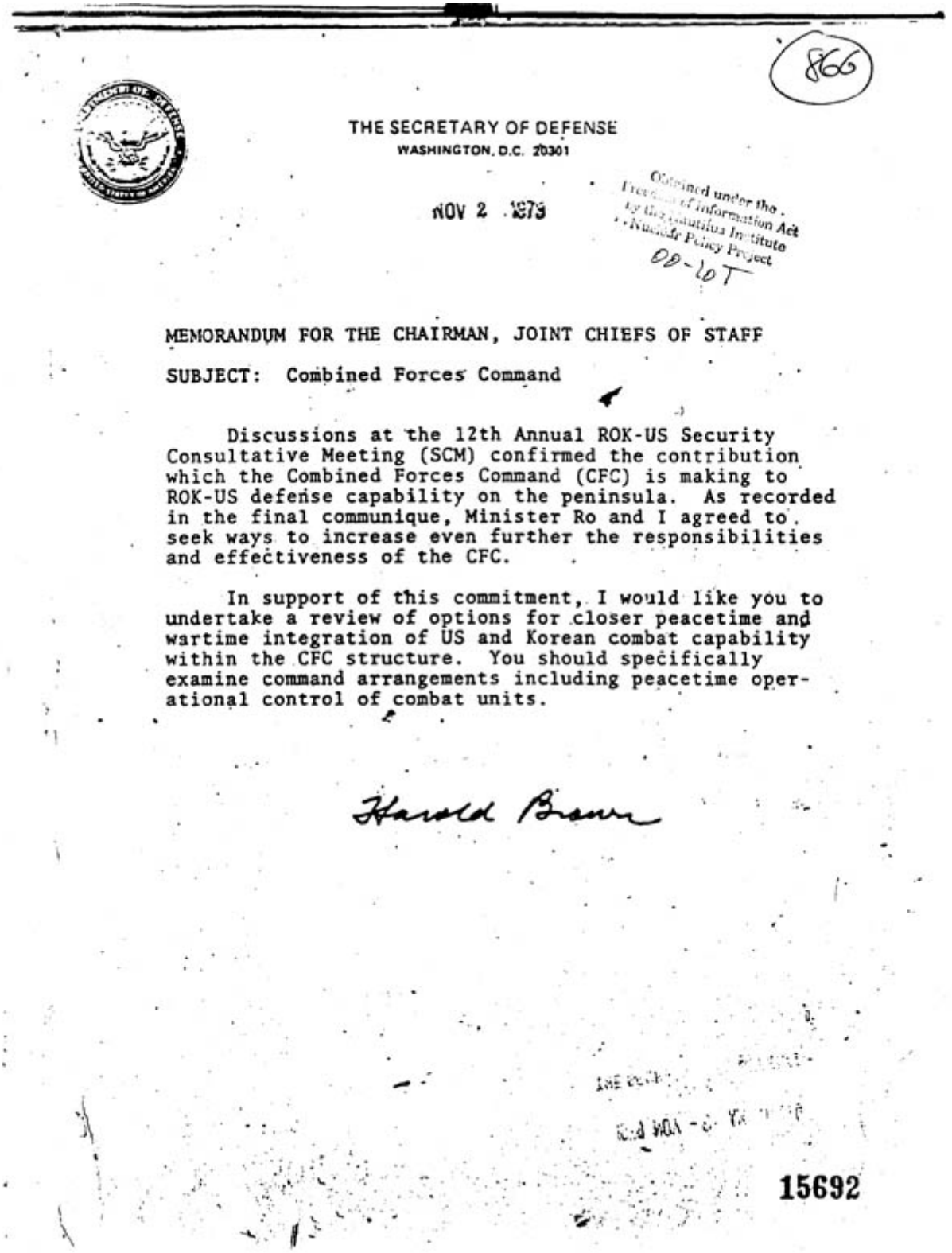
Memorandum for the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff: Combined Forced Command



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

SUBJECT: Combined Forces Command

Discussions at the 12th Annual ROK-US Security Consultative Meeting (SCM) confirmed the contribution which the Combined Forces Command (CFC) is making to ROK-US defense capability on the peninsula. As recorded in the final communique, Minister Ro and I agreed to seek ways to increase even further the responsibilities and effectiveness of the CFC.

In support of this commitment, I would like you to undertake a review of options for closer peacetime and wartime integration of US and Korean combat capability within the CFC structure. You should specifically examine command arrangements including peacetime operational control of combat units.

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The ROK/US Combined Forces Command (CFC) was established in 1978 as an integrated headquarters responsible for planing for the defense of the public of Korea. During the armistice, the role of CFC is to deter war while during wartime, the CFC's role is to defeat external aggression. The CFC is commanded by a US general officer, but it places emphasis on increasing the role of ROK military forces in strategic military planning.

This report is acknowledges the role of the Combined Forces Command (CFC) in US-ROK relations and calls for further investigation into the role of the CFC.

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