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**CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY**  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.  
**OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR**

13 April 1962

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT**

**SUBJECT: Special National Intelligence Estimate Number 42-62,  
"The Outlook for South Korea"**

1. I invite your attention to the conclusions of the attached SNIE, "The Outlook for South Korea," and to the footnote to paragraph 2, page 15. All of the military members of the United States Intelligence Board have subscribed to the footnote except the Air Force member, who has his own exception.

2. I consider that the difference of view is one of degree rather than of basic substance. Both parties allot to ROK forces-in-being a share in the overall deterrence to an overt communist attack on South Korea. Where we differ is in the magnitude each of us ascribes to this share. The concern expressed in the final two sentences of the footnote was, I believe, generated by matters beyond the scope of the request to which this SNIE was responsive.

3. As a senior official of your administration, I urge that there be no policy decision which would result in a reduction of the Republic of Korea armed forces.

*John A. McCone*  
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Director

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