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SUBJECT: CHANGE IN THE PRESIDENCY

REF: A) SEOUL 10504 B) SEOUL 10460

1. S - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. YOUR EXCELLENT ANALYSIS REPTEL FORMED THE BACKGROUND FOR A LENGTHY INTERAGENCY MEETING THIS MORNING TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION AND POSSIBLE COURSES OF ACTION. FOLLOWING ARE OUR CONCLUSIONS:

--AS YOU POINTED OUT, AN IMMINENT BID FOR THE PRESIDENCY BY GENERAL CHUN APPEARS IRREVERSIBLE;
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GENERATE INSTABILITY.

--WE INTEND IN ANY FUTURE PUBLIC STATEMENTS ON THE CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT TO MAKE THE FOREGOING CLEAR TO AMERICANS AND TO OTHERS WHO HAVE AN INTEREST IN KOREA.

4. YOU SHOULD ALSO SEEK AN EARLY APPOINTMENT WITH GENERAL CHUN AND DRAW UPON THE GUIDANCE ABOVE--PARTICULARLY THE FIRST POINT--TO DISPEL ANY MISCONCEPTIONS ARISING FROM RECENT PRESS STORIES ABOUT USG POLICY.

5. WE DISCUSSED THE DESIRABILITY OF INCREASING THE ALERT STATUS OF OUR FORCES AND REJECTED AUTOMATIC REACTION AS PROVOCATIVE AND UNNECESSARY.

6. IN VIEW OF THE CURRENT KOREAN PUBLIC ASSOCIATION OF THE US WITH GENERAL CHUN'S ACTIONS, YOU SHOULD ASSURE THAT EMBASSY AND SUBORDINATE MISSIONS IN KOREA STEP UP THEIR SECURITY PRECAUTIONS AGAINST INCIDENTS WHICH MAY BE DIRECTED AGAINST THEM OR AMERICAN AND KOREAN PERSONNEL.

7. FURTHER GUIDANCE COMING. CHRISTOPHER

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