

## **February 18, 1954**

### **Letter, General James A. Van Fleet to Syngman Rhee**

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#### **Summary:**

General James A. Van Fleet sends a letter with news including architect I. M. Pei coming to Korea.

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FIFTH AVENUE AT 59TH STREET

NEW YORK 22, NEW YORK

Feb. 18, 1954.

Dr. Syngman Rhee  
President Republic of Korea  
Seoul Korea -

Dear Mr. President -

Mrs. Van Fleet and I have just arrived in New York from Washington and Florida and I have a telephone call from Mr. William Ziesendorf telling me that his architect - Mr. I. M. Pei - is leaving at once for Korea.

Besides thanking Mr. Ziesendorf for all his goodness in helping Korea - I want to endorse Mr. Pei as a man of excellent character and outstanding in his professional work. I have seen much of him in

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Mr. Zesendorf's main office  
of Webb and Knapp -  
Mr. Pei is coming to Korea  
to confer with you and others  
in drawing up plans for  
appropriate style housing  
for the rebuilding of your cities.

I am most optimistic  
that a real good will come  
of Mr. Pei's visit, and I know  
he will receive a warm welcome.

It is my hope that all agencies  
will cooperate to the end  
that a vast and good rebuilding  
program will soon be underway.



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Mrs. Van Fleet and I are  
 well. We saw Ambassador  
 Young and Dr. Hoen in Washington  
 at noon. I am very  
 hopeful of big things to  
 come. They will communi-  
 cate with you, and I  
 will write more in a  
 day or so.

May this letter, courtesy of  
 Mr. Reil, find you and Mrs.  
 Rhee in best of health, I am

Devotedly yours.

James A. Van Fleet.

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James A. Van Fleet  
General U.S. Army ret.  
West Point N.Y.

Dr. Syngman Rhee  
President Republic of Korea  
Seoul Korea.

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that this may be  
this suggestion of mine know  
we need 15 or 20 additional Army divisions  
air and naval strength commensurate to the land  
forces.

If the United States Government decides  
to aid in further increasing our defense forces, I  
hope President Eisenhower will appoint you for  
this work not only in Korea but also in Southeast

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