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REMARKS

Seoul: Kim Dae Jung

*GL - I'd love to know the several Americans who were "punched + Kicked." Who!!
 Feughan says he went.
 Pat's line about being "beaten everywhere except on my face" is a LIE.
 SA*

EA - Lee Keun Pal got off at Tokyo and did not go to Seoul airport, so he is not an expert on the subject. I will be lunching soon with one of the kicked, so may have more info soon.

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To: Elliott Abrams

Subject: Seoul: Kim Dae Jung

This afternoon I lunched with Lee Keun Pal, Kim Dae Jung's right hand man, at his invitation. Mr. Lee's comments are summarized in the following two paragraphs.

Mr. Lee is in frequent telephone contact with Kim Dae Jung, and of course ROKG police listen in. Not all outgoing calls get through. The mail is censored. The number of police guarding Kim's home has been reduced (from 4-500), but they have occupied the four or five nearest houses. The surrounding lights have been turned up brightly. Kim is not allowed to go out, and neither is his wife. A few foreign reporters have been permitted to visit Kim. His son, son's wife, three children, and a kitchen helper are also in Kim's house. They are permitted to leave, but are followed. It is rumored in Seoul that house arrest may be lifted after February 25.

The election victory was a wonderful surprise. Kim thought he might win 25 seats, maximum. Kim was unhurt at the airport, but apparently Patt Derian was bruised. The ROKG bungled the arrival, apparently having panicked. Kim is advising his followers to be prudent and to avoid antagonizing the ROKG. The State Department position has been good. Cong. Solarz (D.-N.Y.) will hold a hearing on South Korea on March 5. Pharis Harvey will testify, among others.

Mr. Lee gave me the following three attachments: Kim Dae Jung's arrival statement; a copy of the San Francisco Examiner story of February 12; and, the relevant portion of Newsweek's Far East edition.

Mr. Lee urged that we stay in close touch. I replied that was essential and that he should call me whenever he wishes. I praised Kim Dae Jung for keeping so cool

throughout recent events. I again urged that Kim follow the political line set forth in the last page of his Open Forum address (attached), as we had agreed prior to his departure. Lee assured me Kim would do so, adding that Kim considered the Open Forum meeting and lunch his greatest success in the U.S. Lee said he hoped the Department would make President Chun's visit contingent on lifting Kim Dae Jung's house arrest and restoring his right to full political activity. I promised to report that request to the Department immediately. Lee also said Kim had agreed completely with the three paragraph message from the Department (attached), but of course things got out of hand at the airport.

I asked Lee whether our Embassy had been in touch with Kim since his arrival. He did not know but promised to find out. Lee said Kim had not yet seen our Human Rights Report, and Lee was going to try to smuggle it in to him. I pointed out that our Embassy has a copy. Lee remarked that was a splendid thought.

George Lister



cc: JT-TM

Statement by Kim Dae Jung
Kimpo Airport, Seoul
February 8, 1985

My Beloved People!

My wife and I have come back today. We appreciate greatly your support. You have worked tirelessly for the past two years to lay the foundation for democracy and re-unification. When we think that during this time you have suffered so much hardship, we cannot put into words our feelings of respect and heartfelt gratitude.

For the past two years while we were living in America, we worked together with our compatriots living there to support your efforts here. However, the fact that we could not be together with you in your suffering but could live in freedom and safety in America brought us no happiness. Rather, it intensified our longing to return.

Giving up our life in America, we have returned to be at your side, even though many troubles lie ahead, for only this will bring genuine meaning to our lives.

We intend to discuss with both the democratic forces outside of politics and all democratic leaders of the opposition parties in order to formulate the best possible consensus to contribute to the future of all our people.

For the sake of the mutual benefit of both people and government, we earnestly hope to realize this nation's democratic restoration through an orderly process of dialogue.

I pray for your health and your continued support for this goal.