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Draft Letter from Mrs. Rhee to Minister in Vietnam

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HERE IS ANOTHER LETTER FROM MRS RHEE TO MINISTER CHOI IN VIETNAM

~~TO MINISTER CHOI DUK SHIN~~ TOP SECRET

YOUR DRAFT LETTER DECEMBER TENTH IS JUST TO HAND PD I READ IT THROUGH REPEAT THRU VERY CAREFULLY YOU HAVE EVERYTHING SAID IN EVERY DETAIL DESCRIBING THE SITUATION WE AND OTHER ASIATIC COUNTRIES ARE IN PD THE ONLY POINT IS SOME WHAT UNCLEAR IS YOUR FIRST PARA. OF WHICH THE LETTER THEREFORE I HAVE CHANGED IT A LITTLE PD THE IMPORTANT FACTOR IS TO USE IT IN TIME PD SO AS TO REACH ALL THE FRIENDLY NATIONS AND THE RIGHT PERSON OR PERSONS TO CREATE CONFIDENCE IN US PD JUST AS YOU SAID THERE ARE TWO FOLD DANGERS ON THE ONE SIDE THE COMMUNISTS THREAT AND ON THE OTHER SIDE THE JAPS REPID EXPENSION PD THE WORST THING IN THE JAP THREAT IS THAT JAPS BROUGHT THE US A SECRETARY OF STATE ON THEIR SIDE PD THRU THAT CHANNEL THE JAPS ARE USING THE STATE DEPARTMENT IN INFLUENCING AND ALMOST FORCING THE ASIATIC NATIONS TO RECOGNIZE JAPAN AS THE SUPREME AND DOMINATING POWER IN EVERY ORGANIZATION PDP

I HAVE BEEN FIGHTING THE STATE DEPARTMENT SINGLEHANDED ALL THE TIME AND WE HAVE SOME INFLUENTIAL FRIENDS ON REPEAT IN THAT DEPARTMENT WHO REALIZE THE STAND WE TAKE IS THIS REPEAT IS THE STAND THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT GOVERN REPEAT GOVERNMENT IS TO TAKE AND THEY ARE TRYING ALL THEY CAN TO CONVINCEN THE SECRETARY BUT HE SEEMS TO BE CONNECTED WITH THE JAPS THEREFORE HE HAS TO DO WHATT THE JAPS DEMAND PD IN THE MEANTIME CMA THERE ARE A LARGE NUMBER OF INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE IN THE PENTAGON WHO FULLY REALIZE THE JAPS AGGRESSION PLAN PD

~~WHILE WE ARE FIGHTING IN OUR STRUGGLE~~ ^{of Japan} KISHI IS DOING ALL HE CAN TO LET THEIR FRIENDS IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO MAKE SOME SORT OF WRITTEN AGGREETMENT WHICH WILL MAKE THE U S A AND ASIATIC COUNTRIES TO AGREE TO SOME ORGANIZATION BY WHICH JAPS HEGEMONY IS ACKNOWLEDGED PD IN THIS STRUGGLE WE HAVE PHILLIPINES

with ~~so that Japanese hegemony will be~~
~~acknowledged and again dominate in Asia.~~ *the support of the*

AND PERHAPS THAILAND AND HOPE SOME OTHER ASIATIC COUNTRIES WILL JOIN AND WILL STAND FIRM AGAINST WUCH AMERICAN PLAN PD HE THE CHINESE HAVE BEEN PRO JAP AND WE HAD SOME DIFFICULTIES ALTHO THEY PROMISED TO STAND WITH US BUT UNLESS ALL ASIATIC NATIONS WILL STAND TOGETHER TO FORCE THEM PD IT IS STILL QUESTIONABLE HOW LOYAL THEY WILL BE PD IN THIS CN CONNECTION I LEAVE THE WHOLE MATTER WITH YOU PD

~~THE ABOVE IS MRS RHEE S ANSWER SHE SAID THAT THIS IS TOP SECRET PD~~ . 12