

**May 17, 1954**  
**Letter, Mayor Taeson Kim to General Maxwell D.  
Taylor**

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**Summary:**

While stationed in Korea, only the United States Army authorities had access to the facilities (park and pools) in the Seoul City Command. Mayor Kim is requesting General Taylor to repair and return these buildings to the Seoul Special City in order to prepare Korean athletes for the Olympics.

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DRAFT for Mayor Kim.

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Dear General Taylor:

As you are aware, the United States Army authorities have possession of that part of the Seoul Stadium in the area of the Seoul City Command, which makes up the swimming pool, diving pool and baseball park. This area is set aside for the exclusive use of the Officers and men of the United States Army and other United Nations, thus precluding the use of such facilities from Koreans.

We know of your conscientious interest in the welfare of our people and feel sure you will understand that it has now become necessary to request the return of the Seoul Stadium, its pools and baseball, to the Seoul Special City. We are at present unable to give proper training to our Olympic stars and other sportsmen whose abilities are naturally retarded while they cannot receive instruction and training at the only suitable sports' area in Seoul.

We feel certain too, that before this area is turned over to the Seoul Special City, the buildings and pools will be repaired and put into reasonable condition, for it has been noted that during the last couple of years they have considerably deteriorated.

We will be pleased to have your earnest consideration of this request.

Yours sincerely,  
FOR THE SEOUL SPECIAL CITY

General Maxwell D. Taylor,  
HQ Eighth US Army  
~~Office of the~~ Commanding General.

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