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**Letter No. 24 from the President (Syngman Rhee) to
Minister Duk Shin Choi**

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Summary:

President Rhee briefly responds to Minister Choi's report, requesting that Choi not to push a meeting between South Korean and South Vietnamese leaders at this time.

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To: Minister Duk Shin Choi

From: The President

I received your good report No. 020 dated October 19 and wish to thank you for it.

I think it was very gracious of President Diem to receive you personally.

With regard to your suggestion to officially invite him to visit Korea I wish you would go slow about it. You must realize that sooner or later I shall have to return the courtesy visit and at the present time I cannot see how I can make it. As he will not come during the cold season there is no reason why you should bring up the subject again.

Your suggestion to press for Korea and Vietnam to be admitted to U.N. and to veto Red China and Japan from entering it is a very good one and I shall follow it up immediately.

No doubt you have received the cable for the Vietnamese Independence Day and transmitted it properly to the government.

I have noted all the good work the Vietnamese people have been doing to help the flood victims. Please express to them my sincere appreciation. I shall take up the matter of donating the Kwang mok with our people and let you know as soon as I receive a report from them.