

**November 21, 1956**  
**Letter No. 28 from the President (Syngman Rhee) to  
Minister Duk Shin Choi**

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**Summary:**

President Rhee praises South Vietnam's anti-communist exhibit and expresses his concern about the limitations of the Korean Armistice Agreement.

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To : Minister Duk Shin Choi

From: The President

Thank you for your Report No.023 dated November 8, 1956.

I appreciate President Diem's courtesy in making it possible for you to personally present my letter to him in spite of the heavy demands on his time. I read with much interest your conversation with the President during the audience.

I fully realize the difficulties the Government of Vietnam has with the Chinese population. You know we face the same problem due to the fact that there are a quarter of a million Chinese in our country. No Chinese is out of a job in Korea.

It was also interesting to read about the visit of Colonel Kim to different military installations in Vietnam. I am sure the exchange of ideas was helpful to both Korea and Vietnam.

As you know we, too, have an anti-Communist exhibition in Seoul which is visited daily by thousands of our people. I am glad the Vietnamese government also brought to the attention of their people the subversive activities of the northern regime. Everybody knows the Communists have violated the Geneva Agreement but nobody does anything about it. It is the same with the Armistice. American high authorities realize their government is keeping Korea unprepared to meet any new attack. The north has all the modern weapons and under the Armistice the Americans do not dare to bring in any new weapons. We are in a most deplorable situation.

I am glad to read about the social activities. It is not only important to make friends but also to make our situation known to the representatives of foreign countries.

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