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**Summary:**

Colonel Marvin J. Coyle informs Prime Minister Chang Myon about the status of the Rice Collection Program on 24 March 1951, expressing concern because of a possible shortage of imported rice.

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The Honorable Chang Myun  
Prime Minister of Korea  
Republic of Korea

Dear Mr Cheng:

According to the figures forwarded this office by the Republic of Korea, the status of the Rice Collection Program as of 24 March 1951 was as follows:

<u>Province</u>	<u>Amount to be collected</u>	<u>Amount collected</u>	<u>% collected</u>
Seoul	6,500	1,511	23
Fyonggi-do	705,000	188,247	27
Chungchong Pukto	246,000	195,745	80 -
Chungchong Namdo	667,000	389,088	58 -
Cholla Pukto	866,000	601,820	69.5 -
Cholla Namdo	963,000	722,025	75 -
Kyongsang Pukto	847,000	798,102	94 -
Kyongsang Namdo	750,000	687,353	92 -
Kangwon-do	141,500	49,394	35
Cheju-do	8,000	7,117	89 -
Total	5,200,000 suk	3,640,402 suk	70%

To date we have been unable to obtain further information from the FFA on this subject hence we do not know what rice collections have been made since 24 March 1951.

It is recognized that further collections in the Kyonggi-do and Kangwon-do Provinces are not possible. However, we feel that rigorous and sustained prompt action on the part of the FFA to collect the rice from the remainder of the country will be successful, and must be done now to ensure a sufficient stock of grain feeding the non-producing population particularly.



Please permit me to state that our interest in this matter is based on the probable shortage of imported rice during the next two months. If we or our teams in the provinces can be of assistance, I assure you we will willingly cooperate.

Yours truly,

MARVIN J. COYLE  
Colonel Infantry  
Commanding