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### **Letter, General Maxwell D. Taylor to Syngman Rhee**

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#### **Summary:**

General Maxwell D. Taylor gives an advice regarding General Lee's trip to Washington DC and he also informs Rhee about General Hull's trip to Korea.

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Office of the Commanding General

APO 301 c/o PM, San Francisco, California

16 August 1954

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

Dear Mr. President:

With regard to General Lee's visit to the U. S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Hull informs me that he has forwarded the request to Washington, recommending approval.

It has been my observation, however, that the arrangements for a trip of this sort require considerable coordination before finalization. Noting your desire to have General Lee join Admiral Sohn in order to take part in current negotiations in Washington, I would suggest that you give consideration to sending General Lee on as a diplomatic representative of your government without waiting for the trip invitation. The visit to the U. S. military establishments, if authorized, could then begin after the conclusion of General Lee's work with Admiral Sohn. If General Lee elects to await his invitation here, I am afraid that it will arrive too late to allow him to be of much assistance in Washington.

General Hull has asked me to inform you of his intention to come to Korea with his service chiefs to confer with the Minister of Defense and the Korean Joint Chiefs of Staff after the return of Admiral Sohn's party from Washington. The purpose of the conference is to conduct military conversations in extension of the decisions taken in Washington. In order to plan for this meeting, I would appreciate information of the date of Admiral Sohn's return as soon as it is known.

Sincerely yours,

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR  
General, U. S. Army  
Commanding