

THE SECURITY OF THE KOREAN PENINSULA

GRADES: 9-12

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SUBJECT: Social Studies

TIME REQUIRED: 4 to 5 class periods

OBJECTIVES:

1. Understand Korea's role in the Cold War
2. Discuss how recent events have either exacerbated or ameliorated the situation on the Korean peninsula

MATERIALS REQUIRED:

- Copies of appendices 1-10

BACKGROUND:

The teacher should review the brief history of the conflict in Korea from 1945 to 1953.

PROCEDURE:

1. Distribute copies of appendix 1 and discuss the United States' interest in the East Asian region in the context of the Cold War.
2. Discuss the state of the division on the Korean peninsula, the Joint Security Area (JSA), the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) and the armistice and truce that has continued to exist. Distribute copies of appendices 2-7. Students should divide into groups of four and consider why the DMZ is such a sensitive area and what the purpose of the tunnels are, and using the diagrams, describe the DMZ as an area. Each group should put their ideas on poster boards and later compare them with those of the other groups.
3. Distribute copies of appendices 8 and 9 and describe the events of July 17, 1997. As a class, discuss possible reasons why the North would attack the South like this?
4. Assign critical thinking essay topic: If North Korea were to start another conflict, what should the United States' role be?

EVALUATION:

- Grades should be based on the degree of cooperation, participation and comprehension as exhibited in the essays and the presentations on the poster boards.

ENRICHMENT:

- Discussion topics: Should the U.S. keep their armed forces in Korea? What role does China and Japan play in the Korean situation?

RESOURCES:

Blair, Clay. *The Forgotten War: America in Korea 1950-1953*. Times Books, Random House: New York, 1987.

Harrison, Selig. "Promoting a Soft Landing in Korea." *Foreign Policy*: Spring 1997.

Kirkbride, Wayne. *Panmunjom: Facts About the Korean DMZ*. Hollym: New Jersey, 1985.

Nelan, Bruce. "The Politics of Famine." *Time*: August 25, 1997.

APPENDIX 1: UNITED STATES' INTEREST IN EAST ASIA

1. Maintain Stability and Balance of Power
2. Encourage Regional Peace
3. Assure United States Access and Influence
4. Encourage Market Economies
5. Encourage Democratic Political Systems

APPENDIX 2

VISITORS DECLARATION (UNC REG 551-1)

VISITORS TO THE JOINT SECURITY AREA ARE REQUIRED TO READ AND SIGN THE FOLLOWING:

1. *The visit to the Joint Security Area at Panmunjom will entail entry into a hostile area and possibility of injury or death as a direct result of enemy action. The Joint Security Area is a neutral but divided area guarded by United Nations Command military personnel on the one side (South), and Korean People's Army personnel on the other (North). Guests of the United Nations Command are not permitted to cross the Military Demarcation Line into the portion of the Joint Security Area under control of the Korean People's Army. Although incidents are not anticipated, the United Nations Command, the United States of America and the Republic of Korea cannot guarantee the safety of visitors and may not be held accountable in the event of a hostile enemy act.*
2. *Visitors must comply with the following instructions:*
 - a. *UNC military personnel will wear appropriate military uniform prescribed by their service for off-duty wear. Other visitors will be dressed in appropriate civilian attire so as to maintain the dignity of the United Nations Command.*
 - b. *Prior to entering the Joint Security Area, each visitor (including military personnel will receive a laminated guest badge which identifies him/her as an authorized guest of the United Nations Command. Guest badges must be worn on the upper left side of the outmost garment. Guest badges must be turned in prior to departure from Camp Bonifas.*
 - c. *Fraternization, including speaking or any association with personnel from the Korean People's Army/Chinese People's Volunteers (KPA/CPV) side is strictly prohibited. Personnel from the KPA/CPV side are identified as follows:*
 - (1) *Military Personnel—Brown or olive drab North Korean uniforms with red arm bands for guards with weapons and yellow arm bands for Military Armistice Commission personnel.*
 - (2) *Press personnel—Green arm bands.*
 - (3) *Visitors—Green pieces of cloth at upper pocket.*
 - d. *Visitors will not point, make gestures or expressions which could be used by the North Korean side as propaganda material against the United Nations Command.*
 - e. *Visitors will remain in a group from the beginning to the end of the tour and will follow all instructions from their tour guide. Any complaints will be registered after returning to Camp Bonifas.*
 - f. *Firearms, knives, or weapons of any type will not be taken into the JSA.*
 - g. *The area and buildings (tan colored) under the military control of the Communist side will not be entered for any reason. Permission of the tour guide must be obtained prior to entry into UNC buildings (blue colored) in the JSA.*
 - h. *At no time will visitors stand in the way of or interfere with military formations. Facilities and equipment inside the conference room will not be handled. Photography is permitted in the JSA but is prohibited en route between Checkpoint A (the entrance to Camp Bonifas) and Checkpoint B (the entrance to*

