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SUBJECT: KOREAN/US BILATERAL AT UNGA

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EXCISE

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1. THE SECRETARY MET EARLY SEPTEMBER 27 IN NEW YORK WITH  
ROK FOREIGN MINISTER PARK TONG-JIN. THE FOREIGN MINISTER  
WAS ACCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADOR KIM YUNG-SHIK, ASSISTANT  
FOREIGN MINISTER PARK SANG-YUNG, AND ROK EMBASSY POLITICAL  
COUNSELOR PARK KUN-KOO. UNDER SECRETARY NEWSUM AND KOREA  
COUNTRY DIRECTOR RICH WERE ALSO PRESENT.

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8. REFERRING TO HIS CONVERSATION WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE THE PREVIOUS DAY REGARDING AMERICAN CONCERNS OVER POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTH KOREA, FOREIGN MINISTER PARK SAID:

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9. THE SECRETARY REFERRED TO THE DISCUSSIONS HE AND THE PRESIDENT HAD IN SEOUL EARLY IN THE SUMMER, AND EXPRESSED OUR PLEASURE AT THE PRISONER RELEASES WHICH HAVE SUBSEQUENTLY OCCURRED. HOWEVER, RECENT EVENTS HAVE CREATED CONCERNS. WE DO NOT BACK ANY OPPOSITION POLITICAL LEADER AS IS SOMETIMES ALLEGED, BUT WE DO HOPE THERE WILL BE OPEN OPPORTUNITY FOR OPPOSITION LEADERS TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT RECENT

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DEVELOPMENTS NOT LEAD TO A CRACKDOWN AGAINST OPPOSITION  
CRITICS, AND THAT AN EROSION IN THE POLITICAL AND HUMAN  
RIGHTS CLIMATE BE PREVENTED.

RE: THE FOREIGN MINISTER NOTED

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THE SECRETARY RESPONDED THAT WE HAVE INDEED KEPT IN CLOSE  
TOUCH REGARDING OUR CONCERNS THROUGH AMBASSADOR GLEYSTEN  
IN SEUL AND AMBASSADOR KIM HERE, AS WELL AS THROUGH  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY HULDFORKE'S DISCUSSION WITH THE FOREIGN  
MINISTER THE PREVIOUS DAY. WE UNDERSTAND THAT PUBLIC STATE-  
MENTS ARE SOMETIMES COUNTERPRODUCTIVE, AND WE WILL DO WHAT  
WE CAN TO KEEP OUR DIALOGUE ON THESE SUBJECTS PRIVATE.  
HOWEVER, SOMETIMES EVENTS ARE OF SUCH PUBLIC PROMINENCE  
THAT WE CANNOT HELP BUT COMMENT UNDER OUR SYSTEM. WE  
HOPE THIS WILL NOT BE NECESSARY.

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