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E.O. 12065-RDS-1 7/2/90 (GLEYSTEN, W.H.) OR-M  
TAGS: PEPR, PGOV, PINT, KS, US  
SUBJECT: PROTEST RE ROK REFUSAL TO ACCEPT CONGRESSIONAL  
LETTER

REF: STATE 973290

1. (C) ENTIRE TEXT.
  2. WE HIGHLY APPROVE THE DEPARTMENT'S STIFF FORMAL PROTEST REGARDING MOFA'S REFUSAL TO TRANSMIT THE CONGRESSIONAL LETTER TO THE BLUE HOUSE.
  3. IN A LESS FORMAL BUT EQUALLY BLUNT WAY, I TACKLED FONMIN TONG JIN PARK (M-R: PAK TONG-CHIN) AT A SOCIAL OCCASION IMMEDIATELY AFTER MY RETURN FROM KUALA LUMPUR, TELLING HIM I THOUGHT THE ACTION WAS ILL-ADVISED, IN FACT STUPID BECAUSE IT WOULD SERVE NO USEFUL PURPOSE AND WOULD ALIENATE MORE THAN JUST THE 32 SIGNATORS OF THE LETTER. WHEN I PRESSED FOR AN EXPLANATION, THE FONMIN LAUGHED NERVOUSLY AND SAID HE WOULD EXPLAIN IT TO ME PRIVATELY. THIS MAY TAKE SOME TIME.
  4. IN A SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION WITH ASSISTANT FONMIN SANG YONG PARK (M-R: PAK SSANG-YONG), I WENT BEYOND THIS
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TO SUGGEST THAT THE BEST SOLUTION WOULD BE FOR MOFA TO APOLOGIZE INFORMALLY. THE ASSISTANT MINISTER, WHILE OBVIOUSLY MOST DISTRESSED OVER THE ISSUE, MADE CLEAR THERE WOULD BE NO APOLOGY. GLEYSTEN

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