the JSA).

- i. If any incidents should occur remain calm and follow instructions issued by security personnel.*

- 3. Any questions concerning the above information should be brought to the attention of the tour guide.*

DECLARATION

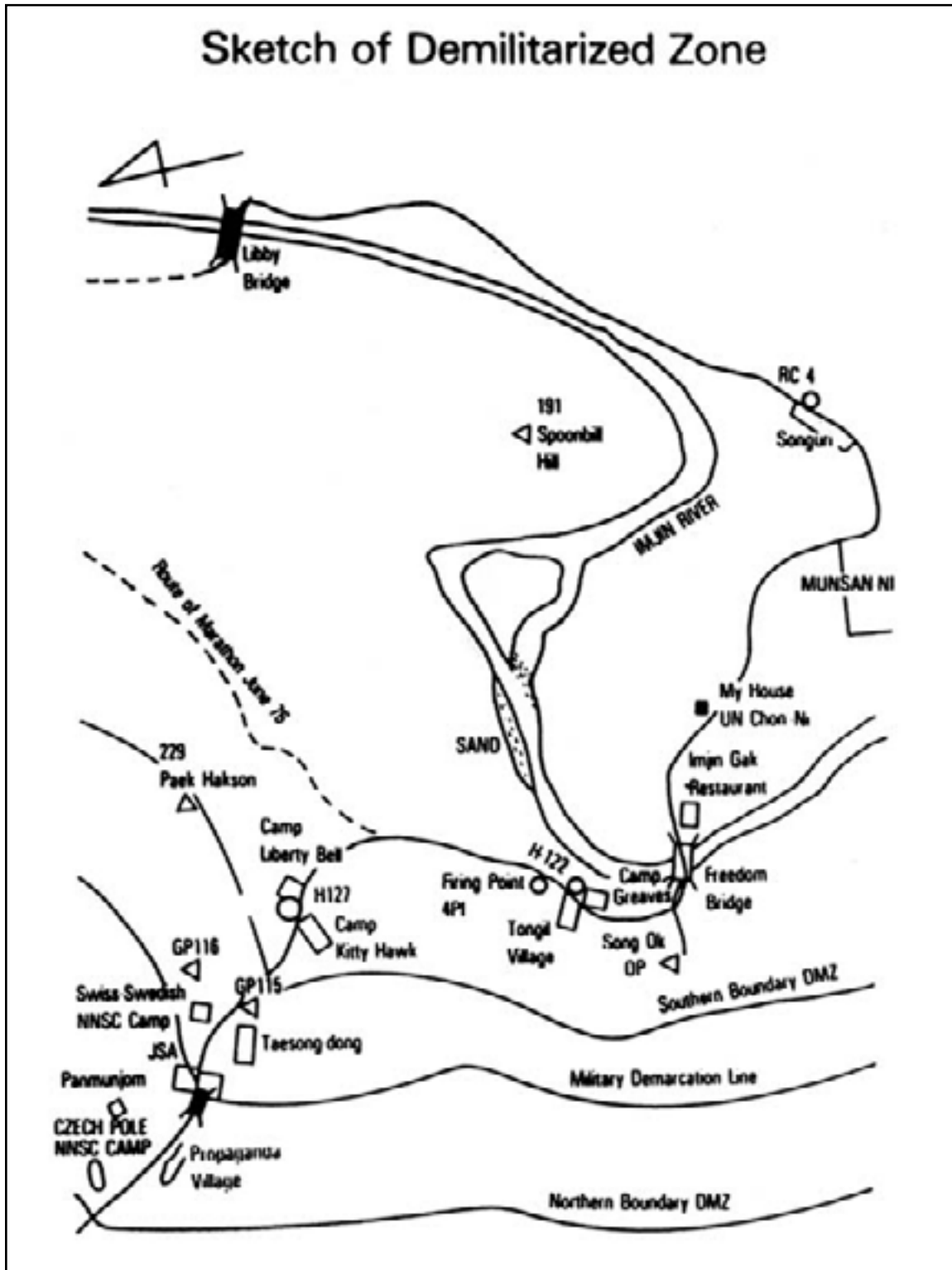
I have read, understand and will comply with these instructions. If I am accompanied by minor dependents, minors for who I am responsible for the purpose of this tour, my signature constitutes acceptance of the terms of these instructions on their behalf.

