
Designate Korea Under Super 301**

Frank Pallone, Jr.

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House letter to President Clinton on Super 301 for Korea's auto market

Sander Levin

Amo Houghton

John Dingell

Fred Upton

Dale Kildee

David Bonior

Martin Frost

Lane Evans

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F A C S I M I L E

To: The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton

From: Sandy Levin

Re: Super 301 for the Korean auto market

Date: September 23, 1997

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CC: The Honorable Charlene Barshefsky, 395-4656
The Honorable William Daley, 482-4420

U.S. Congressman Sander M. Levin
2209 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Tel: (202) 225-4961
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 24, 1997

MEMORANDUM FOR GLYN DAVIES

NSC Executive Secretariat

FROM: SUSAN BROPHY *SB*
Legislative Affairs

SUBJECT: Presidential Correspondence

Attached are copies of letters sent to the President by various Members of Congress. Since these letters address national security issues, we would appreciate your assistance in drafting a response.

Thank you very much for your assistance. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Chris Walker at x67500.

The following is a brief description of the letters:

- 1) Sen. Paul Coverdell (R-GA), concerning the U.S. Ambassadorship to Mexico,
- 2) Representatives Benjamin A. Gilman (R-NY), Porter J. Goss (R-FL) and Sam Gejdenson (D-CT), concerning the U.S. food assistance program for North Korea,
- 3) Rep. Martin Frost (D-TX) and others, concerning the "open skies" agreement between the U.S. and Japan,
- 4) Rep. Vic Fazio (D-CA), concerning the upcoming meeting with the Indian Prime Minister,
- 5) Rep. John P. Murtha (D-PA) and others, concerning the dumping of carbon steel plates in the U.S. market,
- 6) Rep. Eliot L. Engel (D-NY), concerning the imprisonment of 15 Puerto Ricans,
- 7) Rep. Amo Houghton (R-NY), concerning the Super 301 provision of U.S. trade law,
- 8) Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR), concerning the "open skies" agreement between the U.S. and Japan,

- 9) Sen. John Ashcroft (R-MO) and others, concerning the Memorandum of Understanding between the U.S. and the Republic of Korea,
- 10) Rep. Edolphus Towns (D-NY), concerning the October 29 State Dinner at the White House,
- 11) Rep. Harold Rogers (R-KY) and Benjamin Gilman (R), concerning the Comprehensive Ban Treaty Preparatory Commission,
- 12) Rep. Gerald B. H. Solomon (R-NY), concerning NATO expansion; and,
- 13) Sen. Robert G. Torricelli (D-NJ) and others, concerning the September 4, 1997 bombing in Israel.

Enclosures

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

September 22, 1997

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

In 1995, the United States and the Republic of Korea signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to provide U.S. automobile manufacturers access to one of the largest markets in the world and one of the fastest-growing markets in Asia. We have been monitoring Korea's implementation of the 1995 MOU, and it concerns us greatly that automotive imports in Korea remain at less than one percent and that the Korean government has violated the 1995 agreement.

Trade barriers premised on Korean laws and policies designed to undermine trade concessions deny U.S. automobile manufacturers and Korean consumers the benefits they had expected under the 1995 MOU and the WTO agreements. Furthermore, these barriers allow Korea to enjoy a "free ride" on U.S. concessions.

Since the 1995 Agreement, government-sanctioned policies, including harassment of citizens who buy or lease imported cars, have escalated. Korea has reclassified minivans and sport utility vehicles, effectively boosting import taxes on these vehicles by as much as \$1,500. Also, Korea's discriminatory automotive taxation regime has not improved overall and still may effectively double the price consumers pay for an imported vehicle.

Of equal concern is the uncertainty Korea's restrictive policies create for future U.S. negotiations with Korea. We question whether American companies can rely on agreements to be productive and long-lasting if U.S. automobiles cannot enter the Korean market on fair terms as already negotiated.

The 1995 MOU was a minimal first step toward opening Korea's automotive market, but the government has also shown little willingness to negotiate further market-opening

The President

September 22, 1997

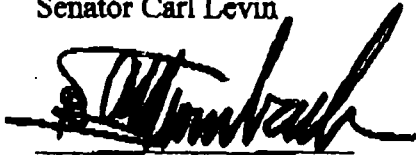
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initiatives or even abide by its 1995 commitments. While Korea is ultimately accountable for remedying the market barriers it has erected unilaterally, the United States must take an active role in requiring Korea to implement market remedies to which it has agreed. Therefore, we urge you to name Korea's automotive trade policies as "priority practices" under the Super 301 unfair trade provision and to seek further commitments from Korea to provide real market access.

