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(U) NIACT IMMEDIATE PRECEDENCE AUTHORIZED BY EAP SPECIAL
ASSISTANT JIM FOSTER DUE TO THE NEED FOR URGENT CLEARANCE
ON THE ATTACHED BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROTH WHO IS
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1. (U) FOR A/S STANLEY O. ROTH. PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED

ROADMAPS FOR THE SECRETARY. YOUR COMMENTS ARE APPRECIATED ASAP SO WE CAN MAKE CHANGES ON MONDAY FOR YOUR REVIEW OF THE COMPLETED PACKAGE ON TUESDAY. BEGIN ROAD MAP TEXTS:

2. (C) KOREA ROAD MAP

THE OVERRIDING OBJECTIVE FOR YOUR VISIT TO SEOUL WILL BE TO SIZE UP PRESIDENT KIM'S NEW FOREIGN POLICY TEAM AND PREPARE FOR HIS JUNE STATE VISIT, WHICH SHOULD BE AN OCCASION TO CELEBRATE THE MATURATION OF KOREAN DEMOCRACY THAT KIM'S ELECTION REPRESENTS. YOUR FOREIGN POLICY DISCUSSIONS WILL

CENTER ON NORTH KOREA. YOU WILL WANT A THOROUGH DEBRIEF ON RECENT NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE AND TO DISCUSS NEXT STEPS IN THE FOUR PARTY PROCESS. YOU WILL ALSO WANT TO STRESS THE URGENT NEED TO RESOLVE KEDO'S FUNDING CRISIS, AND CONSULT ON NORTH KOREA'S FOOD SHORTAGES. YOUR VISIT WILL ALSO BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO EMPHASIZE U.S. SUPPORT AS KOREA TAKES STEPS TO REFORM ITS ECONOMY. THE KIM ADMINISTRATION IS COMMITTED TO THE REFORM PROGRAM, BUT THE REAL PAIN IS YET TO BE FELT. YOUR VISIT WILL CONCLUDE WITH A MEETING WITH NGO REPRESENTATIVES WHERE YOU CAN CARRY OUT A DIALOGUE ON DEMOCRACY, HUMAN RIGHTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS, AND THE LESSONS THAT KOREA'S DEMOCRATIC PROGRESS HOLDS FOR ASIA.

OFFICE MEETING/LUNCH WITH FOREIGN MINISTER PARK CHUNG-SOO
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YOUR MEETING WITH PARK WILL ALLOW FOR A DETAILED DISCUSSION OF KEY ISSUES, INCLUDING THE KEDO FUNDING CRISIS, POLICY TOWARD NORTH KOREA, AND OTHER ASPECTS OF OUR RELATIONSHIP. THE NEW FOREIGN MINISTER HAS A LONG BACKGROUND IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, WHERE HE WAS REGARDED AS A SERIOUS, PRO-AMERICAN, FOREIGN AFFAIRS EXPERT. THIS WILL BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO APPEAL TO HIS ACADEMIC GROUNDING (AMERICAN UNIVERSITY PH.D.) TO BECOME A PARTNER IN PROBLEM SOLVING.

YOU WILL NEED TO PRESS PARK ON KEDO, NOTING THAT UNDER SECRETARY PICKERING PUT FORWARD A FAIR PROPOSAL TO RESOLVE FUNDING ISSUES FOR BOTH THE LIGHT-WATER REACTOR PROJECT AND HEAVY FUEL OIL DELIVERIES. YOU ALSO SHOULD ASK FOR A BRIEFING ON NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE, INCLUDING THE RECENT MEETINGS IN BEIJING, AND AGAIN STRESS STRONG U.S. SUPPORT FOR THESE EFFORTS. YOU SHOULD DISCUSS NEXT STEPS IN THE FOUR PARTY TALKS. PARK'S MINISTRY HAS RECENTLY BEEN GIVEN OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY ON TRADE ISSUES, AND YOU SHOULD SEEK HIS COOPERATION TO STRENGTHEN OUR ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP BY