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

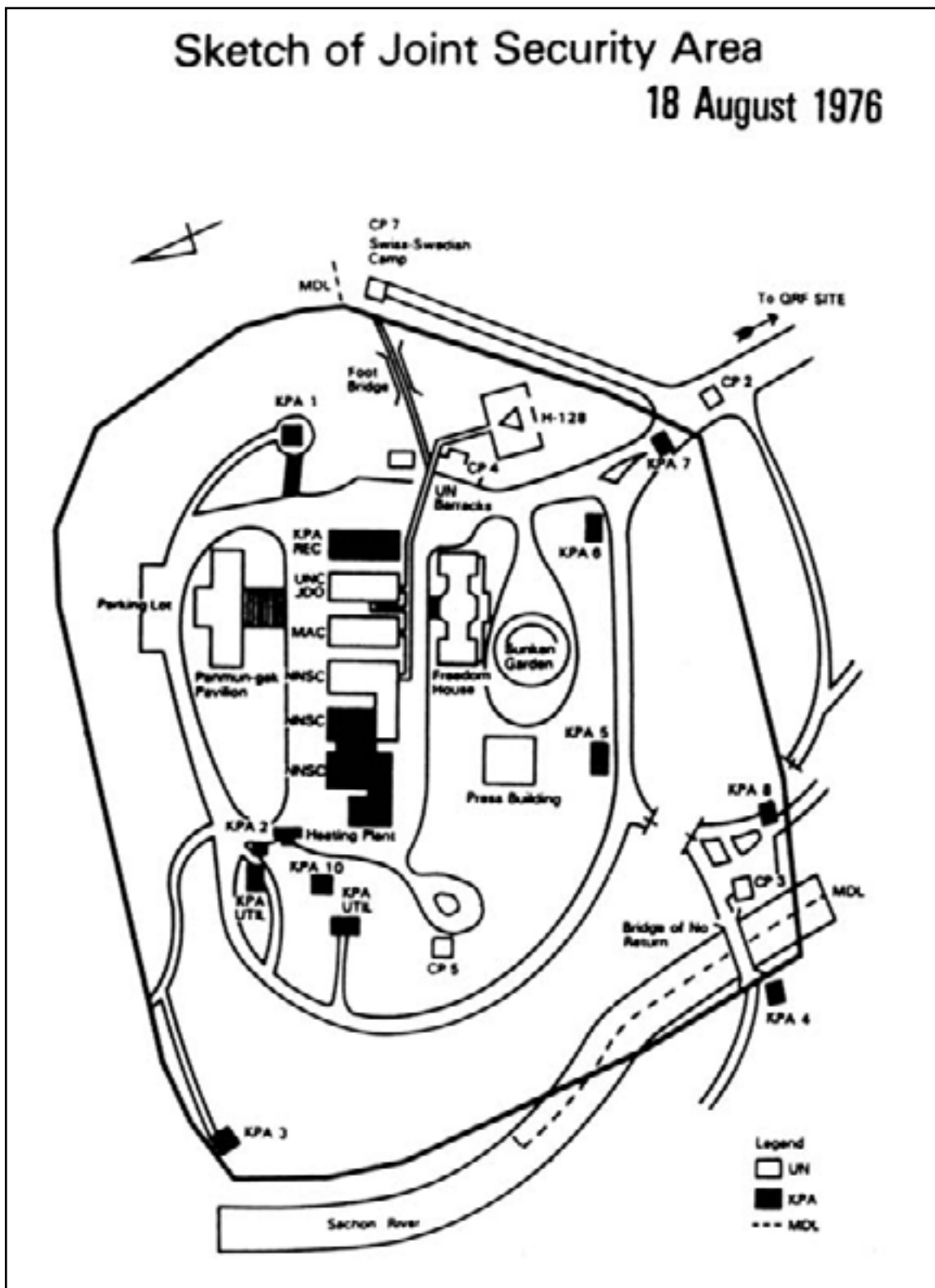
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APPENDIX 3