Sincerely,



Senator Carl Levin



Senator Sam Brownback



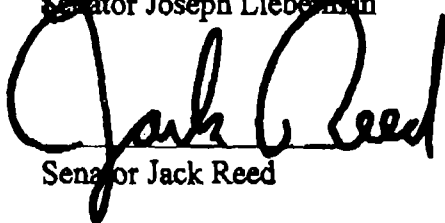
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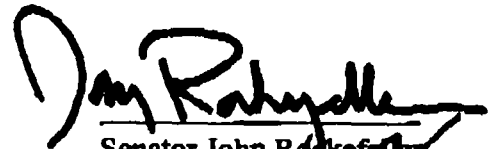
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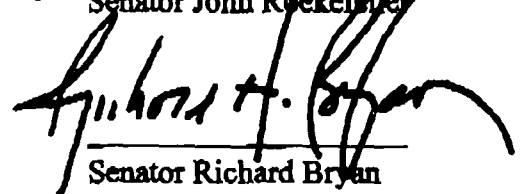
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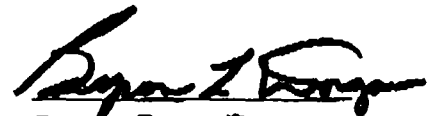
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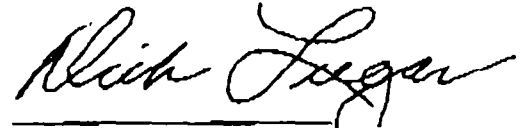
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The President
September 22, 1997
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Barbara A. Mikulski

Senator Barbara Mikulski



JOHN ASHCROFT

UNITED STATES SENATOR • MISSOURI

FAX

Date: 9/23/97

To: President Bill Clinton

Fax: () 456 - 6221 / 6468

From: Senator John Ashcroft
by Taunya McLarty

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NOTE:

Please call (202) 224-6154 if you have any questions or have trouble receiving this fax.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 24, 1997

MEMORANDUM FOR GLYN DAVIES

NSC Executive Secretariat

FROM:

SUSAN BROPHY *SB*
Legislative Affairs

SUBJECT:

Presidential Correspondence

Attached are copies of letters sent to the President by various Members of Congress. Since these letters address national security issues, we would appreciate your assistance in drafting a response.

Thank you very much for your assistance. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Chris Walker at x67500.

The following is a brief description of the letters:

- 1) Sen. Paul Coverdell (R-GA), concerning the U.S. Ambassadorship to Mexico,
- 2) Representatives Benjamin A. Gilman (R-NY), Porter J. Goss (R-FL) and Sam Gejdenson (D-CT), concerning the U.S. food assistance program for North Korea,
- 3) Rep. Martin Frost (D-TX) and others, concerning the "open skies" agreement between the U.S. and Japan,
- 4) Rep. Vic Fazio (D-CA), concerning the upcoming meeting with the Indian Prime Minister,
- 5) Rep. John P. Murtha (D-PA) and others, concerning the dumping of carbon steel plates in the U.S. market,
- 6) Rep. Eliot L. Engel (D-NY), concerning the imprisonment of 15 Puerto Ricans,
- 7) Rep. Amo Houghton (R-NY), concerning the Super 301 provision of U.S. trade law,
- 8) Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR), concerning the "open skies" agreement between the U.S. and Japan,

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- 9) Sen. John Ashcroft (R-MO) and others, concerning the Memorandum of Understanding between the U.S. and the Republic of Korea,
 - 10) Rep. Edolphus Towns (D-NY), concerning the October 29 State Dinner at the White House,
 - 11) Rep. Harold Rogers (R-KY) and Benjamin Gilman (R), concerning the Comprehensive Ban Treaty Preparatory Commission,
 - 12) Rep. Gerald B. H. Solomon (R-NY), concerning NATO expansion; and,
 - 13) Sen. Robert G. Torricelli (D-NJ) and others, concerning the September 4, 1997 bombing in Israel.

Enclosures

Conflict: 3³⁰ pm mtg w/ John Hamilton.

