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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

15 JUL 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

SUBJECT: Combined Command Planning in Korea

In your 2 July 1976 memorandum you recommended we start discussions with the Korean Minister of Defense on the structuring of a combined command in Korea in the event the United Nations Command is disestablished. At the present time there is no US Government position on follow-on command arrangements. The NSC is initiating an interagency study of this matter. Until the NSC study is completed I do not think it desirable to have further discussions, even on a close-hold basis, on post-United Nations Command arrangements with the Koreans.

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General Brown recommended on 2 July 1976 (TAB B) that we begin very secret discussions with the Korean Minister of Defense to elaborate the structure of a US-ROK combined command in the event the United Nations Command is disestablished.

At this time there is no US Government position on the nature of a combined command or whether we should even approve such a command. The NSC is initiating an interagency study to examine these questions. I do not believe it advisable to begin discussions with the Koreans until we have our own house in order.

I recommend you sign the attached memorandum (TAB A) to inform General Brown.

No coordination required.

Assistant Secretary of Defense  
International Security Affairs

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