APPENDIX 4



APPENDIX 5

*Top: 1st Tunnel near Korangpo.
Middle: 2nd Tunnel near Chorwon.
Bottom: 3rd Tunnel near Panmunjom.*



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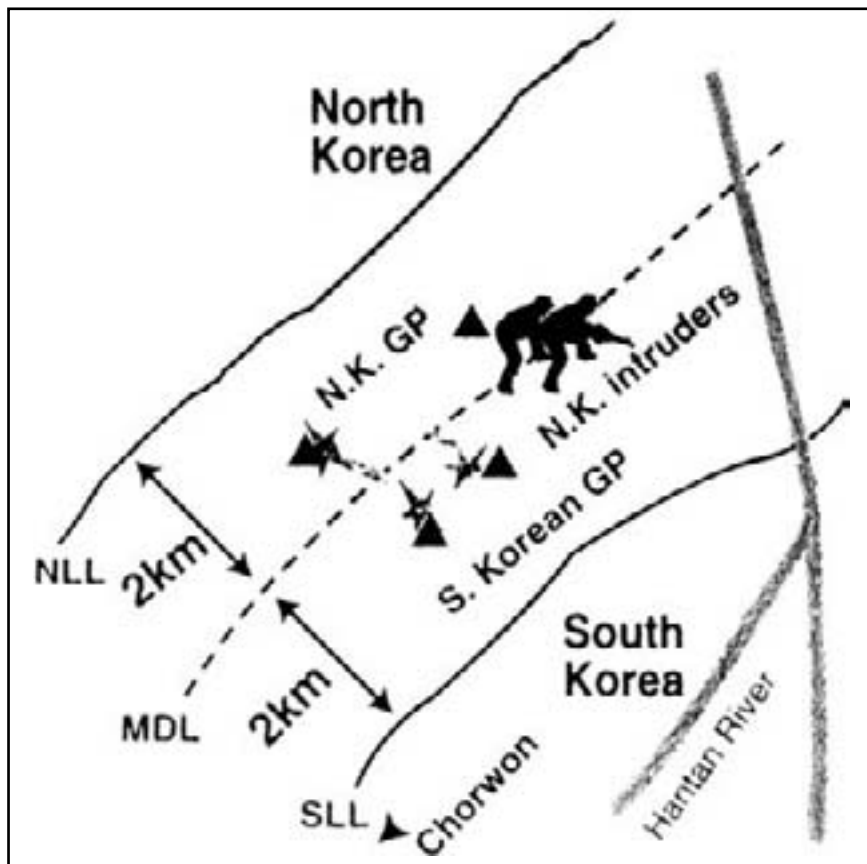
Schematic diagram of the vicinity of JSA.



APPENDIX 8: DMZ CLASH, JULY 1997

1. Group of North Koreans soldiers violate DMZ.
2. North Koreans attack ROK forces with rifles, machine gun fire and mortars.
3. Light artillery used for the first time.
4. ROK forces respond to the attack.
5. Cease fire proposed by the South and accepted by the North; South proposes cease fire, which the North accepts.
6. North Korean casualties occur, number unknown.

SITE OF DMZ CLASH



APPENDIX 9

