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SUBJECT: SUMMARY PUBLIC AFFAIRS ASPECTS OF NORTH KOREA

BOAT/AIRCRAFT INCIDENT

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(B) STATE 045472 (1974 SERIES)

1. STATE/DOD ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED BY SEVERAL ASPECTS OF ROK MND PUBLIC AFFAIR HANDLING OF NK BOAT/AIRCRAFT INCIDENT REPORTED REF A. CONFIDENTIAL

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- 2. AS WE HAVE NOTED BEFORE (REF B) NORTHERN PATROL LIMIT LINE DOES NOT HAVE INTERNATIONAL LEGAL STATUS. NPLL WAS UNILATERALLY ESTABLISHED AND NOT ACCEPTED BY NK. FURTHERMORE, INSOFAR AS IT PURPORTS UNILATERALLY TO DIVIDE INTERNATIONAL WATERS, IT IS CLEARLY CONTRARY TO INTERNATIONAL LAW AND USG LAW OF THE SEA POSITION. ARMISTICE PROVIDES TWO SIDES MUST RESPECT EACH OTHER'S QUOTE CONTIGUOUS WATERS, UNQUOTE WHICH NEGOTIATING HISTORY INDICATES WOULD MEAN AS MAXIMUM 12 MILES (AS ARGUED BY NK; US ACCEPTS 3 MILE DEFINITION.)
- 3. MND RELEASES EXACERBATE ABOVE PROBLEM BY ERRONEOUS USE OF TERM QUOTE TERRITORIAL WATERS. UNQUOTE AS YOU ARE AWARE, USG ADHERES TO 3 MILE LIMIT OF TERRITORIAL WATERS AND 12 MILE EXCLUSIVE FISHING ZONE. NEITHER USG

NOR UNC CAN IN ANY WAY SUPPORT ROK STATEMENT THAT THIS INCIDENT OCCURRED IN ROK TERRITORIAL WATERS OR EVEN ROK EXCLUSIVE FISHING ZONE.

- 4. IN ANY EVENT, MND TREATMENT OF THIS INCIDENT AS QUESTION OF PROTECTION OF ROK FISHING ZONE AGGRAVATES ALREADY DIFFICULT PROBLEM OF JUSTIFYING UNC/USG ACTIONS IN THIS CASE. WE DO NOT REPEAT NOT VIEW LEGITIMATE FUNCTIONS OF EITHER UNC, UNDER ARMISTICE AND PERTINENT SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS, OR USG, UNDER MUTUAL SECURITY TREATY, AS INCLUDING ARMED ENFORCEMENT OF ROK FISHING CLAIMS, ESPECIALLY IN AREAS WE REGARD AS INTERNATIONAL WATERS BEYOND ARMISTICE ZONE.
- 5. EMBASSY/CINCUNC SHOULD MAKE ABOVE POINTS WITH APPROPRIATE ROKG OFFICIALS. MORE GENERALLY, WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT IS IN EITHER ROK OR OUR OWN INTEREST TO CHARACTERIZE AND JUSTIFY THIS INCIDENT PUBLICLY IN TERMS INCONSISTENT WITH INTERNATIONAL LAW AND OUR OWN EARLIER POSITIONS.

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