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**Letter from the President (Syngman Rhee) to
Minister Duk Shin Choi**

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Summary:

President Rhee briefly discusses what he believes to be President Eisenhower's "pace-at-any-cost policy" in regards to the threat of communism in Asia.

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