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Subject: ROK President Chun's Meeting with the Secretary at the State Department

Transcription of Sections 12-13:

12. President Chun expressed warm appreciation for the Secretary's assurance that any policy of providing lethal weapons to China would only be reached after careful consideration. Chun expressed some reserve about the dependability of future Chinese friendship, since major changes in the leadership of communist powers could be expected in the coming years. Such leadership changes could lead to [illegible] in which there could be a reversion to more ideological aggression by communist states[?]. Therefore, he felt the free world should keep up its guard against the potential that the PRC and the USSR [?] might again in the future join hands.

13. Chun expressed [?] approval nevertheless for the constructive role[?] both Japan and the U.S. were attempting to play in their relationships with China. In the areas of [illegible] and economic ties he expressed the hope that in the future the Republic of Korea might be able to serve as an advanced base for American business interests as they expanded their markets on the China mainland.