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Summary:

Information about Syngman Rhee's visit to the United State, including flight schedules, sleeping accommodations and suggestion for a medical officer.

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APO 301 c/o PM, San Francisco, California

15 July 1954

Honorable Syngman Rhee
President, Republic of Korea
Kyung Mu Dai

Dear Mr. President:

In connection with your proposed trip to the United States, General Hull has asked me to pass on to you for planning purposes a few details concerning time and space factors.

General Hull will make available to you his Constellation aircraft No. 8613 which can provide sleeping accommodations for a maximum of six persons. By providing sleeping accommodations for only three persons, the aircraft can carry a total of ten persons, but seven of these would have to sit up during the journey.

✓ The shortest and therefore the most preferable route is that through Anchorage, Alaska and requires approximately 35 hours elapsed time from Seoul to Washington. For example, if the plane departs Seoul at 2030 hours Korean Standard Time 24 July, it will arrive in Washington at 1700 hours Washington local time 25 July. Alternatively, if you should desire to arrive in Washington during the morning hours your departure from K-16 could be scheduled accordingly; for example, leaving K-16 at 0830 hours Korean Standard Time 25 July would result in a Washington arrival at approximately 0400 hours Washington local time 26 July. In any event, the prolonged flight between Seoul and Anchorage makes necessary a refueling at a U. S. Air Force base in Japan.

It is possible that weather conditions will require traveling the southern route via Honolulu, in which case the elapsed travel time will be several hours longer. Any decision to fly the southern route will be made in ample time to permit adjusting the hour of departure from Seoul to conform with the time you desire to arrive in Washington. Whenever you indicate the hour and date you desire to arrive in Washington, General Hull will be happy to transmit you a firm flight schedule.

For the convenience of the party General Hull would like to make available a medical officer who can also function as you aide. Subject

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to your approval, I would suggest either Major Samuel Lee or Captain Julius A. Howell. Carrying the medical officer will reduce by one the number of persons in the official party.

Sincerely,

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

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