

**August 31, 1957**  
**SP Report No. 54-B from Choi Duk Shin to the  
President (Syngman Rhee)**

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**Summary:**

Choi Duk Shin outlines his conversation with the Vietnamese Foreign Minister concerning President Diem's visit to South Korea.

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Excellency,

I have the honour to submit this SP Report No.054-B covering mainly the conversation with Foreign Minister of Viet-Nam on August 31, 1957, regarding the pending visit of the President of Viet-Nam.

On Saturday, August 31 at 0900 hours the Foreign Minister invited me to his office. The essential contents of our conversation were as follows:

Foreign Minister Vu-Van-Mau -

"Since this meeting of the two Statesmen will mark a historical importance and will not be merely a protocol or courtesy one, President Ngo-Dinh-Diem feels this meeting should result a profitable conclusion for both Nations. In order to meet the suitable preparations of discussions, the President would like to have some advanced informations on what problems your country is confronting".

Minister Choi -

"I may well copy a few statements which were made by my President and other Government officials recently. These statements could give some light on our problems as well as our current policies".

Foreign Minister Vu-Van-Mau -

"I thank you for that, but these should include

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things which are not yet published and still have their importance. It would be very much appreciated if you could take trouble to cable or write your Government to furnish some information on the most important problems to be discussed during the meeting of the two Presidents".

Minister Choi -

"I will write to my Government on this and hope to be able to submit them before your President starts his trip to our country".

I hope that Your Excellency will take this request of President Ngo-Dinh-Diem into consideration and give me instructions on it in the nextpouch which should reach here on 10th or 11th September.

With sentiments of deepest loyalty and highest esteem.

Respectfully,



Choi Duk Shin  
Minister to Viet-Nam

His Excellency,

President of Republic of Korea.