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**Letter No. 65 from the President (Syngman Rhee) to  
Minister Duk Shin Choi**

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**Summary:**

President Rhee writes on Ngo Dinh Diem's visit to South Korea, Minister Choi's activities, and Choi's recent trip to Cambodia.

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