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KOREA

Mr. MANSFIELD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that an editorial published in the Baltimore Sun this morning, entitled "Careful in Korea," which supports the President's diplomatic efforts to avoid rash actions in Northeast Asia to bring about release of the *Pueblo* and its crew, be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the editorial was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

CAREFUL IN KOREA

The incident of the intelligence ship *Pueblo* has served, among other things, to remind us that there are parts of Southeast Asia other than Vietnam, and that there are friendly regimes besides Saigon's with whom our dealings are touchy and difficult. The Government in Seoul, already worried about North Korean raids before the *Pueblo* was seized, has since that time felt that the United States in its concern for the ship and the crew was downgrading the seriousness of, for instance, the North Korean attempts to assassinate President Chung Hee Park. The feeling has run high enough for President Johnson to dispatch a special representative, Cyrus Vance, to talk to the authorities in Seoul, for reassurance and for discussion of their security problems.

This kind of preventative consultation is in line with the Administration's careful attitude right now on all matters Korean, including the case of the *Pueblo*. If Mr. Johnson was tempted toward precipitant action—which incidentally might well have placed the crew in greater jeopardy—he resisted the temptation, and he still resists any temptation to build the incident into a major crisis that might lead to new Korean conflict. It is the wise way. We have already had too many Southeast Asia examples of how hasty action can bring consequences unforeseen.