HELPING TO RESOLVE U.S.-ROK TRADE DISPUTES QUICKLY AND QUIETLY. YOU WILL ALSO WANT TO ENCOURAGE PARK TO ENSURE THAT KOREA MAKES A MEANINGFUL CONTRIBUTION TO GLOBAL EFFORTS ON CLIMATE CHANGE. YOUR DISCUSSION WITH PARK WILL CONTINUE DURING A WORKING LUNCH. A PRESS EVENT WILL FOLLOW.

MEETING WITH NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR LIM DONG-WON

DURING YOUR BRIEF DROP-BY WITH LIM, WHICH WILL DIRECTLY PRECEDE YOUR MEETING WITH PRESIDENT KIM AT THE BLUE HOUSE,
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YOU SHOULD RAISE NORTH KOREA POLICY, WHICH LIM VIEWS AS HIS PARTICULAR RESPONSIBILITY. YOU CAN AGAIN STRESS THE URGENT NEED TO RESOLVE KEDO'S FUNDING PROBLEMS, NOTING RECENT DPRK

THREATS ABOUT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREED FRAMEWORK AND THE SERIOUS SECURITY RISK THIS IMPLIES. YOU SHOULD ALSO UNDERLINE OUR STRONG SUPPORT FOR NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE AND ASK LIM ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR THE TALKS. LIM WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE A REFERENCE BY YOU REGARDING OUR CAREFUL PLANNING TO MAKE KIM'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON A MAJOR SYMBOL OF OUR CLOSE BILATERAL TIES AND FRIENDSHIP.

MEETING WITH PRESIDENT KIM DAE-JUNG

THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING IS TO LAY THE GROUNDWORK FOR A SUCCESSFUL STATE VISIT THIS JUNE BY PRESIDENT KIM THROUGH A REVIEW OF KEY ISSUES IN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP. WE HOPE THAT KIM'S VISIT WILL BE AN OCCASION TO CELEBRATE THE STRENGTH AND UNIVERSAL APPEAL OF DEMOCRATIC VALUES AND THE HEALTH OF U.S.-KOREA RELATIONS. YOU SHOULD PRAISE KIM FOR HIS IMPRESSIVE HANDLING OF THE ROK'S FINANCIAL CRISIS AND ENCOURAGE HIM TO CONTINUE THE PROCESS OF ECONOMIC REFORM. KIM ALSO HAS TAKEN BOLD STEPS TO TRY TO REESTABLISH DIRECT NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE, AND YOU SHOULD UNDERLINE OUR STRONG SUPPORT FOR SUCH CONTACTS. AT THE SAME TIME, WE HAVE AGREED THAT THE FOUR PARTY PROCESS IS SUPPORTIVE AND COMPLEMENTARY.

YOU SHOULD STRESS OUR NEED TO WORK TOGETHER TO OVERCOME KEDO'S FINANCIAL CRISIS, SINCE A BREAKDOWN OF THE AGREED FRAMEWORK COULD PRECIPITATE ANOTHER SECURITY CRISIS ON THE
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PENINSULA. YOU ALSO SHOULD NOTE THAT WE WILL NEED TO BE PREPARED TO RESPOND QUICKLY IF THE FOOD SITUATION IN THE DPRK DETERIORATES SO AS TO AVOID A CHAOTIC AND DANGEROUS SITUATION IN THE NORTH. KIM IS A STRATEGIC THINKER, AND YOU CAN ENGAGE HIM IN A DISCUSSION--WHICH COULD BE CONTINUED WITH PRESIDENT CLINTON--ABOUT WAYS THAT WE CAN COOPERATE WITHIN ASIA AND GLOBALLY TO PROMOTE HUMAN RIGHTS, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, AND FREE TRADE. THERE WILL BE AN EXTENDED PHOTO OPPORTUNITY OR POOL FILMING BEFORE THE MEETING.

