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President of the United States, Donald J. Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Trump,

As the President of the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. U.S.A. (KWVA) and in view of recent developments in Korea, I want to convey our association's position concerning the recent talks between the leaders of the Republic of Korea (ROK) and the Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea (DPRK).

It is our fervent hope that speedy and significant progress can be made toward irreversible denuclearization and unification of the Korean peninsula. In addition to these objectives, the KWVA hopes the U.S. and DPRK can agree to hold talks aimed at reaching an arrangement to resume joint remains recovery operations of U.S servicemen missing from the Korean War. As you know, U.S remains recovery operations have been suspended in North Korea since May 2005. The time is long overdue to resume these humanitarian operations to locate, recover, and repatriate our servicemen to our country, identify them, and return them to their loved ones for proper honor and burial. The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency estimates 5,300 American remains are still located in the DPRK.

The membership of KWVA is comprised of Korean War Veterans and Korean Defense Veterans (those who have served in Korea since the Armistice). Our members strongly favor a Peace Agreement that would replace the Armistice. We urge you, Mr. President to negotiate toward that objective.

We are also aware of your interest in improving human rights in North Korea. We urge you to work toward the release of all Americans currently being held prisoners in North Korea.

We do realize that negotiations between you, President Moon Jae-in and Chairman Kim Jong-un can be tedious, complicated and drawn out. However, we felt it timely to communicate with you as Korean War Veterans and Korean Defense Veterans our priorities that we earnestly ask to be given serious consideration during these discussions.

Respectfully,

Thomas W. Stevens, President, Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. U.S.A.

THE MISSION OF THE KWVA/USA is: *DEFEND* our Nation, *CARE* for our Veterans, *PERPETUATE* our Legacy, *REMEMBER* our Missing and Fallen, *MAINTAIN* our Memorial, *SUPPORT* a free Korea