Schedule: yes — No ✓

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES
TRADE REPRESENTATIVE,
OFFICE OF ASIA AND THE PACIFIC
600 17TH STREET, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20508

DATE: OCTOBER 30, 1997

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TO:	OFFICE:	PHONE:	FAX:
Andrea Gash	DOC/TD		482-3864
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Duane Sams	State/EB		647-1537
Jason Singer	Treasury		622-0349
Lester Koransky	Labor		219-4896
Malcolm Lee	NEC/NSC		456-9290
FROM: SEAN P. MURPHY			

SUBJECT: INTERAGENCY MEETING ON KOREA AUTOS

This is to invite you to a brief interagency meeting to review the state of play on Korea autos issues and to provide a read out on next steps. We will meet tomorrow (Friday, Oct. 31) at 3:30 at USTR, Room 403.

Attached FYI is a copy of the official Federal Register notice (published Tuesday, Oct. 28) announcing the initiation of a Section 301 investigation.

I look forward to seeing you. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thanks

of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW), including consideration of training requirements for maritime pilots;

3. Maritime safety training for personnel on Mobile Offshore Units (MOU/MODUs);

4. Bulk carrier safety;

5. Training record books; and

6. Guidance associated with the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Fishing Vessel Personnel (STCW-F Convention, as adopted by the 1995 conference; not yet ratified or in force).

Members of the public may attend the meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. Interested persons may seek information by writing: Mr. Christopher Young, U.S. Coast Guard (G-MOS-1), Room 1210, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001 or by calling: (202) 267-0229.

Dated: October 16, 1997.

Stephen M. Miller,

Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

[Docket No. 301-115]

**Initiation of Section 302 Investigation
and Request for Public Comment:
Korean Barriers to Auto Imports**

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice of initiation of investigation; request for written comments.

SUMMARY: The United States Trade Representative (USTR) has initiated an investigation under section 302(b)(1)(A) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (the Trade Act), with respect to certain acts, policies and practices of the Government of the Republic of Korea that pose barriers to imports of U.S. autos into the Korean market. USTR invites written comments on the matters being investigated.

DATES: This investigation was initiated on October 20, 1997. Written comments from interested persons are due on or before noon on Tuesday, December 2, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20508.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sean Murphy, Office of Asia and the

Pacific, (202) 395-6813, or GERALYN RITTER, Office of the General Counsel, (202) 395-6800.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Executive Order No. 12901 of March 3, 1994, as extended by Executive Order No. 12973 of September 27, 1995, regarding the "Super 301" annual review, provides for the USTR to identify priority foreign country practices, the elimination of which is likely to have the most significant potential to increase United States exports, either directly or through the establishment of a beneficial precedent. Accordingly, on October 1, 1997, the USTR identified as a "priority foreign country practice" the Government of the Republic of Korea's barriers to auto imports. (See 62 FR 52604 of October 8, 1997). Specific Korean practices of concern include an array of cumulative tariff and tax disincentives that disproportionately affect imports, onerous and costly auto standards and certification procedures, auto financing restrictions, and a climate of bias against imported vehicles that Korean officials have not effectively addressed. While some of these barriers were addressed in a 1995 bilateral agreement between the United States and Korea, implementation of that agreement has been disappointing, especially as new practices have been introduced that undermine the 1995 agreement. Furthermore, imported passenger vehicles continue to represent less than one percent of the Korean market. Although some progress was made during recent bilateral negotiations to improve market access in Korea for foreign automobiles, Korea was not prepared to undertake the reforms which are necessary for real opening of its autos market.

Investigation and Consultations

Executive Order No. 12901 requires the USTR to initiate an investigation, pursuant to section 302(b)(1)(A) of the Trade Act, of any "priority foreign country practices." On October 20, 1997, the USTR initiated an investigation with respect to certain acts, policies and practices of the Government of the Republic of Korea that pose barriers to imports of U.S. autos into the Korean market. Pursuant to section 303(a) of the Trade Act, the USTR will seek consultations with the Government of Korea concerning the issues under investigation. USTR will seek information and advice from the appropriate representatives provided for under section 175 of the Trade Act in preparing the U.S. presentations for such consultations.

Public Comment Requirements for Submissions

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the acts, policies and practices of the Government of Korea that are the subject of this investigation, including the amount of burden or restriction on U.S. commerce caused by these acts, policies and practices, and the determinations required under section 304 of the Trade Act regarding whether they are actionable under section 301 and, if affirmative, the appropriate action to take in response.

Comments must be filed in accordance with the requirements set forth in 15 CFR § 2006.8(b) and are due no later than noon on Tuesday, December 2, 1997. Comments must be in English and provided in twenty copies to: Office of the General Counsel, Korea Auto Investigation, Room 223, USTR, 600 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20508.

