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**Letter No. 17 from the President (Syngman Rhee) to
Minister Duk Shin Choi**

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Summary:

President Rhee reiterates the importance of the APACL movement and praises Vietnam for their reparations negotiations with Japan.

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To: Minister Duk Shin Choi

From: The President

Thank you for your report No. 017 dated September 6 and enclosed newspaper clippings. I think you did an splendid job on the inauguration clippings.

I am very glad you were able to present my letter personally to President Diem. It must have been a great honor for you to be permitted to present it to him.

It is good to know that you are aware of the purpose of the APACL movement. Somehow people are becoming too slow in coming to some decision. I told our delegation they must press for a conference soon enough and get some action done. The Communists are not going to wait until we are ready. They are constantly moving in on other countries while we do nothing but talk.

I do hope and expect much from this caucus meeting and know that you will do your utmost to make it a success.

It was very interesting to read about the tour of President Diem and the diplomatic corps which accompanied him. I enjoyed looking at the picture of you beside the plant on the "National Holiday of the Tree."

I have carefully read the reports about the Vietnamese Mission to India and also about Japan.

It is about time the Vietnamese came out with the reparations question. Today's issue of The Korean Republic carries an item in this connection.

I also read with interest the report about Vietnam-China relations stating there is no new development in the citizenship of Chinese born in Vietnam.

I am very happy that you gave a dinner in honor of General O' Daniel who is doing so much for Vietnam. Please remind him to visit Korea on his way back to the States.

Enclosure

*Also sent 3 photographs
Inauguration*

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