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**Letter, Lieutenant General John B. Coulter to  
Syngman Rhee**

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**Summary:**

Lieutenant General John B. Coulter informs Syngman Rhee that the movement of Korean refugees is causing problems for UN combat troops.

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His Excellency  
Syngman RHEE  
President of the Republic of Korea

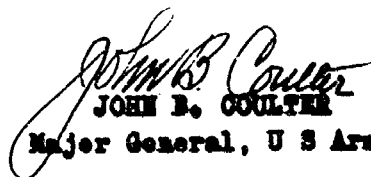
Dear Mr. President:

The northward movement of refugees, particularly in the battle zone, is so great at the present time, that they are seriously hampering the movement and combat employment of UN troops. This movement is not as great on main roads as it is on secondary roads and trails in areas used by combat units.

The Army Commander considers the matter to be of such a serious nature that he has requested that I bring it to your attention, with the urgent request that civil and police action be taken without delay to stop all northward movement of refugees, with first priority to the forward area.

Accept, Mr. President, the renewal of my highest consideration.

Yours Respectfully,

  
JOHN B. COULTER  
Major General, U S Army