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Welcoming ceremony

Gen. Park, Pres. of

Korea May 17, 1965

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REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT AT THE
ARRIVAL CEREMONY OF HIS EXCELLENCY
CHUNG HEE PARK, PRESIDENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF KOREA, ON THE SOUTH LAWN
OF THE WHITE HOUSE

(AS ACTUALLY DELIVERED AT 11:52 AM EDT)

Mr. President and distinguished, welcomed guests:

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So, Mr. President, a group of distinguished Americans from all the government are here this morning to welcome you to the United States, as a friend of the United States, as an ally and as a co-worker in the building of a better world for all mankind everywhere.

PRESIDENT PARK CHUNG HEE: President Johnson, Mrs. Johnson, ladies and gentlemen: I have just crossed the "Bridge of Friendship and Faith," which links our two countries across the Pacific, to come to Washington.

I am very happy to express my heartfelt gratitude to President Johnson for his kind invitation which enabled me to make this visit, and also to extend, in the name of the people of Korea, my sincere greetings to the American people.

During this visit I shall meet many of the distinguished leaders of your country and discuss with them various matters of our common concern. Thus our visit will, I trust, contribute to strengthening further the traditional friendly ties between our two countries.

It is well known that for a long time Korea and the United States have been bound together with a bond of friendship too strong ever to be broken. Our two nations have been making concerted efforts, in cooperation with other freedom-loving nations, and sometimes spearheading them, in seeking preventive measures against any untoward distress mankind may encounter. It is my firm belief that such relations between our two countries will never change, even in the remote future.

Along the truce line in Korea, in the jungles of Vietnam, your beloved sons and husbands now share the same encampment and trenches with our own men to defend freedom from Communist aggression. They are carrying out their common duty of safeguarding the free world from aggression of the Communists, the modern provocators of war.

In discharging this duty, there should be no optimistic appraisal of the international situation and no retreat based on easy rationalization.

I expect that, through frank exchanges of views on those political, economic and military problems related to the execution of our common task, might well result in further strengthening the existing friendly cooperation between our two countries.

Dear friends in the United States:

This is my third official visit to your country, beginning in the fall of the year 1961, when my dear friend, now departed, President Kennedy, whom I will never forget, invited me to America. On each visit I came from a different Korea; that much has Korea been making remarkable progress with a firm national foundation based on the freedom and peace-loving spirit of the United States and of the United Nations. I am proud to say your support and assistance given Korea are now bearing fruit more successfully than at any time in the past and perhaps more successfully than anywhere else.

Thanks to the continuing friendly cooperation between Korea and the United States, and to Korea's own resources of youthfulness and effort for self-help, Korea is now developing into a country of righteousness and resoluteness. I wish to present Korea to you today as a new country packed with aspirations.

I affirm with pride that the Korean people are today as ever determined in our pursuit of social justice and to stand in Asia for freedom in alliance with the people of the United States.

Dear American friends: In closing, I wish to convey to you that your beloved sons and husbands in Korea are doing magnificent work, hand in hand with my fellow countrymen in uniform. Again, I thank you for the warm welcome you have extended me today. Thank you.

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Suggested Remarks
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MEMORANDUM



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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MEMO FOR MARVIN WATSON

At the Park arrival, the principal audience will consist of the outstanding Federal employees designated by Cabinet officers and Agency Heads. Sam King of Protocol is in charge.

I believe the President would probably like at some point to escort the visitor over to greet a few of these people, perhaps after the statements and troop review.

Horace Busby