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**Letter No. 60 from the President (Syngman Rhee) to  
Minister Duk Shin Choi**

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**Summary:**

A letter from the President to Minister Choi asking not to refer to Korea as the "son of the United Nations."

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