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National Security Decision Memorandum 113

MEMORANDUM FOR

The Secretary of State
The Secretary of Defense
The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

SUBJECT: Republic of Korea Forces in South Vietnam

Having reviewed the alternatives for ROK force presence in Vietnam in the June 17, 1971 paper forwarded by the Secretary of State, the President has decided:

-- The U.S. will support the continued presence of two ROK divisions in South Vietnam through CY 1972. The U.S. will plan to consider its position on the question of ROK force presence beyond CY 1972 with a review of the military situation after the 1971-72 dry season in South Vietnam.

-- Negotiations will be undertaken with the Vietnamese and Koreans on the basis that there should be no increase in costs of U.S. support arrangements above those estimated for FY 1972.


-- The negotiations should stress the requirement for improved ROK performance in the combat role in South Vietnam.

-- The negotiations will not link possible U.S. redeployments from Korea with the continued presence of ROK forces in Vietnam. No decisions have been made on U.S. redeployments from Korea beyond the 20,000 space reduction to be completed by June 30, 1971.

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Negotiations implementing this decision should stress the U.S. role as being in support of the GVN request for a continued ROK force presence in South Vietnam.

The Secretary of State should report to the President as appropriate on the progress of the negotiations implementing these decisions. The negotiations should be completed as soon as possible and no later than September 1, 1971.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. A. Kissinger", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Henry A. Kissinger