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**Summary:**

Regarding Lieutenant General John B. Coulter's offer to vacate the Songdo Hotel, Syngman Rhee informed him he decided that the hotel is not suitable for their purposes. Colonel Robertson would use it as the premises and Governor Yang would look for some other suitable building.

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Dear General Coulter:

After visiting the Songdo Hotel I have decided that it is not suitable for our purposes at the present time. Col. Robertson advised me that he needed the premises for a month or so and I told him that he could use it for the time being. I also asked him to allow two Korean boys, employed by the Governor as caretakers, to continue with their daily work. The building is run down and it is the desire of the Government to keep it in good condition as possible. The Colonel offered to pay for the caretakers but I told him that this was not necessary.

I have asked Governor Yang to look for some other more suitable building in a convenient locality and he is to let me know when he finds one. If such a place happens to be occupied by United Nations forces I may have to ask you for your assistance in vacating the premises for our use. As soon as I have some definite information I will let you know.

Your offer to vacate the Songdo Hotel is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Lt.Gen. John B. Coulter  
Deputy Commanding General  
Eighth United States Army