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Remarks by Vice President on greeting Chairman Park of Korea Novemberx 13, 1961

REMARKS FOR CHAIRMAN PARK'S VISIT November 14, 1961

Chairman Park:

It is my privilege and pleasure to welcome you to Washington. You have visited America before, but never our nation's capital, and I hope your stay here will be enjoyable and pleasant. I am sure that it will be beneficial to the over-all interests of our two nations.

In the short span of just six months, you have begun reforms touching many sectors of Korean society, have conceived a bold five-year plan of economic development, and have continued to maintain the strength of Korean arms at the 38th parallel. We have great admiration for this display of ability, energy and dedication. In the next two days President Kennedy and members of his administration will discuss with you how we in America can assist in the fulfillment of these plans for the greater well-being and prosperity of the Korean people.

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Kerea is a country known in every corner of the United States. There are many ties of personal friendship between Americans and Koreans, ties born of common suffering, common purpose and common achievement. During your visit Mr. Chairman, you will sense the deep feeling we in America have for your country and your countrymen. May this visit of yours serve to increase the mutual understanding, purpose and friendship between your country and mine.

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