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**Letter No. 101 from the President (Syngman Rhee)
to Minister Duk Shin Choi**

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Summary:

President Rhee briefly responds to Choi's, expressing concern for the Laos and Philippine governments and remarking on President Diem's dealings with Japan.

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