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**Letter No. 51 from the President (Syngman Rhee) to
Minister Duk Shin Choi**

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Summary:

President Rhee briefly responds to Choi's previous reports on the protest over KNA flights and the upcoming APACL meeting.

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To : Minister Duk Shin Choi

From: The President

I received your reports numbered 036 and 037 dated March 8 and 15 and enclosures for which I thank you.

Due to our being in Chinhae I was not able to answer them on time.

I have instructed the Foreign Minister to notify the Korean National Airlines that the Vietnamese Government had protested to us because one of the KNA planes flew over their territory without permission. A letter of apology will be sent to the Minister here and also to his government.

From your report #037, I see that you may visit Laos and Cambodia and make the trip to other areas after the APACL conference is over. I had a talk with the Committee, which is due to leave this noon, and I hope that something more active and concrete will come out of this third general meeting.

It was interesting to read your report about Vietnamese affairs and the attendance of the Foreign Minister at the SEATO Conference in Canberra. As you undoubtedly know, our Government was not invited to the Conference despite the endeavor we made last year.

I also took notice of the diplomatic and social activities in which you participated during the past week.

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