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REFERENCE TO: PANMUNJOM
NORTH KOREA

1. SIGNIFICANCE: PANMUNJOM, THE SITE OF THE MILITARY ARMISTICE COMMISSION (MAC) NEGOTIATIONS, IS THE PRESENT LOCATION FOR THE STAGING OF TALKS BETWEEN U.S. AND NORTH KOREAN REPRESENTATIVES OVER THE CAPTURE AND RELEASE OF THE U.S.S. PUEBLO.

2. LOCATION: WITHIN THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE ALONG THE MILITARY DEMARCATION LINE (MDL) AT 3757N 12640E.

3. REMARKS: THE JOINT SECURITY AREA (JSA) CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING BUILDINGS:

UNITED NATIONS COMMAND (UNC) MAINTAINED
 NEUTRAL NATIONS SUPERVISORY COMMISSION (NNSC)

 CONFERENCE BUILDING
 MAC CONFERENCE BUILDING
 JOINT DUTY OFFICE
 PRESS BUILDING
 UNC GUARD
 UNC HELICOPTER PAD
 UNC CHECK POINT
 FREEDOM HOUSE

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KOREAN PEOPLES ARMY (KPA) MAINTAINED

JOINT DUTY OFFICE

UTILITY BUILDINGS

NNSC OFFICE BUILDING

RECREATION BUILDING

KPA GUARD POSTS (2)

FREEDOM PARK

4. COLLATERAL:

ARMY DIGEST, "FACT TO FACE WITH COMMUNISM," OCT 67, REPORTS: MEETINGS OF THE MAC ARE CONDUCTED WITHIN THE JSA (A MEETING POINT STRADDLING THE MDL AND CONSISTING OF CORRUGATED METAL BUILDINGS AND GUARDPOSTS, THE UNC'S FREEDOM HOUSE, AND NORTH KOREA'S FREEDOM PARK). AS THE CONFERENCE BUILDINGS ARE BISECTED BY THE MDL, UNC REPRESENTATIVES NEGOTIATE FROM THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (ROK) WHILE COMMUNIST REPRESENTATIVES CARRY ON BUSINESS FROM NORTH KOREAN TERRITORY. "FREEDOM PARK" IS KEPT UP BY THE COMMUNISTS AND CONSISTS OF A PAGODA, BENCHES, SHRUBBERY, AND A GARDEN WHERE REFRESHMENTS ARE SOMETIMES SERVED. "FREEDOM HOUSE," BUILT IN ANSWER TO FREEDOM PARK, WAS DESIGNED, ERECTED, AND DEDICATED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE

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ROK AS A SYMBOL OF HOPE FOR THE PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION
OF KOREA UNDER ONE FREE AND DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT.
WITHIN THE BUILDING ARE FOUND KOREAN ART OBJECTS,
CONSUMER GOODS OF TODAY, AND A PHOTOGRAPHIC HISTORY OF
PRE- AND POST-WAR KOREA. IN FRONT IS A STATUE DEDICATED
TO UN AND ROK TROOPS WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN DEFENSE
OF THE ROK.

5. MISSION READOUT: TWO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES ARE NOTED WITHIN PANMUNJOM SINCE
NOV 64. ONE HELICOPTER PAD NOW SERVES THE SITE - 2 OF THE 3 PREVIOUSLY
OBSERVED HAVE BEEN REMOVED. ALSO, A MAJOR IMPROVEMENT IS SEEN IN THE ROAD
NETWORK.

THREE SEDANS ARE VIEWED WITHIN THE JSA.

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