

# **Third Summary Report on the Interservice Review of US Force Reductions in Korea (8SV-057)**



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MEMORANDUM FOR Assistant Secretary of Defense (Comptroller)  
Commander in Chief, Pacific  
Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency

SUBJECT: Third Summary Report on the Interservice Review of  
U.S. Force Reductions in Korea (8SV-057)

At the request of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), the Commander in Chief, Pacific, and the Deputy Director of the Defense Security Assistance Agency, we are coordinating comprehensive coverage by DoD audit activities of the program for reducing U.S. ground forces in the Republic of Korea (ROK) and related compensations to the ROK authorized by the International Security Assistance Act of 1978. The primary objective of our work is to assist Defense management in evaluating the soundness of procedures and controls for the planning, programing, and execution phases of the program. A secondary objective is to evaluate the adequacy of general DoD logistics controls in the ROK throughout the period of U.S. Forces adjustments.

This report includes the results of our reviews from November 1, 1978, through June 30, 1979. In our opinion, the significant problems addressed in our prior summary reports had been or were being adequately resolved. The relatively minor problems summarized in the Appendix of the report attest to the fact that Defense management over the past several months had brought over-all program plans, guidance, implementing procedures, controls, and interorganizational communications to a status wherein the program would be successfully executed, if continued. Accordingly, our comprehensive audit coverage of the program will be reduced to subsequent periodic surveys, as warranted by evolving circumstances.

During our current audit period, previously announced decisions to withdraw U.S. Army ground combat forces from the ROK were suspended by Presidential decision. Actual force reductions resulting from the program amounted to about 1,500 personnel. Although the U.S. ground force reduction program was suspended, force withdrawals continued at a low level and the compensatory transfer of U.S. Defense articles and training to ROK forces continued under the provisions of U.S. Public Law 95-384. Through June 30, 1979, the following articles had been transferred to the ROK, together with selected support items and repair parts, as compensation for withdrawn U.S. ground force personnel.

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