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Summary:

President Rhee offers a response to Choi's proposed political travel to promote anti-communism.

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To : Minister Duk Shin Choi

From: The President

Thank you for your reports Nos. 028 and 029.

Due to my stay in Chinhae a tremendous amount of mail had accumulated and I shall briefly answer ^{the} two reports.

Your suggestion to visit some of the countries is very good but I really feel those you have mentioned are friendly toward us and we should rather cultivate the Afro-Asian countries and win them over to our side. Also I do not know if you could stay away so long from your position which is an important one. As I see it now, I do not think there is any possibility of making the trip as you suggested. I wish we could afford it.

I think it was very good of President Diem to send you a piece of fish.

Yesterday I signed a financial request from you for renting a new legation building. I hope the chancery is now adequately housed and that your living quarters are comfortable.

Dr. Poremsky was here in Seoul during the time I was in Chinhae and Dr. Glenn had a conversation with him.

I hope you and your family and also your staff had a good holiday season.