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**Letter No. 39 from the President (Syngman Rhee) to
Minister Duk Shin Choi**

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Summary:

President Rhee briefly comments on his New Year address and acknowledges the difficulties of South Vietnam's Chinese minority issue.

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To : Minister Duk Shin Choi

From: The President

Thank you for your report No. 030 dated January 4.

I am very pleased to know that you had such a good New Year celebration in the new Legation. I am sure everyone present appreciated the entertainment and also the effort made by you, Mrs. Choi and the staff to give them a bit of Korea.

I am also glad to know you were able to show our people some of the movie film prepared by the Government. Unfortunately the movie, where I am shown delivering the New Year message, is rather poor as I had a long tiring day but I had to go through with it because we had to leave for Chinhae the next day for a few days' rest. When I heard the recording I wished I had made another copy.

Your outline of the situation in several Asian countries is very clear and good and I am glad to have it. Somehow the Chinese population is always creating difficulties. As you know we also have several Chinese who really take away the trade and business from our people. Therefore I fully understand President Diem's wish, when starting his government, to do away with some of the disadvantage created by foreign business people.