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SUBJECT: South Korea

It is not possible to know if the unrest will grow on a sustained basis over a period of time, or whether it will ebb and flow. Certainly there is at least a strong likelihood it is being hyped at the present time because of the election. I don't know what will happen when the election is over.

In any event, we are working on new contingency plans. Second, we felt all along that we need to rearrange our footprint there.

I don't like to change our footprint when we are under pressure and it looks like it was forced. It just encourages demonstrators. Nonetheless, I do want to change the footprint.

It seems to me that you ought to get together a plan in the next three weeks as to how we should do it. We should at least be moving out of Yongson in the capitol. It seems to me to be just a red flag.

Thanks.

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