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President (Syngman Rhee)**

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Choi Duk Shin reports on preparations for President Diem's visit to South Korea.

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Excellency,

I have the honour to submit this fourth Special Report dealing with the visit of President of Viet-Nam.

1. Receipt of Cable Eight on the evening of August 31.

Cable Eight of Korpital was received and I immediately informed the Foreign Minister of Viet-Nam that we are happy to accept the dates indicated by Viet-Nam Government.

I am sure this information has been transmitted to the President of Viet-Nam before his departure to Australia. We went to the airport to say "Bon Voyage" to the President at 1600 hours, September 1st.

2. Meeting with Foreign Minister of Viet-Nam.

On September 2, at 1000 hours, the Foreign Minister of Viet-Nam invited me to his office. Our discussion was only confined to the pending visit of his President to Korea.

He asked if I had an outline of the program to furnish him, serving for the preparation of the speeches of his President. I told him that I can expect it in a few days. For this reason I cabled as follows:

'ONE BISTOP CABLE EIGHT RECEIVED AND TRANSMITTED PD
TWO BISTOP PLEASE WIRE PROGRAMME CONCERNING PREPARATION OF SPEECHES WHICH INDICATED IN REPORT 054
PAGE 2 ITEM 2 B PARENTHESIS 1 AND 2 IF POSSIBLE
3 PD THREE BISTOP GIVE PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO SP
REPORT 054 A AND B FIVE KOLISA'.

a. Security. Since the flight is a comparatively long one and

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the threat of Red China's air attack is not impossible, we agreed to approach U.S. authorities both in Seoul and in Saigon to ask U.S. assistance on this security matter, because the flight mainly passes through the area which U.S. Air Force and Naval Force have been assigned the security responsibility. Of course when the Presidential plane enters our territory, our Air Force must be ready to take the responsibility with the assistance of UN Command.

b. Time of Arrival. The Foreign Minister told me that he hopes the Presidential plane will arrive our designated airport late afternoon of September 18th, at the latest 1800 hours local time, so that his President and the members of the suite could have a whole night rest after long hours of air travel.

c. Composition. Vietnamese Foreign Minister will give me the list of Presidential Party in a few days. He indicated that he himself will be a member of the Presidential suite. I will send this list to Your Excellency as soon as I get it.

d. Formal Announcement. As for the formal announcement he proposed September 12th, a week before the President's first day of visit. He will give me a draft statement to be used for this formal announcement in a few days. As soon as I get it I will dispatch it immediately.

The above few points are those which Foreign Minister of Viet-Nam and I discussed during this morning's meeting. I will report as often as the preparation develops.

With sentiments of deepest loyalty and highest esteem.

Respectfully,

Choi Duk Shin
Choi Duk Shin
Minister to Viet-Nam

His Excellency,
President of Republic of Korea.

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