ROUNDTABLE MEETING WITH NGO REPRESENTATIVES

THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM KEY SOUTH KOREAN NGOS FOR AN OPEN DISCUSSION ABOUT THE KOREAN EXPERIENCE IN PROMOTING DEMOCRACY, HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE ENVIRONMENT, AND THE LESSONS FROM THIS FOR ASIA. YOUR OPENING REMARKS SHOULD EMPHASIZ? KOREA'S REMARKABLE DEMOCRATIC TRANSITION--INCLUDING THE ELECTION OF KIM DAE JUNG AS PRESIDENT--AS EVIDENCE OF THE UNIVERSALITY OF DEMOCRATIC VALUES AND HUMAN RIGHTS. CONTRARY TO THE CLAIMS

OF SOME, DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS ARE NOT "WESTERN" VALUES, NOR DO THEY CONSTRAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

YOU SHOULD HIGHLIGHT THE IMPORTANT ROLE THAT AN ACTIVE CITIZENRY--INCLUDING NGOS--PLAY IN THE ENHANCEMENT OF DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS. YOU SHOULD COMMEND KOREA FOR ITS GROWING AWARENESS OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS. KOREAN PARTICIPANTS WILL INCLUDE PEOPLE WORKING ON WOMEN'S ISSUES, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND THE ENVIRONMENT. THESE INDIVIDUALS,

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WHILE FORWARD-LEANING, MAY STILL SURPRISE YOU WITH A UNIQUE KOREAN PERSPECTIVE ON THESE ISSUES. THEY ARE ALSO LIKELY TO SEEK YOUR VIEWS ON U.S.-ROK ISSUES, SUCH AS NORTH KOREA POLICY AND THE FALLOUT FROM THE FINANCIAL CRISIS. MEDIA COVERAGE WILL BE LIMITED TO A CAMERA SPRAY OF OPENING REMARKS.

