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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Temporary Exception to Policy for Korean Augmentation to the United States Army (KATUSA) Passes during 2017 Chusok Holiday

1. Reference. AK Regulation 600-2, Republic of Korea Army Personnel with the Army in Korea, 8 May 2013.
2. Background. The Republic of Korea's (ROK) National Chusok Holiday is one of the most important holidays in Korea. The ROK government designated an additional day to this year's Chusok as a temporary public holiday. The USFK has recognized the day as an official holiday for Korean National employees. In addition, the Chusok holiday is spanning over the weekend and Columbus Day.
3. Exception to Policy. ROKA Support Group (RSG) has requested for an Exception to Policy citing that travelling back and forth during height of Chusok may create extraordinary hardship to KATUSAs. Therefore, Eighth Army commanders are authorized to give up to 7 day passes to KATUSAs only during period, from 3 October 2017 to 9 October 2017, if mission allows.
4. Proponent. The proponent for this exception to policy is, Eighth Army G37.

  
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