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**Letter No. 30 from the President (Syngman Rhee) to
Minister Duk Shin Choi**

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Summary:

President Rhee briefly discusses U.S.-South Korean relations and mentions concern about the current crisis in Hungary.

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To : Minister Duk Shin Choi

From: The President

I wish to thank you for your report No. 024 dated November 15, contents of which have been carefully noted.

The other day the Vietnamese Minister asked for an appointment to call on me and I was told that he had a letter for me from his president.

It seems that the democracies are afraid of Communist might and would rather turn a deaf ear to the Hungarians' cry for help.

You are right in saying that we should strengthen our diplomatic representation in the United States. In order to have those in the U.S. State Department better understand our problems our people should be more active in contacting them. But so far we have not done anything in this respect. It is good men that we lack, not money.

The Government is now trying to set up a either legation or embassy in Turkey and Italy. As far as the Vatican is concerned we have no intention of setting up diplomatic representation there.

I was shocked when I read that Burma had ceded some territory to Red China in order to settle the border dispute.