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AND STRATEGIC READJUSTMENT IN THE
U.S.-ROK ALLIANCE
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<td>AWACS</td>
<td>airborne warning and control system</td>
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<td>C4I</td>
<td>command, control, communications, computers, and intelligence</td>
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<td>CFC</td>
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<td>CPFU</td>
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<td>CVID</td>
<td>complete, verifiable, irreversible dismantlement</td>
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JSA  Joint Security Area
KPA  Korean People’s Army
KRW  Korean won
LDP  Liberal Democratic Party
LWR  light water reactor
MC  Military Committee
MDP  Millennium Democratic Party
MFP  military-first policy
MND  Ministry of National Defense (ROK)
NCMA  National Command and Military Authority
NCNP  National Congress of New Politics
NDRP  New Democratic Republican Party
NICs  newly industrialized countries
NIS  National Information Service (a successor of Korean CIA)
NKP  New Korea Party
NMDP  New Millennium Democratic Party
NOSAMO  a Korean acronym for the political action group calling itself “People Who Love Roh Moo-Hyun” (sometimes also spelt as “Rohsamo”)
NPT  Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty
OECD  Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development
OPCON  operational control
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PNI  Presidential Nuclear Initiative
R&D  research and development
Rohsamo  a Korean acronym for the political action group calling itself “People Who Love Roh Moo-Hyun” (sometimes also spelt as NOSAMO)
ROK  Republic of Korea
SAM  surface-to-air missile
SCM  Security Consultative Meeting
SOFA  Status of Forces Agreement
UDP  Unification Democratic Party
ULD  United Liberal Democrats
UNHCR United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UNKRA United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency
UNSC United Nations Security Council
YS  Kim Yong-sam
W  Korean won
WMD weapons of mass destruction
WPK Workers’ Party of Korea