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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE TO
TENDER OFFER STATEMENT UNDER SECTION 14(D)(1) OR 13(E)(1) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

THE KOREA FUND, INC. (Name of Subject Company (issuer))

THE KOREA FUND, INC. (Name of Filing Person (offeror))

COMMON STOCK, \$0.01 PAR VALUE PER SHARE (Title of Class of Securities)

500634100 (CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

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Items 1-11.

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Items 12. Materials to be Filed as Exhibits.

Text of Press Release issued by The Korea Fund, Inc. on January 21, 2004.

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Item 13. Information Required by Schedule 13E-3.

Not applicable.