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FOR SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

FROM: Peter W. Rodman, Assistant Secretary of Defense (ISA) *[Signature]* 27 OCT 2004

SUBJECT: Korea: USFK Base Consolidation and Relocation Plan Agreements

(U) You asked us to update you on the signing of the Yongsan Relocation Plan (YRP), an agreement which will move U.S. forces out of Seoul, and the agreement amending the 2002 Land Partnership Plan to provide for the relocation of the U.S. 2nd Infantry Division to locations south of Seoul. Both of these agreements were signed by both sides on 26 October in Seoul.

- (U) On 27 October, the ROK government will submit the YRP and the LPP amendment to its National Assembly for ratification in order to secure the political backing, enabling legislation, and funding required for executing the plan.
- (U) The agreements will be reviewed at the committee level for a minimum of 15 days, and the ROK government expects the agreements to come out of committee on or about 12 November.
- (U) The full National Assembly is expected to begin debate on the agreements on 15 November. Debate is expected to be contentious and continue for a number of days before a vote is called.
- (U) Our ROK Embassy interlocutors believe a vote is likely between 17-22 November.
- (U) While the outcome is not assured, we believe these agreements will pass the National Assembly.

(U) We will keep you apprised of developments in the process of ratification.

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