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Summary:

General James B. Quill invites President Syngman Rhee to a ceremony commemorating the completion of a windmill at Koyang Agricultural High School.

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20 July 1955

His Excellency Syngman Rhee President, Republic of Korea Kyung Mu Dai Seoul, Korea

Dear President and Madame Rhee:

A dedication ceremony is being held to commemorate the completion of a windmill, donated by Sears Roebuck and Company to the Korean people, on 22 July 1955 at 1000 hours. The mill is situated on the grounds of the Koyang Agricultural High School just west of Route 1, six (6) miles north of the Victory Arch in Seoul.

The original idea of utilizing the wind to assist in procuring water for the rice fields was conceived in a conversation between Madame Rhee and Major General Harkins, then Commanding General of the 24th Infantry Division, in 1953. The idea has now become a reality, and this command considers it a special honor to so inform you and Madame Rhee and to extend an invitation to the ceremony.

It is requested that you make a speech closing the ceremony if it meets your convenience. A schedule of events is attached.

Please advise if you and Madame Rhee will attend in order that proper arrangements may be made.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES B. QUILL

Brigadier General, General Staff

Deputy Chief of Staff

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Schedule of Events

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS 1000 - 1015 Band Music by 24th Infantry Division Band and Vocal Selections by High School Band 1015 - 1020 Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division Presents Mill to the Koyang Agricultrural High School Principal 1020 - 1030 Acceptance Speech by School Principal 1030 - 1040 Address by Governor Lee 1040 - 1045 Address by General Collier or Representative 1045 - 1055 Address by President Rhee or Representative 1055 - 1100 Band Music