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**Letter No. 1 from the President (Syngman Rhee) to
Minister Duk Shin Choi**

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Summary:

President Rhee states that Choi Duk Shin's proposal to offer South Korean assistance to the South Vietnamese military training was premature.

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To : Minister Duk Shin Choi

From: The President

I am in receipt of your letter No. 4 dated June 8 and wish to thank you for it.

I am afraid your suggestion to offer our officers to train the Vietnamese army is too premature. In future you should first find out the background and circumstances before opening up such a subject. At present the plan seems to be impossible and they will give you several reasons to turn it down. By all means we should avoid causing embarrassment to others.

In the meantime you must have received my letter with regard to the triple alliance and I do not have to comment more on the subject.

Thank you also for the folder containing photographs taken at the presentation of your credentials, etc.

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