To: MSF Paris
Attn: Martine Lescun
From: Wilna van AARTSEN
SUBJ: North Korea

29/11/95

Dear Martine,

Here with my reaction on Heres fax.

we should continue pushing the government
for monitoring and surveillance of
nutritional status. Indeed the only
way to trigger a response (donor
assistance).

Without hard figures no donor
response to be expected.

2) Health situation to be monitored
and health assistance by MSF.

3) Our departure is the wrong signal
to the Int. community (Try to
make that very clear to the
government).

On general food distribution:
in the given circumstances, that
is no data, no observation Try
our teams of serious malnourishment
yet (that might come)
not knowing anything about
possibility / feasibility I am
not at
The opinion of the team (Maurice, Maurice) is in the same direction.
They even fear confusion and losing our credibility.

This is for me essential, and this factor therefore conclusive.

Besides, we should not stay out of strategic reasons with
A General Food Distribution
Staying for strategical: OK! But then not with a programme
which is so vulnerable for manipulation, which food is

I like to suggest that if we do not reach an agreement
Before 15.01.'96, therefore already negotiate a visit
of MSF in 2 months (March?
By Maurice and one of us. (me
Contacting potential donors can be done (as Herve suggests), but not the most essential at this moment. We will manage to get the funds once we have an agreement.

Hope you can read this.

Happy new year Wilma