3. (S) CHINA ROAD MAP

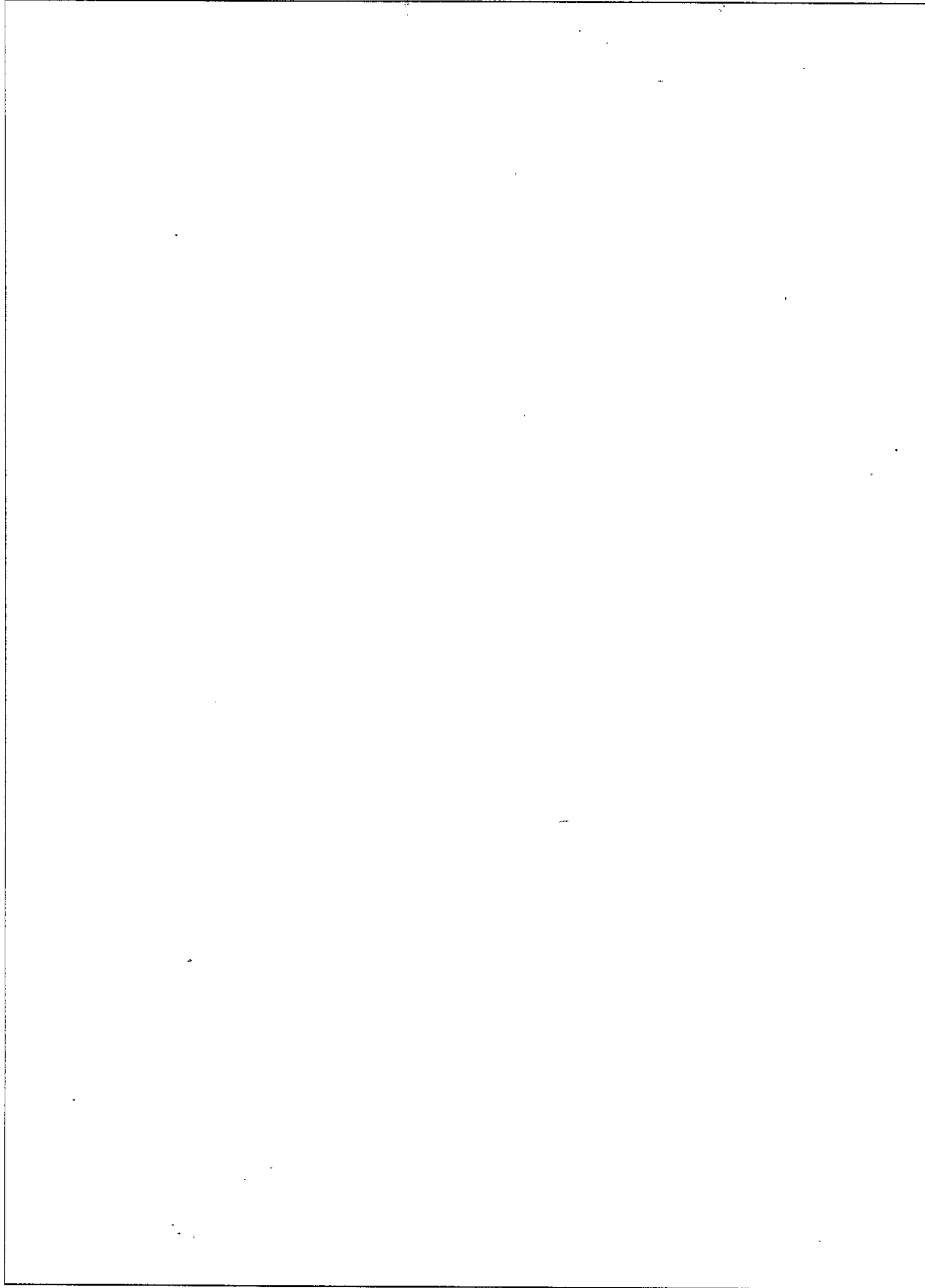
IN CHINA, YOU WILL WANT TO PRESS OUR PRIME SUMMIT OBJECTIVES -- HUMAN RIGHTS, NONPROLIFERATION, AND TRADE -- AND BEGIN TO BUILD A RELATIONSHIP WITH THE NEW FOREIGN MINISTER. YOUR VISIT WILL OCCUR ABOUT EIGHT WEEKS PRIOR TO THE PRESIDENT'S JUNE SUMMIT IN BEIJING.