Comments will be placed in a file (Docket 301-115) open to public inspection pursuant to 15 CFR 2006.2 except confidential business information exempt from public inspection in accordance with 15 CFR 2006.15. Confidential business information submitted in accordance with 15 CFR 2006.15 must be clearly marked "BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL" in a contrasting color ink at the top of each page on each of 20 copies, and must be accompanied by a nonconfidential summary of the confidential information. The Nonconfidential summary shall be placed in the file that is open to public inspection. An appointment to review the docket (Docket No. 301-115) may be made by calling Brenda Webb (202) 395-6186. The USTR Reading Room is open to the public from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and is located in Room 101.

Irving A. Williamson,

Chairman, Section 301 Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

September 21, 1997.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Pub L. 104-13. Copies of the submission(s)

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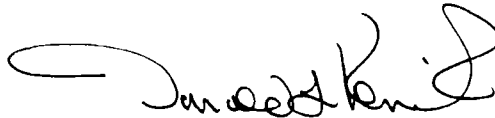
Dear Mr. Card:

Thank you for your letter to Mr. Berger urging identification of Korean automotive practices. I am responding on his behalf.

As you know, the President decided to identify Korean automotive practices under Super 301. He did so because the Korean government was not prepared to undertake the reforms necessary to open its closed auto market.

We will work to reach an agreement with Korea that will effectively address U.S. concerns. I appreciate your support for this Administration's efforts to open foreign markets to U.S. goods and services.

Sincerely,

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Donald L. Kerrick
Major General, USA
Deputy Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs

Mr. Andrew H. Card, Jr.
President and CEO
American Automobile Manufacturers Association
1401 H Street, N.W., Suite 900
Washington, D.C. 20005

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 31, 1997

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR SAMUEL BERGER

THROUGH: ROBERT D. KYLE

FROM: MALCOLM R. LEE

SUBJECT: Letter on Korean Automotive Trade Practices

Attached is a draft response to a letter from Mr. Andrew H. Card, Jr., President and CEO of the American Automobile Manufacturers Association requesting that Korea be designated under "Super 301" for unfair trade practices in auto trade. With the President's approval, Ambassador Barshefsky designated Korea's automotive trade practices under Super 301 on October 1.

Concurrence by: Pritchard

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter to Mr. Card at Tab I.

Attachments

Tab I Letter to Andrew H. Card, Jr.
Tab A Incoming Correspondence

American Automobile Manufacturers Association



ANDREW H. CARD, Jr.
President and Chief Executive Officer

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PLEASE STAFF

September 25, 1997

The Honorable Samuel R. Berger
Assistant to the President
National Security Council
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Berger:

As September 30 approaches, the American Automobile Manufacturers Association would like to reiterate our views regarding options under consideration by the Administration regarding our request that Korea be designated under "Super 301" for unfair trade practices in auto trade.

First, we are very disturbed that, despite Korea's clear violations of the 1995 MOU, there is still reluctance from some within the Administration to designate Korea under Super 301. We are very aware of political concerns that have been raised about Korea's upcoming elections. However, we believe that failure to act now -- and the message which that non-action conveys -- will do far greater harm to U.S. interests than proceeding with a 301 investigation. A new administration in Seoul would in all likelihood be reluctant to tackle these tough issues without the incentive of a set negotiating deadline. This is also an opportunity to move U.S.-Korea relations forward, by showing that the bilateral relationship has matured to the point that trade concerns can be discussed separately from other important aspects of the relationship, as the U.S. does in disputes with most other OECD trading partners.

Given the high visibility of this issue, a failure to designate Korea could also be interpreted by other countries as a sign that the U.S. will not strictly enforce existing trade agreements. It could also undermine our continuing efforts to put pressure on Japan to open its market, and may damage ongoing attempts to resolve the U.S. auto dispute with Indonesia.

We are also disturbed that concessions from Korea that have little or no commercial significance may be accepted by the Administration as demonstrating adequate progress to avoid a Super 301 designation. What has been offered thus far barely qualifies as a starting point, and will not result in any volume increase in import sales.

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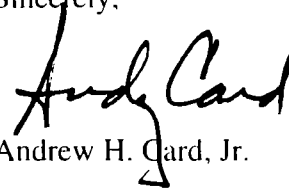
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To accept a minimal package of concessions as sufficient progress by the government of Korea to avoid Super 301 designation cannot, in our view, be justified. It would clearly leave Korea "off the hook", with no guarantee that any new government will make any significant market opening efforts at a later date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Andy Card". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "A" and a stylized "C".

Andrew H. Card, Jr.

