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C O N F I D E N T I A L SEOUL 12444

E.O. 12065: GDS 09/24/86 (GLEYSTEN, W. H.) OR-M

TAGS: MARK PINT KS US

SUBJECT: CALL ON DEFENSE MINISTER CHOO

REF: (A) SEOUL 11578 (NOTAL), (B) SEOUL 12233 (NOTAL)

1. (C - ENTIRE TEXT)

2. I VISITED MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE CHOO YOUNG BOCK
(M-R: CHU YONG-POK) SEPTEMBER 22 IN MAKING MY ROUND OF
COURTESY CALLS ON ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE NEW CABINET.

3. I NOTED THE CAUTIOUS U.S. PUBLIC STATEMENT AFTER THE
VERDICT IN THE KIM DAE JUNG (M-R: KIM TAE-CHUNG) TRIAL AND
EXPLAINED WHY WE RESTRAINED OURSELVES AT THIS STAGE. I
EXPRESSED SATISFACTION THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO CONTROVERSY
OVER THE STATEMENT HERE. I THEN GAVE CHOO MY GENERAL
ASSESSMENT OF U.S.-KOREA RELATIONS, AND OF THE U.S.
PERCEPTION OF KOREA, ALONG THE LINES I PROVIDED TO HIS
COLLEAGUES (REFTELS). I EMPHASIZED IN PARTICULAR THAT BY
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ESTABLISHING AN ATMOSPHERE OF STABILITY AND CALM, AND BY
MOVING STEADILY TOWARD LIBERALIZATION OF THE POLITICAL
REGIME (THE PROMISED CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENDUM AND
ELECTIONS AND THE LIFTING OF MARTIAL LAW), RELATIONS
BETWEEN THE U.S. AND KOREA SHOULD DEVELOP COOPERATIVELY.
AN ADVERSE OUTCOME OF THE KIM DAE JUNG CASE WOULD BE
EXTREMELY DAMAGING BECAUSE AMERICANS HAD VERY STRONG
FEELINGS ON THE MATTER.

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5. CHOO SAID HE HAS L

6. AT THE END OF THE MEETING CHOO RAISED [

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7. COMMENT: [

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