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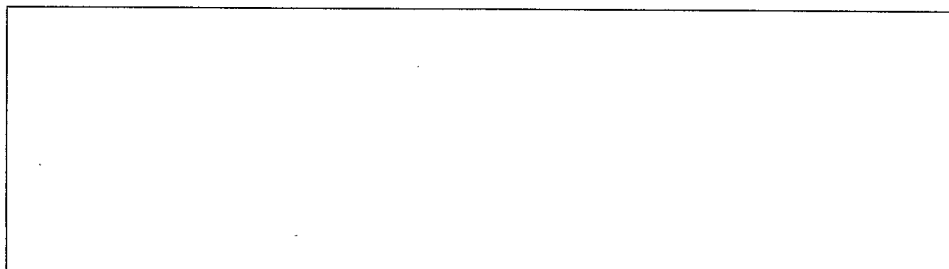
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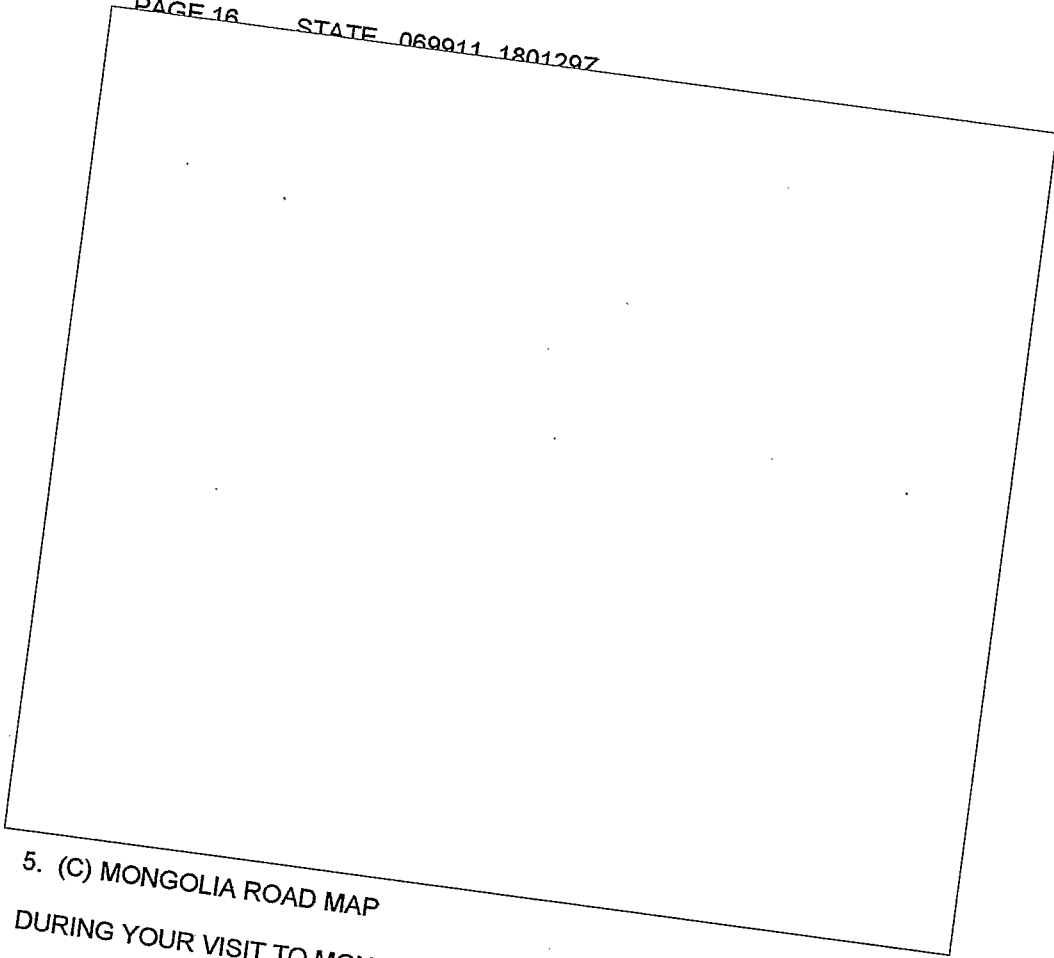
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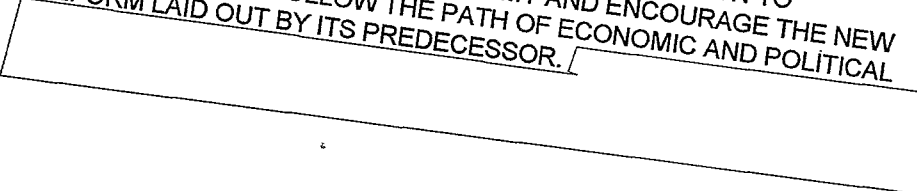


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5. (C) MONGOLIA ROAD MAP
DURING YOUR VISIT TO MONGOLIA, YOU WILL WANT TO REAFFIRM
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U.S. SUPPORT FOR MONGOLIA'S DRAMATIC TRANSITION TO
DEMOCRACY AND A MARKET ECONOMY AND ENCOURAGE THE NEW
GOVERNMENT TO FOLLOW THE PATH OF ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL
REFORM LAID OUT BY ITS PREDECESSOR.



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