I hope you will contact me should
you have questions.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Mr. Card:

to Mr. Berger

Thank you for your letter urging identification of Korean automotive practices. *I am responding on his behalf.*

As you know, the President decided to identify Korean automotive practices under Super 301. He did so because the Korean government was not prepared to undertake the reforms necessary to open its closed auto market. ~~Implementation of our 1995 bilateral agreement has been disappointing. Korea maintains an array of barriers, including a climate of bias against imports that the Korean government has not effectively addressed and a tax structure that places disproportionately high taxes on imported vehicles.~~

We will work to reach an agreement with Korea that will effectively address U.S. concerns. I appreciate your support for this Administration's efforts to open foreign markets to U.S. goods and services.

Sincerely,

~~Samuel R. Berger~~ *Kerrick*
Assistant to the President
~~for National Security Affairs~~

Mr. Andrew H. Card, Jr.
President and CEO
American Automobile Manufacturers Association
1401 H Street, N.W., Suite 900
Washington, D.C. 20005

*Since similar letter
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WASHINGTON

October 7, 1997

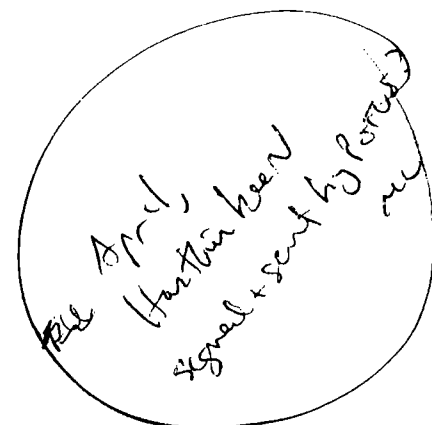
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MEMORANDUM FOR SAMUEL BERGER
GENE SPERLING
DANIEL TARULLO

THROUGH: ROBERT D. KYLE *rdk*

FROM: MALCOLM R. LEE *ML*

SUBJECT: Congressional Letters on Korean Automotive Trade Practices



See attached
ABA
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Attached is a memorandum to the President and proposed response to letters from Representative Levin and Senator Brownback and 53 other Members of Congress regarding Korea's automotive trade practices.

Concurrences by: Pritchard; Davis

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Attachments

Tab I Memorandum to the President
Tab A Letters to Representatives
Tab B Incoming Correspondence

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER
GENE SPERLING
DANIEL TARULLO
JOHN HILLEY

SUBJECT: Congressional Letters on Korean Automotive Trade
Practices

Purpose

To reply to congressional letters on Korean automotive trade practices.

Background

13 Senators and 43 members of the House of Representatives wrote to you in late September urging that you designate the Republic of Korea's automotive trade policies as "priority foreign country practices" under the Super 301 provision of U.S. trade laws. Following unsuccessful negotiations with Korea, and with your approval, U.S. Trade Representative Barshefsky did so on October 1.

Super 301 investigations of this nature can take up to twelve months. Negotiations with Korea will continue into next spring and summer. It is our hope that following the December elections in Korea, the new government will be better positioned to make meaningful market opening commitments.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letters at Tab A.

Attachments

Tab A Letters to Representative Levin and Other Members of
Congress
Tab B Incoming Correspondence

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Sandy:

Thank you for your letter urging identification of Korean automotive practices under the Super 301 provision of U.S. trade laws.

I decided to identify Korean automotive practices under Super 301 because the Korean government was not prepared to undertake the reforms necessary to open its closed auto market. While some barriers were addressed in our 1995 bilateral agreement, implementation of that agreement has been disappointing. Korea maintains an array of barriers, including a tax structure that places disproportionately high taxes on imported vehicles and a climate of bias against imports that the Korean government has not effectively addressed. Korea is the third largest exporter of automobiles. However, in spite of the 1995 U.S.-Korea agreement on autos, imported passenger vehicles represented less than one percent of the Korean market in 1996.

My Administration will endeavor to reach agreement with Korea that will effectively address U.S. concerns. I look forward to your continued support in this Administration's efforts to open foreign markets to U.S. goods and services.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Sander M. Levin
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-2212

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

September 23, 1997

Dear Mr. President:

We are writing to urge you to designate the Republic of Korea's automotive trade policies as "priority practices" under the Super 301 provision of U.S. trade law.

