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**CDS Report No. 5 from Choi Duk Shin to the
President (Syngman Rhee)**

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Summary:

Choi Duk Shin outlines his recent activities in South Vietnam, briefly comments on recent foreign news papers calling for the nullification of the Korean Armistice Agreement, and announces the installment of the first South Vietnamese Ambassador to South Korea.

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Your Excellency,

I have the honour to submit, Your Excellency, my weekly report No. 005 covering the following points:

1. On June 11 I received from Your Excellency instruction paper dated June 6, 1956 which acknowledges receipt of my Reports Nos. 1 and 2 and attached letter dated May 25. Your instruction paper cautions me as follows:

- a) not to urge for any action concerning the Military Alliance; and
- b) not to pursue further the matter of inviting ROK instructors to Vietnam unless they ask me.

As far as the matter of the Military Alliance is concerned, as I already reported to you (Report No. 3), I discussed this matter with the Foreign Minister and the Acting Minister of Defense. Also listened to the opinions of American Ambassador Reinhardt and General Williams.

Concerning the matter of inviting ROK instructors to Vietnam in my Report No. 4 under the heading of "2. My call on General Williams" I mentioned the essence of my conversation with him concerning the possibility of such an invitation being extended. I have not discussed this very important matter with any Vietnamese Government Official. I will comply with Your Excellency's instructions.

I am also in receipt of the letters from Mr. Park, Your Excellency's secretary: one addressed to me and another addressed

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to our countrymen in Vietnam expressing the appreciation of Your Excellency for their congratulatory messages.

2. Courtesy Calls.

I have visited so far beside the Foreign Minister and the Acting Minister for Defense four (4) more Minister-ranking Officials of President Ngo Dinh Diem's Cabinet. Among them is the following highly important person:

Mr. Nguyen Huu Chau, Secretary of State to the Presidency and Secretary of State for Home Affairs.

Secretary Chau is the person mentioned to me by the American Ambassador as being one of the most influential members of the President's Cabinet and which fact I reported to Your Excellency in Report No. 2. Because of his importance I am submitting with this report a separate statement outlining briefly the substance of his conversation with me.

3. Nullifying the Korean Armistice Agreement.

The newspapers cry for nullifying the Korean Armistice Agreement. After the UNC finally suspend the NNSC activities and kick them out of our country, the newspapers here are urging for more vigorous actions by UNC. All of the three Chinese newspaper editorials unanimously are saying that merely suspension of the NNSC is not enough: UNC should go further to nullify the 3-years one-sided-restricted Armistice Agreement. I attach these original editorials and the Korean translations. I am also sending each of the translations to three different daily newspapers, namely, Seoul Shin Mun; Kuk Do Shin Mun; and Pyong Hwa Shin Mun, in case they wish to use them.

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4. Return Courtesy Calls at the Legation.

During this week Monsignor Joseph Caprio, Apostolic Visitor of the Vatican to Vietnam, called on me at the Legation.

5. The newly appointed Vietnamese Minister to the Republic of Korea, General Doung Van Duc, left Saigon by air on Sunday, June 10, and is scheduled to arrive in Seoul on June 15. I cabled this advice to the Foreign Minister. I was at the airport to see him take off.

Your Excellency's everlastingly warm and sympathetic understanding of the problems of the New Republic of Vietnam will be the spiritual guidance of my work here and I will transmit to them whenever and wherever I have the opportunity the great spirit of Your Excellency.

With deepest sentiment of loyalty and esteem,

I remain,

Respectfully,

Choi Duk Shin

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Minister of Korea to Vietnam.

His Excellency

President of the Republic of Korea.

Attachments: Newspaper Editorials and Translations;
Separate Report of Conversation with
Secretary Chau.

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