

September 14, 1984

To: Elliott Abrams

Subject: Korea: Kim Dae Jung

Lee Keun Pal, aide to Kim Dae Jung, today called my attention to the attached Christian Science Monitor article of yesterday. Lee asked whether the Department's press statement (which he had in full) had been cleared with HA. It was. Lee said Kim was pleased with the statement and was grateful to you for your help. Lee mentioned that apparently the ROKG had issued a statement saying that Kim would be dealt with in accordance with the law if and when he returned. Lee remarked that sounded like jail.

Lee also referred to your attached comment regarding possible North Korean action against Kim. Lee said Kim wondered whether you were aware that when he was kidnapped in Japan the Seoul regime had planted a rumor that North Korea was guilty. I said I doubted you had known that but would pass on the information to you.

George Lister

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cc: Mr. Thyden - Mr. Snow