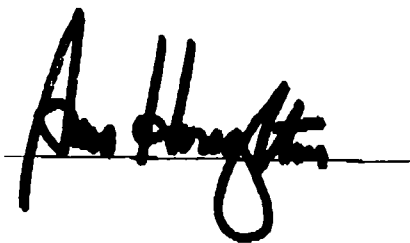
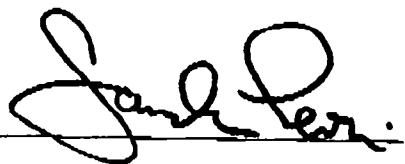
Korea's market for automobiles is one of the fastest growing in the world and could be an important destination for U.S. exports. Despite the efforts of the U.S. government and the world's automakers, however, the Korean market remains closed to non-Korean cars and trucks.

Two years ago, your Administration negotiated an agreement with the Korean government to provide new access to that country's automotive market. While the Korean government implemented some of the provisions of the agreement, such as a small reduction in the enormous tax/tariff burden on imported autos, most of its actions actually have served to restrict the market yet further. The government repeatedly has taken steps, such as the threat of special tax audits, to officially discourage the purchase of imports. Moreover, Korea continues to levy an array of nine separate taxes, in addition to an import tariff, that disadvantage imports.

The express purpose of the 1995 agreement was to "substantially increase market access for foreign passenger vehicles" in Korea. However, the Korean government's unwillingness to change its policies has undermined this goal.

Even without a trade agreement, these actions would merit serious consideration under Super 301. But because we have already negotiated an agreement which these actions clearly violate, we believe that designation under Super 301 is unavoidable. It is our understanding that the Korean government has been less than willing to negotiate further market-opening initiatives, despite the continued low level of auto imports in Korea. We urge you to take strong action under U.S. law to gain Korea's cooperation in opening its market to U.S. auto exports.

Sincerely,



Letter to the President
Designate Korea Under Super 301

John Amser

Carl E. Kilbee

Mark Frost

John Longenecker

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John Lewis

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Richard Sheel

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Letter to the President
Designate Korea Under Super 301

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Dick Karpman

Joe Kullback

Jane Camp

Ed Dwyer

Sam H. Long

Tom Sawyer

Jack Quinn

**Letter to the President
Designate Korea Under Super 301**

Frank Pallone, Jr.

[Signature]

House letter to President Clinton on Super 301 for Korea's auto market

Sander Levin

Arno Houghton

John Dingell

Fred Upton

Dale Kildee

David Bonior

Martin Frost

Lane Evans

John Conyers

Ron Dellums

Sue Kelly

Phil English

John Lewis

Jim McGovern

Jim Barcia

Howard Berman

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Ron Klink

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Joe Knollenberg

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Dave Camp

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Peter DeFazio

Jerry Solomon

Jim Maloney

Tom Sawyer

Nancy Johnson

Jack Quinn

Frank Pallone, Jr.

Steve LaTourette

F A C S I M I L E

To: The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton

From: Sandy Levin

Re: Super 301 for the Korean auto market

Date: September 23, 1997

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CC: The Honorable Charlene Barshefsky, 395-4656
The Honorable William Daley, 482-4420

U.S. Congressman Sander M. Levin
2209 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Tel: (202) 225-4961
Fax: (202) 226-1033

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 24, 1997

MEMORANDUM FOR GLYN DAVIES
NSC Executive Secretariat

FROM: SUSAN BROPHY *SB*
Legislative Affairs

SUBJECT: Presidential Correspondence

Attached are copies of letters sent to the President by various Members of Congress. Since these letters address national security issues, we would appreciate your assistance in drafting a response.

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

September 22, 1997

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

In 1995, the United States and the Republic of Korea signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to provide U.S. automobile manufacturers access to one of the largest markets in the world and one of the fastest-growing markets in Asia. We have been monitoring Korea's implementation of the 1995 MOU, and it concerns us greatly that automotive imports in Korea remain at less than one percent and that the Korean government has violated the 1995 agreement.

Trade barriers premised on Korean laws and policies designed to undermine trade concessions deny U.S. automobile manufacturers and Korean consumers the benefits they had expected under the 1995 MOU and the WTO agreements. Furthermore, these barriers allow Korea to enjoy a "free ride" on U.S. concessions.

Since the 1995 Agreement, government-sanctioned policies, including harassment of citizens who buy or lease imported cars, have escalated. Korea has reclassified minivans and sport utility vehicles, effectively boosting import taxes on these vehicles by as much as \$1,500. Also, Korea's discriminatory automotive taxation regime has not improved overall and still may effectively double the price consumers pay for an imported vehicle.

Of equal concern is the uncertainty Korea's restrictive policies create for future U.S. negotiations with Korea. We question whether American companies can rely on agreements to be productive and long-lasting if U.S. automobiles cannot enter the Korean market on fair terms as already negotiated.

