

# July 17, 1955 Letter, Lieutenant General Collier to President Rhee

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### **Summary:**

For the 7th anniversary of Korea's Constitution Day, General Collier congratulates and praises South's Korea's determination to fight communism and remain an independent nation.

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His Excellency President Syngman Rhee Kyung Mu Dai Seoul, Korea

Dear Mr. President:

The occasion of the seventh anniversary of Constitution Day, commemorating the adoption of the Constitution of the Republic of Korea, gives me the welcomed opportunity to extend heartiest congratulations to you and to the people of the Republic of Korea.

In its brief and turbulent history, the Republic has proved steadfast and resolute in its determination to remain a free and independent
nation. Its open defiance and militant resistance to Communism has
won the respect and admiration of the entire free world. That the
people of South Korea rallied so vigorously to protect their country and
their Constitution is a positive indication that the Republic of Korea
will endure for all time. With similar determination and vigor your
people have now turned their energies to the continued protection of
their country and toward rebuilding its economy and removing the
scars of war.

The officers and men of Eighth Army join me in extending our very best wishes. I am confident that the people of the Republic of Korea will ever continue to safeguard their sacred Constitution and the ideals it enhances.

Sincerely yours,

J. H. COLLIER

Lieutenant General, USA
Deputy Army Commander