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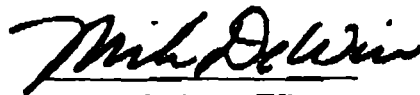
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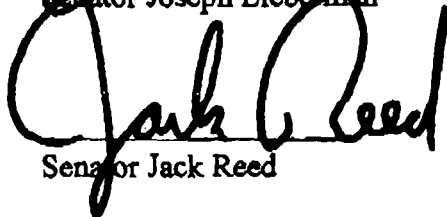
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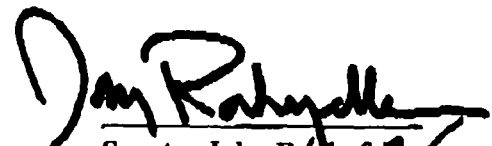
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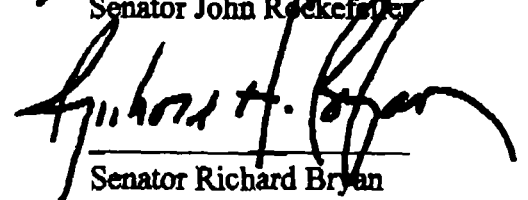
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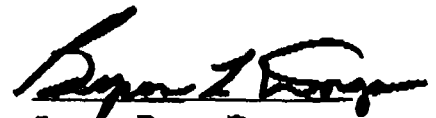
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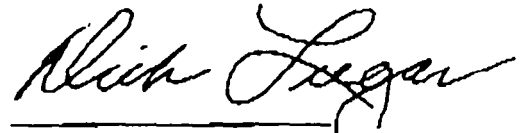
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 24, 1997

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FROM: SUSAN BROPHY *SB*
Legislative Affairs

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JOHN ASHCROFT

UNITED STATES SENATOR • MISSOURI

FAX

Date: 9/23/97

To: President Bill Clinton

Fax: () 456 - 6221 / 6468

From: Senator John Ashcroft
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 3, 1997

Dear Senator Abraham:

Thank you for your letter urging identification of Korean automotive practices under the Super 301 provision of U.S. trade laws.

I decided to identify Korean automotive practices under Super 301 because the Korean government was not prepared to undertake the reforms necessary to open its closed auto market. While some barriers were addressed in our 1995 bilateral agreement, implementation of that agreement has been disappointing. Korea maintains an array of barriers, including a tax structure that places disproportionately high taxes on imported vehicles and a climate of bias against imports that the Korean government has not effectively addressed. Korea is the third largest exporter of automobiles in the world, yet in spite of the 1995 U.S.-Korea agreement on autos, imported passenger vehicles represented less than one percent of the Korean market in 1996.

My Administration will endeavor to reach an agreement with Korea that will effectively address U.S. concerns. I look forward to your continued support of my Administration's efforts to open foreign markets to U.S. goods and services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Clinton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

The Honorable Spencer Abraham
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510-2203

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United States Senate
329 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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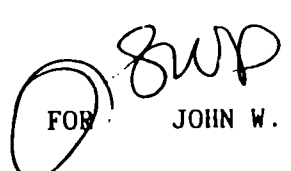
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JOHN W. FICKLIN

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 31, 1997

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

SAMUEL BERGER

GENE SPERLING

DANIEL TARULLO

JOHN HILLEY

SUBJECT:

Congressional Letters on Korean Automotive Trade Practices

Purpose

To reply to congressional letters on Korean automotive trade practices.

Background

Thirteen Senators and 43 members of the House of Representatives wrote to you in late September urging that you designate the Republic of Korea's automotive trade policies as "priority foreign country practices" under the Super 301 provision of U.S. trade laws. Following unsuccessful negotiations with Korea, and with your approval, U.S. Trade Representative Barshefsky did so on October 1.

Super 301 investigations of this nature can take up to twelve months. Negotiations with Korea will continue into next spring and summer. It is our hope that following the December elections in Korea, the new government will be better positioned to make meaningful market opening commitments.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letters at Tab A.

Attachments

Tab A Letters to Representative Levin and Other Members of Congress

Tab B Incoming Correspondence

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 7, 1997

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MEMORANDUM FOR SAMUEL BERGER
GENE SPERLING
DANIEL TARULLO

THROUGH: ROBERT D. KYLE *mfr*
FROM: MALCOLM R. LEE *ML*
SUBJECT: Congressional Letters on Korean Automotive Trade
Practices

Attached is a memorandum to the President and proposed response to letters from Representative Levin and Senator Brownback and 53 other Members of Congress regarding Korea's automotive trade practices.

Concurrences by: Pritchard; Davis
ML

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Mark Furr

John Longenecker

Sue Kelly

John Lewis

Jim Bauris

Quinn Sheel

Bon Klum

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Paul L. B. B.

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Letter to the President
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Frank Pallone, Jr.

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House letter to President Clinton on Super 301 for Korea's auto market

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F A C S I M I L E

To: The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton

From: Sandy Levin

Re: Super 301 for the Korean auto market

Date: September 23, 1997

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Fax: 456-2604

Pages: 6, including this cover page

CC: The Honorable Charlene Barshefsky, 395-4656
The Honorable William Daley, 482-4420

U.S. Congressman Sander M. Levin
2209 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Tel: (202) 225-4961
Fax: (202) 226-1033

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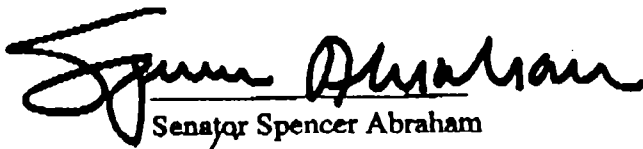
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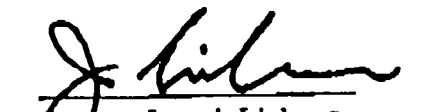
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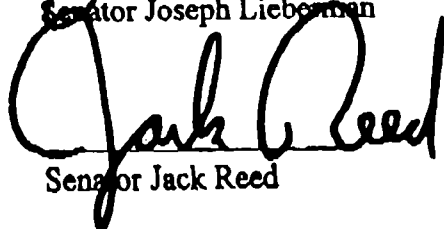

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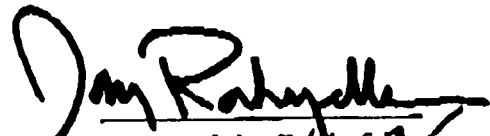

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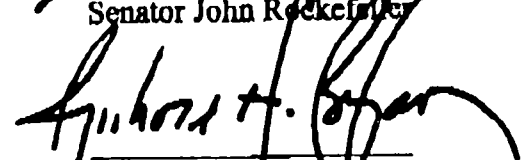

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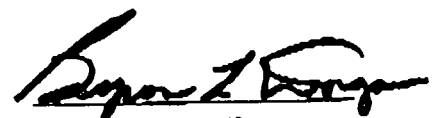

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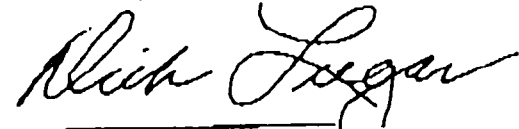

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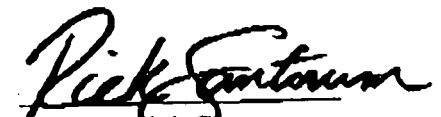

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JOHN ASHCROFT

UNITED STATES SENATOR • MISSOURI

FAX

Date: 9/23/97

To: President Bill Clinton

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September 24, 1997

MEMORANDUM FOR GLYN DAVIES
NSC Executive Secretariat

FROM: SUSAN BROPHY *SB*
Legislative Affairs

SUBJECT: Presidential Correspondence

Attached are copies of letters sent to the President by various Members of Congress. Since these letters address national security issues, we would appreciate your assistance in drafting a response.

Thank you very much for your assistance. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Chris Walker at x67500.

The following is a brief description of the letters:

- 1) Sen. Paul Coverdell (R-GA), concerning the U.S. Ambassadorship to Mexico,
- 2) Representatives Benjamin A. Gilman (R-NY), Porter J. Goss (R-FL) and Sam Gejdenson (D-CT), concerning the U.S. food assistance program for North Korea,
- 3) Rep. Martin Frost (D-TX) and others, concerning the "open skies" agreement between the U.S. and Japan,
- 4) Rep. Vic Fazio (D-CA), concerning the upcoming meeting with the Indian Prime Minister,
- 5) Rep. John P. Murtha (D-PA) and others, concerning the dumping of carbon steel plates in the U.S. market,
- 6) Rep. Eliot L. Engel (D-NY), concerning the imprisonment of 15 Puerto Ricans,
- 7) Rep. Amo Houghton (R-NY), concerning the Super 301 provision of U.S. trade law,
- 8) Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR), concerning the "open skies" agreement between the U.S. and Japan,